2025 EUROPEAN YEAR
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EMPOWERING LEARNERS FOR A DEMOCRATIC FUTURE:
Launch Conference of the
European Year of Digital Citizenship Education 2025

23 January 2025 08:15 – 18:00 (CET)
24 January 2025 08:30 – 13:30 (CET)

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, Room 1

Working languages: English and French (interpretation will be provided)

Background info

The Council of Europe is launching the European Year of Digital Citizenship Education 2025 (European Year 2025) to give a new impetus to the development and promotion of digital citizenship education in all member states.

The European Year 2025 stands as a unique opportunity **to enhance the visibility and impact** of digital citizenship education and reaffirm its value. This designated year should provide **a strategic platform** for key stakeholders from the public, private and civil sectors **to work together, set common goals and share sense-making practices.** It will provide a concise yet impactful space for measuring achievements and collectively defining a road map for the future of digital citizenship education. Through streamlined efforts, this initiative is expected to propel DCE forward, ensuring its resilience and effectiveness in the ever-evolving digital landscape.

Three big international conferences will be organised within the framework of the European Year 2025:

1. ***23-24 January 2025, Strasbourg, France – Launch conference*** with the objective of deepening the understanding of digital citizenship education and further promoting the take-up by member states;
2. ***27-28 May 2025, Strasbourg, France – Digital Citizenship Education Forum*** with the objective of enhancing international collaboration and stakeholder engagement in formal, informal and non-formal fields of education;
3. ***18-19 November 2025, Ljubljana, Slovenia – The Way Forward Conference*** with the objective of defining new priorities and agreeing on the road map for the future of the digital citizenship education in Europe and beyond.

Objective

The objectives of the European Year are to:

- Raise public awareness of the importance of DCE in enabling learners of all ages to live in a digitally enriched world;
- Increase understanding of the importance of competences for a democratic culture, and ways that they can be developed online;
- Promote the take-up of and define a road map for the future of DCE;
- Link the work of the Council of Europe with that of other organisations, in particular UNESCO and the EU, on digital education, digital literacy and on the use of emerging technologies (including Artificial Intelligence) in education;
- Contribute at the level of the European region to the UN agenda on SDG4 and the global initiatives launched by the Transforming Education Summit concerning the digital transformation of education;
- Motivate key stakeholders in public, private and civil sectors within education to work together towards common goals and shared vision.

The launch conference

The objective of the launch conference is to deepen understanding of the integrated approach to digital citizenship education, to promote the take-up of the European Year by all the member states, as well as to enhance strategies for addressing the challenges from political, educational and cultural perspectives.

Participants

A wide range of target groups and sectors is invited to participate in the launching conference including Government representatives, experts, educational practitioners, media, tech industry representatives, youth representation bodies, parents' unions, youth, parents and carers as well other stakeholders from the digital education field.

Thursday, 23 January 2025		
08:15 – 09:00		**Registration of Participants**
09:00 – 10:00	*Moderator:* *Villano Qiriazi, Head of Education Department, Council of Europe*	***Keynote speaker: Elizabeth Milovidov, Law Professor and Digital Parenting expert (20 min)*** **Welcome speeches (5 min each)** - *Matjaž Gruden, Director, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe* - *Claude Meisch, Minister of Education, Children and Youth, Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of Europe (video message)* - *Ladislau Baró Solà, Minister of Institutional Relations, Education and Universities, Andorra* - *Athena Michailidou, the Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Cyprus (video message)* - *Caroline Zorn, Vice-President of the Strasbourg Eurometropolis, responsible for higher education, research, student life, the digital and innovative metropolis and Local Councillor* ***Group photo***
10:00 – 10:30	***Coffee break (provided)***	
10:30 – 11:30	*Presentations by Council of Europe staff members and experts (5-7 min each)* *Moderation by Council of Europe experts:* *Veronica Samara*	**Session I: The European Year of Digital Citizenship Education 2025** - *European Year 2025: Objectives and Campaign Tools, Milena Nahapetyan and Gloria Mannazzu* - *DCE Promoters' Network, Vitor Tomé* - *DCE Planner, Ted Huddleston* - *Online courses, Olena Styslavska* - *Digi-Nauts, Situation Cards and more, Janice Richardson* - *VideoGame Culture, Alessandro Soriani* - *Guidelines about Public-Private Partnership, Brian O'Neill*
11:30 – 12:15	*Presentations* *Moderator:* *Milena Nahapetyan, Council of Europe*	**Session II: State of Digital Citizenship Education** - *Global picture, Lucie Lechardoy, Open Evidence, S.L.* - *Progress of Flemish region of Belgium, Olivier Van Doorne, DCE Promoter* - *Progress of France, Nathalie Terrades, DCE Promoter* - *Progress of Türkiye, Zeynep beyza Karakoç, DCE Promoter*
12:15 – 13:30	***Lunch break***	
13:30 – 14:30	*Panel discussion* *Moderator: Ahmet-Murat Kilic, Council of Europe*	**Session III: Digital Citizenship Education: Sharing Integrated Approach** - *Petra Bevek, Ministry of Education, DCE Promoter, Slovenia* - *Julian McDougall, Bournemouth University, UK* - *Jane McGarrigle, Irish Safer Internet Center, Webwise, UK* - *Eszter Salamon, Parents International*

