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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 Biondo,** EU Cooperation Department Coordinator, CSC Danilo Dolci
- **Giulia D'Annibale,** Our Digital Village Coordinator, CSC Danilo Dolci
- **Rosabel Martinez Roig**, Assistant Professor Doctor, University of Alicante

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,** Pierangelo Di Benedetto, Head of Design, FabLab Palermo
2. **Rural Innovation & Community Empowerment**
3. **Bridging Urban–Rural Divides**
4. **Future Visions of a Digital Europe,** Eszter Hartay Program Director - ECNL

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)

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

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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.

Milena NAHAPETYAN

Senior Project Officer at the Council of Europe's Digital Transformation Unit (Education Department, Directorate of Democracy), Ms Nahapetyan manages the implementation of the European Year of Digital Citizenship Education 2025. The activities advance digital transition in education and democratic participation with an overall aim of promoting informed, meaningful and ethical use of digital tools by learners of all ages.

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.

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Giulia D'Annibale

Project Manager and Designer at Centro per lo Sviluppo Creativo Danilo Dolci. She holds a Master's in Anthropology of Migratory Flows from the University of Turin and has worked since 2018 in education, inclusion, and social innovation. Her focus lies in designing and managing European projects that promote civic participation, intercultural learning, and human rights.

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.

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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Eszter Hartay

Program Director at the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) with extensive experience in advancing legal frameworks for civil society across Europe and beyond. She leads ECNL's work on philanthropy and public participation, focusing on how digital technologies and AI influence civic engagement.

Pierangelo Di Benedetto

Head of Design, 3D Modeline and CNC, FabLab Palermo 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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