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Learning Is Under Way: The Europe 4.0 Digital Citizens Courses Are Open Across Europe

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Across seven European countries, adults are already learning with the Europe 4.0 Digital Citizens eLearning course. The piloting of the eLearning Course is well under way, and **registration remains open** to anyone who wants to take part.

Through this initiative, three years of collaborative work translate into practical resources that support adults in understanding the technologies shaping their work and everyday lives, regardless of their technical background.

The context explains the urgency. In 2025, **60% of European citizens aged 16 to 74 had at least basic overall digital skills** — still considerably short of the 80% target the European Union set for 2030 under the Digital Decade policy programme.*

The gap is widest among older adults, low-skilled workers and people outside the labour market: precisely the groups this initiative was created to support.

At the same time, the nature of work itself is changing. The World Economic Forum estimates that **nearly 40% of the skills required on the job will change by 2030**, and that 59 out of every 100 workers will need reskilling or upskilling before then — while 11 of those 59 are unlikely to receive it.**

Between these two realities lies the space the Europe 4.0 Digital Citizens course was designed to occupy: free, accessible learning that helps adults understand emerging technologies, rather than technical training aimed at IT professionals. That learning is happening now, and the door is open.

* Eurostat (2025). Towards Digital Decade targets for Europe. Digital Skills Indicator, data extracted June 2025.
** World Economic Forum (2025). The Future of Jobs Report 2025. Geneva, January 2025.

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Thirteen Units, Seven Languages, One Approach

The Europe 4.0 Digital Citizens eLearning Course comprises 13 curricular units, developed collaboratively by the consortium and reviewed by the project's Scientific Advisory Board.

Ten units address **emerging technologies:** Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, Internet of Things, Robotics, Augmented Reality, Metaverse, Quantum Computing, 5G & 6G Technologies, and Mobile Internet.

Three units address the **transversal skills that technology does not replace**: Advanced Cognitive Skills (critical thinking, planning and mental flexibility); Interpersonal Skills (building digital relationships and effective teamwork); and Self-Leadership (self-awareness, self-management and achieving goals).

Each unit stands alone. Learners may take one or several, in any order and at any pace.

The course is delivered entirely online, in a self-paced format, and free of charge in seven European languages. No prior knowledge and no technical background are required: the content is written in plain language and begins from first principles.

Learners who complete a unit may take a structured assessment and obtain a Europe 4.0 Digital Citizens Microcredential, following the European approach to micro-credentials set out in the Council Recommendation of June 2022.

The current piloting follows an internal pilot in which more than 70 professionals from across the consortium tested the eLearning course, ensuring the quality and appropriateness of the resources for adults with low digital skills and for adult education trainers. The course is now being used by learners in all partner countries, and new participants continue to join.

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Taking Part: The Courses Are Open

The initiative aims to support 1.400 adults — currently employed or seeking work, with low or medium digital skills — through access to the eLearning course. Of these, 1.050 will also undertake a structured assessment to certify what they have learned and obtain the Europe 4.0 Digital Citizens Microcredential.

Places remain available. Registration is open in all partner countries and takes around three minutes:

1. Go to the Course page on the project website
2. Under “Apply Now!”, select your country
3. Complete the form and choose your topic
4. Receive your platform access by email

The initiative is delivered by a consortium of eight organisations across seven European countries and is co-funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ programme.

Do you recognise yourself in this description? Or do you know someone who does? The courses are open and learners are already taking part. Choose your topic and begin at your own pace.

Explore the courses today!

https://europe40digitalcitizens.eu/

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