		- Andrew Victory, OBESSU **Q&A session**
14:30 – 15:00 (presentations) **15:30 – 16:30** (group discussions)	*Presentations and moderated group discussions* *Moderation by Council of Europe experts: Ted Huddleston, Vitor Tomé, Nezir Akyesilmen*	**Session IV: Addressing Challenges: Integration of DCE in Education and Training** - *Pieter Bastin, European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education* - *Laure Delmoly, CLEMI* - *Matthijs Driebergen and Nataša Grgurina, Netherlands Institute for Curriculum Development, SLO* - *Liz Moorse, Association for Citizenship Teaching* - *Fiona Scott, University of Sheffield (video message)*
15:00 – 15:30	***Break***	
16:30 – 18:00	*Presentations and Q&A Session* *Moderation by Council of Europe experts: Brian O'Neill*	**Session V: Digital Citizenship Education: Stakeholder Roles and Perspectives** - *Manon Baert, 5rights Foundation* - *Elizabeth Gosme, COFACE* - *Patrick Pennickx, ESU* - *Pascale Serrier, CNIL* - *Jeremy Williez, Le Comité Régional des Associations de Jeunesse et d'Éducation Populaire*
18:00 – 18:45	***Networking Event, Foyer of Committee of Ministers***	

Friday, 24 January 2025		
08:30 – 09:00		**Registration of Participants**
09:00 – 09:15	**Secretariat**	**Recap of the previous day**
09:15 – 10:45	*Presentations and moderated group discussions* *Moderation by Council of Europe experts: Pascale Serrier, Alessandro Soriani, Olena Styslavska*	**Session VI: Addressing Challenges: Communication** - *Matteo Bergamini, Shout Out UK* - *Menno Weijs, European Cultural Foundation*
10:45 – 11:15	***Coffee break (provided)***	
11:15 – 12:45	*Presentations and moderated group discussions*	**Session VII: Addressing Challenges: International Cooperation** - *Youssef Bentaleb, Ibn Tofail University*

	Moderation by Council of Europe experts: Elizabeth Milovidov, Janice Richardson, Brian O'Neill	- *Andy Demeulenaere, EUN Digital Citizenship Working Group* - *Jason Hiruo, ACES International (video message)* - *David Mekkaoui, All Digital*
12:45 – 13:15	*Plenary discussion* *Moderator:* *Ahmet-Murat Kilic,* *Council of Europe* *Rapporteur: Brian O'Neill*	**Session VIII: Frame for Action: Concept and the Strategic Objectives of the Road Map** - *Communication* - *International collaboration* - *Stakeholder engagement* - *Policy priority* - *Integration of DCE in education and training*
13:15	*Moderator:* *Villano Qiriazi, Council of Europe*	**Close of conference** **Opening towards the roadmap to be elaborated throughout the year**
13:30	***Close of conference***	