

## Online clinics and mentorships |

### Meeting the challenges of digital education and mobility



Digital education and mobility is an important area for universities as the digital transformation of higher education institutions accelerated over the past years. It has become one of the forefronts of innovation. However, it is also a significant challenge and much more needs to be done for deep technological and structural changes that benefit learning and teaching, allowing for greater inclusion and flexible learning approaches.

**For you as project coordinator to consider:**

**-Let your project in digital transformation integrate clinics and/or mentorships-**

### European Commission's offer for exchanging expertise and support

The European Commission has taken an important initiative to exchange expertise and to offer support in this area through its [European Digital Education Hub](#).

The Hub now offers free expert support to digital education teachers and professionals through online clinics and mentorship programmes, tailored to their individual or institutional needs. They embrace areas which are specifically relevant for educational institutions.

#### **Mentorship programme**

The Hub offers the opportunity to participate in free digital education mentorships, specifically focused on the personal area of interest, goals or actions of a participant. Mentorships are organised in three two-hour sessions. Mentors are high-level European experts in the field of digital education who will be matched with the participant based on their needs.

Participants can indicate whether they would like to have colleagues from their organisation involved, for example a member of the same course or programme team, a teacher of the same learner group, an expert from teaching and learning support services or an institution leader. This will ensure that the mentoring sessions are contextualised, with maximum individual and institutional impact.

During the mentorship sessions, personal interests and the goals participants want to pursue are central. Examples include:

- hybrid, blended or online course and curriculum design
- digital collaborative courses and curricula and mobility
- the development of micro-credentials and microlearning in continuing education
- institutional leadership for digital education
- e-assessment, collaborative courses or curricula and digital mobility
- AI in education
- quality assurance and institutional policies/conditions for digital education

The topic can relate to degree and continuing education as well as to open education (MOOCs, Open Educational Resources). It can include collaboration with external partners.

### **Online clinics**

Beyond the mentorship programme, participants can discuss with a high-level European expert about digital education challenges they or their organisation are facing during a free online clinic/consultation session. The expert will provide tailormade guidance leading to a professional advice or solution on topics like:

- hybrid, blended and online distance course design
- international collaboration and virtual mobility
- micro-credentials
- online assessment
- AI in education
- diversity, inclusion and equity

A participant can take part in an online clinic individually or together with colleagues. The next online clinic sessions will take place in November 2023.

## Make the mentorships and clinics part of your project agenda

**-Let your project in digital transformation integrate clinics and/or mentorships in your plan of activities-**

The online clinics and mentorship sessions are available to members of the European Digital Education Hub. Participants therefore first need to register on the HUB:

[Register to the European Digital Education Hub](#)

Already a hub member?

[Sign up for our mentorship programme](#)

[Sign up for an online clinic](#)

You will be contacted for further follow-up and setting a date that suits you and the expert.

### **About**

The European Digital Education Hub (EDEH) is an initiative of the European Commission, funded by the Erasmus+ programme (2021-2027) and operated by a consortium of eleven organisations, under a service contract with the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).