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7 November 2025
10:00 - 14:00

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10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:15 – 10:40 | Keynote Talk - “The Future of Digital Education in Rural Communities”

MEP Brando Benifei, EP Working Group on AI Act implementation - *Remotely*
Ms Kamila Kloc, Director, European Commission, Digital Decade and Connectivity - *TBC*

10:40 – 11:10 | Building a Digital Village -

Alberto Biondi, Program Manager *The Centre for Creative Development “Danilo Dolci”*
ROSABEL MARTINEZ ROIG, Assistant Professor Doctor, University of Alicante
Pierangelo Di Benedetto, Head of Design, 3D Modeling and CNC, FabLab Palermo

11:10 – 12:00 | Panel Discussion: What’s Next for Digital Skills in Rural Europe?

Mr. Csaba BORBOLY - CoR member and rapporteur on the European Skills Agenda
Ms. Milena Nahapetyan, Digital Transformation Unit, Education Department - Council of Europe
Anja Fortuna, Program Manager, European Rural Parliament
Leonie Bultynck, Policy Assistant, Digital Education Unit, European Commission (DG EAC)

12:00 - 12:15 Break

12:15– 12:50| Interactive Roundtables

- 1. Digital Skills for Education & Training
- 2. Rural Innovation & Community Empowerment
- 3. Bridging Urban–Rural Divides
- 4. Future Visions of a Digital Europe

12:50– 13:00 | Closing Plenary

- Reflections from selected speakers/participants.
- Sustainability & future pathways.

13:00 – 14:00 | Networking Lunch - Networking Tables

An informal closing moment to connect with fellow participants, exchange experiences, and visit networking booths showcasing initiatives on rural digital education, innovation, and inclusion.



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AFTERNOON SESSION

For ALDA members

14:00 – 14:15 | Welcome & Introduction

14:15 – 14:40 | Member Insights

- ALL Digital
- DYPALL (TBC)
- Platoniq Foundation (TBC)

14:40 – 15:30 | Strategic Conversations (Round Tables)

- Open dialogue among members around key questions:
- What are today's biggest digital challenges for our communities?
 - Where can we collaborate more effectively as ALDA members?
 - What priorities should the Hub focus on next year?

15:30 – 16:00 | Networking Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:40 | Collective Outlook

16:40 – 17:00 | Wrap-Up & Next Steps

17:00 – 18:00 | Networking & Informal Exchange



Our speakers



Brando Benifei

Member of the European Parliament and Co-Rapporteur of the EU Artificial Intelligence Act, Brando Benifei is one of the leading voices in Europe on digital policy, technology ethics, and consumer protection. Representing Italy in the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, he has been a strong advocate for inclusive and human-centred digital transformation.

Csaba Borboly

Vice-President of Harghita County Council and active member of the European Committee of the Regions, Csaba Borboly serves as Rapporteur on the European Skills Agenda. His work focuses on skills development, digital education, and supporting local and regional authorities in driving both the green and digital transitions.



Leonie Bultynck

Policy Assistant at the Digital Education Unit of the European Commission (DG EAC). She contributes to the implementation of the Digital Education Action Plan 2021–2027, supporting initiatives that advance digital skills, promote gender equality in STEM, and strengthen cooperation through the European Digital Education Hub. Leonie works closely with policymakers and experts to foster inclusive and forward-looking digital education across Europe.



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Anja Fortuna

Programme Manager at the European Rural Parliament and former Vice-President of the European Youth Forum. Anja advocates for youth participation and social innovation in rural areas, connecting grassroots initiatives with European policy processes to ensure that rural voices are heard in shaping Europe's future.

Alberto Biondo

Coordinator at Centro per lo Sviluppo Creativo Danilo Dolci – ETS (Palermo, Italy). He leads international projects focused on community development, civic participation, and creative social innovation. Alberto has been active in EU-funded initiatives and intercultural cooperation programs.



ROSABEL MARTINEZ ROIG

Associate Professor at the University of Alicante (Spain), specialising in educational innovation and digital pedagogy. Holding a PhD in Educational Research (cum laude), she focuses on integrating digital technologies into teaching and learning, fostering inclusive and participatory educational environments, and supporting teacher professional development in the digital era.



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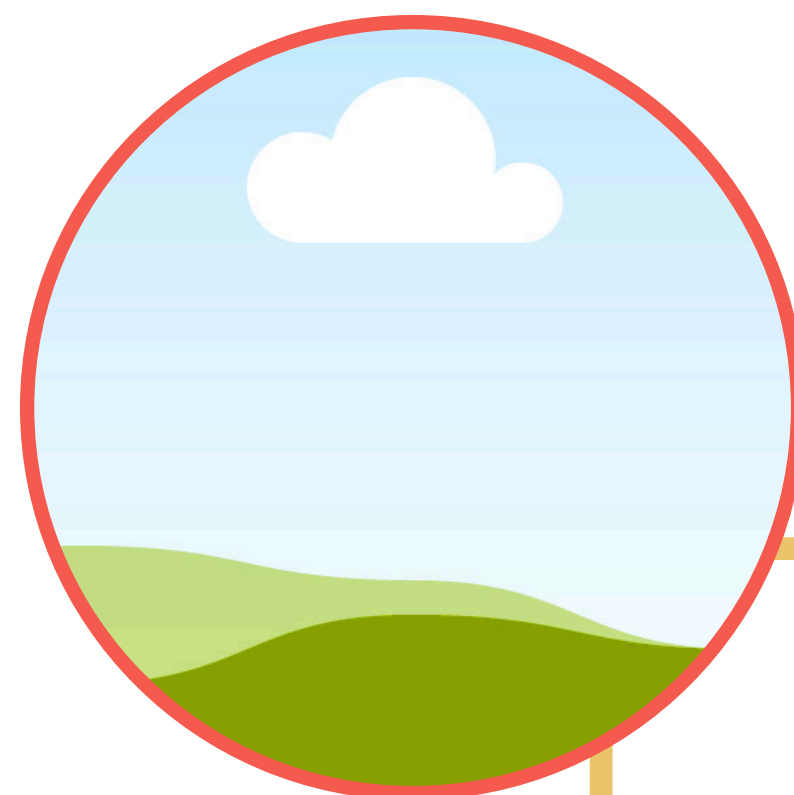


David Mekkaoui

As CEO of All Digital, David leads a 100-member network addressing Europe's digital skills gap. A TEDx speaker on tech optimism, he will share why digital inclusion is essential for youth-led climate action.

Pierangelo Di Benedetto

Head of Design, 3D Modeling and CNC at FabLab Palermo, with a background in mechanical engineering. He leads on 3D modelling, CNC machining, CAD/CAM systems, and digital fabrication. He has contributed to community-based innovation projects that bring technology and creativity to local development.



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