

Call for Participants

Squad on Digital Skills

The European Digital Education Hub (EDEH) is announcing a call for participation for an online working group (squad) on digital skills. Education professionals from all sectors with an interest in the provision of digital skills are invited to apply to become part of the squad and contribute to its outcomes. The squad will be active from May until October 2023. Register your interest via [this link](#) before April 30.

Theme: Skills

2023, the **European Year of Skills**, is marked by a multitude of efforts that promote the implementation and development of skills across the continent.

The development of (transversal) skills and competences is central to the work of many of the members of the European Digital Education Hub (EDEH) community. They are committed to harnessing technologies to build digital skills and digital confidence at scale, to ensure that people will have the (digital) skills they need throughout life.

EDEH is not only *the* European cross-sector exchange platform on activities that support skills development and innovative learning and teaching. It is also a dedicated space to explore challenges, become inspired and find guidance on the latest digital education and training policies.

In line with the 2023 Year of Skills and an upcoming Council Recommendation on Digital Skills, EDEH invites its community members for a deep-dive into this topic at the heart of the work of education professionals and European policy makers alike.

EDEH Squad Focus: Digital Skills Provision

What are we doing right - and what can we do better to promote digital skills early on and at all stages of education and training? The upcoming Council Recommendation on the Provision of Digital Skills (publication date: April 18, 2023) will provide guidance on these matters.

As the Council discusses the adoption of the Recommendations with member states, EDEH plans to unwrap its proposed actions and identify how they affect and can be applied to the professional contexts of educators. We will focus on **how to improve the provision of digital skills** (e.g. adjusting lesson plans, curricula and training material).

Cross-sectoral collaboration is an integral part to all EDEH activities - which will include among others a squad and a separate workshop - to ensure we take a life-long learning perspective on individuals' digital skills and competences.

Squad: Call for Participation

The digital skills squad will collaborate between May and October 2023 within the EDEH Microsoft Teams environment. Its key outcomes/findings will be distributed across the EDEH community, consisting of 2000+ members in the field of digital education and be shared with European Commission experts. Outcomes will contribute to the agenda of a separate event in October (an in-person workshop) for which a call for participation will open nearer to the date.

By applying for the digital skills squad, you will be able to bring your/your organisation's unique knowledge and perspective to the table in an international setting.

A squad consists of approximately 20-30 selected members from all education sectors, collaborating over a period of 6 months with the aim of producing an output (e.g., a vision paper, policy recommendations, podcasts, a tool-kit, etc).

Its members share responsibilities for goals and tasks, which are set under the guidance of a squad leader and commit to a workload of 1 or 2 hours per week (including time for bi-weekly squad calls). The squad on digital skills will be **led by Alexa Joyce**, Future Skills Director at Microsoft.

Profile of Participants

Participants to both the workshop and squad should have demonstrated knowledge and expertise on the topic of digital skills. They may come from all education sectors, the policymaking sector, workplace learning & training, EdTechs and the private sector, and may be involved in projects on the topic.

Participants should understand the issues related to digital skills and be able to illustrate their insights with examples in the application form. They are expected to disseminate outcomes of the squad and results of the workshop back to their international/national/regional networks and contexts. Please note that in the reviewing process, the variety of sectors and backgrounds represented will be considered and that participants will need to work in an Erasmus+ programme country¹ in order to apply.

¹ All EU countries plus Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Turkey and Serbia.

Application

If your profile meets the above criteria, we look forward to receiving your application via the form linked below before the **submission deadline: April 30, 2023**. Please note that **only registered Hub members** are eligible for the squad.

[Register here first, if you are not already a member of the European Digital Education Hub.](#)

[Register here to apply to participate in the squad on digital skills.](#)

All applicants will be informed of the results of their applications within one week after the deadline.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to raise them in EDEH channels or contact edeh-support@stifterverband.de.