EUROPEAN YEAR OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION 2025

WHY IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IMPORTANT

In today's world, **understanding the impact of digital technology** on our lives is essential. Digital environment and technologies offer unprecedented **opportunities** but also raise new **challenges**.

DIGITAL ENVIRONMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES

- LEARN
- SOCIALISE
- CREATE
- PARTICIPATE

CHALLENGES

- HUMAN RIGHTS
- WELL-BEING
- DEMOCRACY

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

Digital citizenship education **empowers** citizens to overcome the challenges that have emerged or been amplified by digital technology.

DCE helps citizens of all ages to get the best out of digital technology, enabling them to:

1. use digital technology effectively to **think critically** and **act responsibly** online;

2. cooperate meaningfully both on- and offline, **contribute positively to society**;

3. **appreciate other cultures** and other people's perspectives;

4. understand, **protect and respect** their own rights, and those of others;

5. carefully **manage their own private information** and the information of people they interact with;

6. **continue learning** throughout life to keep up with emerging opportunities and threats.

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CONCEPT OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

ACCESS AND INCLUSION
Overcoming digital exclusion and being open to diversity

LEARNING AND CREATIVITY
Developing competences for creative and innovative expression

MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY
Interpreting and using digital media with a critical mind

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION
Preparing citizens for the world of today and tomorrow

ETHICS AND EMPATHY
Recognising and understanding the feelings and perspectives of others

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
Being aware of the digital technology impact on body and mind

E-PRESENCE AND COMMUNICATION
Developing the qualities needed to maintain a positive online self-image

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
Playing an active role and making responsible decisions to shape the digital environment
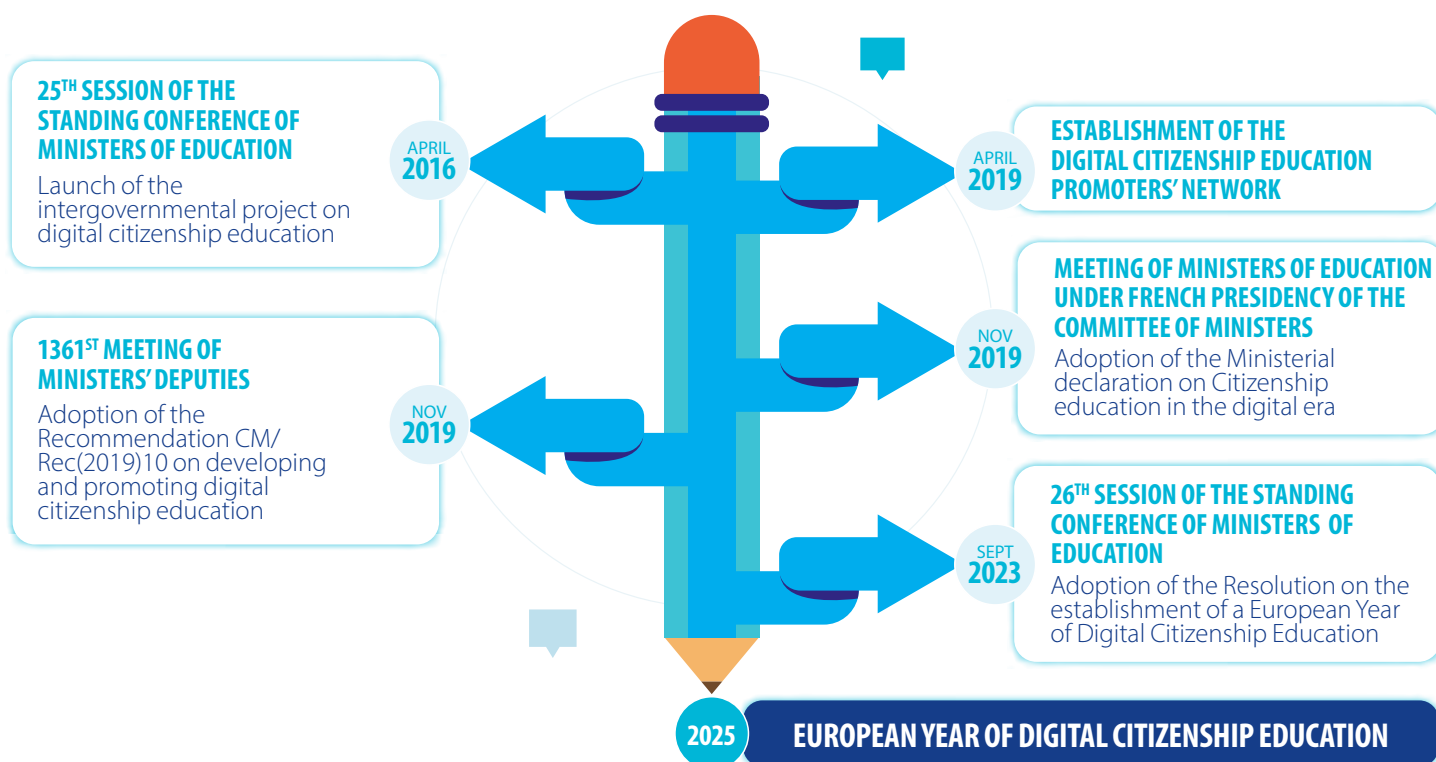
PRIVACY AND SECURITY
Knowing how to protect information and personal data of ourselves and others

CONSUMER AWARENESS
Navigating responsibly and ethically in online spaces as a consumer, a user and entrepreneur

BACKGROUND

APRIL 2016

25TH SESSION OF THE STANDING CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION

Launch of the intergovernmental project on digital citizenship education

APRIL 2019

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION PROMOTERS' NETWORK

NOV 2019

MEETING OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION UNDER FRENCH PRESIDENCY OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

Adoption of the Ministerial declaration on Citizenship education in the digital era

NOV 2019

1361ST MEETING OF MINISTERS' DEPUTIES

Adoption of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)10 on developing and promoting digital citizenship education

SEPT 2023

26TH SESSION OF THE STANDING CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION

Adoption of the Resolution on the establishment of a European Year of Digital Citizenship Education

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