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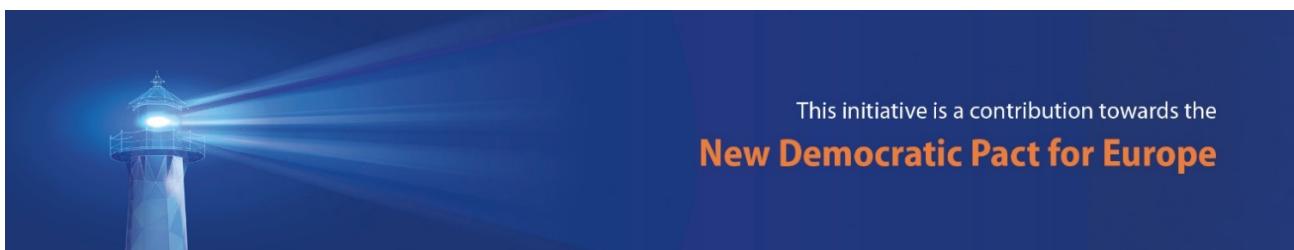
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CONCEPT NOTE

2ND EUROPEAN FORUM ON DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

27-29 May 2026

Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France



This initiative is a contribution towards the
New Democratic Pact for Europe



Context

The European Year of Digital Citizenship Education (DCE) has mobilised a wide range of stakeholders and showcased significant progress towards building more inclusive and resilient digital societies. As digital transformation and artificial intelligence (AI) continue to influence the life of every single person, it is vital to capture collective success, to learn from challenges, and to strengthen shared priorities and goals for the future of digital transformation of education. The Digital Citizenship Education Forum will bring together a diverse community of stakeholders for a forward-looking and multi-sectoral dialogue to consolidate active learning and strong international partnerships within the framework of the Council of Europe Road Map for Strengthening Digital Citizenship Education 2027-2031.

The 2nd European Forum on Digital Citizenship Education is planned to evaluate the results of the European Year 2025, to summarise the achievements from the member states in promoting DCE and to develop a five-year action plan for the implementation of the DCE Road Map for 2027-2031. The Action Plan, once adopted with the Road Map by the Ministers of Education of the Council of Europe in December 2026, will serve as a helping tool and a guiding strategic document for member states to implement their commitments and priorities in the field of digital citizenship education. International co-operation to promote and protect human rights and the rule of law in digital era is also one of the key objectives of the Forum.

This Forum is designed not only to reflect on lessons learnt and past achievements but to reach collective consensus on future trends in digital citizenship and education. By prioritizing inclusivity, innovation, and international co-operation, the event aims to equip European education systems to meet the evolving demands of the digital era and empower all citizens to thrive in a digitally enriched world.

Objectives of the Forum

1. Consolidate and leverage the lessons learnt from the European Year of Digital Citizenship Education 2025, sharing high-impact outcomes and multipliable practices.
2. Develop the action plan within the agreed framework of strategic pathways of the Road Map for Strengthening Digital Citizenship Education 2027-2031.
3. Reinforce international co-operation on digital citizenship education and AI, aligning European initiatives and fostering sustained partnerships.



Key Highlights of the Programme

Session I: Lessons Learnt from the European Year 2025

The session reviews the accomplishments and results gained during the European Year 2025. Participants will examine key initiatives by the Council of Europe, member states and the DCE Promoters Network as well as will get familiarised with the final evaluation results of the European Year of Digital Citizenship Education.

Session II: Road Map Activity Ideation

In this participatory workshop the participants of the Forum will collaborate in small groups to brainstorm on SMART activities to feed the four strategic pathways of the Road Map for 2027-2031. The session aims to co-create a practical future-oriented action plan with input from every stakeholder group represented at the Forum.

Session III: Young People at the Forefront of Global Changes

Young participants will take the lead of the session, sharing their experiences, perspectives, and priorities as a tech-savvy and digitally responsible generation. The discussion will highlight both the opportunities and challenges young people are facing and will share solutions to better involve them in policy and program development.

Session IV: Parenting in the Digital Age

This session explores the evolving role of families in nurturing responsible and resilient digital citizens. Conversations will address the support, guidance, and resources that parents and carers need to help children navigate digital environments safely and wisely.

Session V: Innovative Approaches to Teaching and Learning

Educators and innovators will share recent advances in digital pedagogy, tools, and approaches that enhance learning outcomes, including the piloting of the DCE Planner. The focus will be on forward-looking practices that respond to the fast-changing digital landscape in schools and beyond.

Session VI: Health and Well-being

Participants will discuss the critical links between digital participation, mental and physical well-being, and safe online engagement. The session will consider evidence-based strategies for promoting balanced, healthy digital lifestyles across all age groups.

Session VII: Presentation of SMART activities for the Road Map for 2027-2031

Presentation and discussion of SMART activities co-developed during Session II aimed to contribute to the implementation of four strategic pathways of the Road Map for 2027-2031 followed by a moderated discussion on the proposed Action Plan.

Session VIII: Roundtable Discussion with and for Policymakers and Educators



Policy makers and educators will contemplate during the concluding roundtable discussion on how to empower enabling learning environments and infrastructures for DCE and AI & Education. Invited guests will be sharing their vision on actionable solutions for learning environments and infrastructures that support digital citizenship for all.

Application

There are two options for attending the Forum, in the capacity of a speaker/presenter or a participant/observer.

The call for **prospective speakers** is already closed.

Prospective participants are welcome to register for the event [at this link](#) **before 22 March 2026 (midnight CET)**. Registered participants are kindly requested to cover their travel to the event and accommodation in Strasbourg.

*The organising team requests to **not** engage in any financial commitments with regards to arranging the travel until receiving the invitation letter to attend the Forum from the Council of Europe.*

All interested parties are requested to follow the updates on the Forum webpage for further information, including practical details, supporting documents, and logistical arrangements.