



DICIPASS
European Digital Citizenship Pass
for Youth Empowerment and Participation

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DECLARATION OF DIGITAL COMMITMENT



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Our world is changing, and we need to adapt to new realities of knowledge, society, and education. Technology has fundamentally changed our idea of community and the ways in which we interact with each other, so building individual networks for learning and support is more important than ever before. The Internet has broken down many barriers of space and time, allowing us to rethink the way that we learn, work, and connect; we now operate within more fluid and complex networks of people from around the globe. The Internet also provides cheaper, freer access to an enormous amount of information and educational content. Learning can be done anywhere, at any time, and by anyone.

Whatever can be digitalised, is being digitalised. This is having far-reaching impacts, negative and positive, on all corners of society, especially on young people, who are often the first into digital spaces.

Through the impacts of megatrends, such as digitalisation and globalisation, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, many young people have been left behind, inequalities have deepened, and the digital divide has widened as digital tools have often become tools of exploitation.

The DICIPASS consortium believes that a cross-sectoral approach, that exploits the benefits of digitalisation, the innovation of young people, and the potential of civically engaged young people, is necessary. The DICIPASS project aims to outline the first steps that should be taken to promote the positive role of youth within digitalisation, as digital citizens.





✦ OUR STAND

We, as stakeholders in European and global society, as civil society, political institutions, educators, employers, and activists, **take a stand for the following**:

- Young people urgently need educational opportunities, formal and non-formal, to develop the skills and capacities to ensure these digital transformations have beneficial outcomes for their generation and the economic, environmental, social, and political spheres of society.
- If engaged with educational opportunities and digital tools, young people can become valuable stewards of citizenship in the digital space.
- Youth work and youth organisations have unique access to young people in non-formal settings, and as such are important players in providing these opportunities to young people. Recognising this, youth organisations should be adequately resourced in terms of capacities and competences, then they can challenge the growing inequalities emerging as a result of digitalisation.

To unlock a generation of digital citizens, **we need**:

- to **support** youth workers to develop a positive attitude towards digital citizenship;
- to **promote** the development of responsible, ethical, global citizens for the digitalised and connected world we live in;
- to **offer** opportunities for the acquisition of digital citizenship competencies among youth workers thus strengthening their profiles and upgrading the quality of youth work.

✦ THE COMMITMENT

We believe that Political Institutions, Educational Bodies, Youth Organisations, Employers, and Young People **must use their unique communities and expertise to network and synergise stakeholders, fund, research, advocate for and develop programs** that enable young people to become engaged with educational opportunities and digital tools, in order to become valuable stewards of digital citizenship.

We call upon:

- **National Governments** to integrate digital citizenship education into education at all levels.
- The **European Union** to fully implement the Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027) and to continue to dedicate funding for NGOs and education providers to support this.
- **NGOs and Civil Society** to mainstream into all of their work, the important element of digitalisation, Understanding that digitalisation impacts every space in society, from the environment to education, to inclusion and the economy.
- **Young People** to see themselves as digital citizens with the responsibility to educate themselves and their peers to ensure their generation is one that channels the changes of digitalisation into a society that is resilient towards the threats of digitalisation and fully utilising the positive potential of digitalisation.



OUR IMPACT

Through our collective actions, we will see:

- **increased capacity of youth workers** to use innovative resources in promoting digital citizenship competence and values among young people with fewer opportunities.
- **increased awareness and enriched competences of young people** to deal with sensitive ethical issues in their everyday life and make wise decisions regarding their personal data, rights, respect, etc.
- **increased capacity of young people with fewer opportunities** to express their views and participate and have access to the digital world with dignity and respect.



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