

Granted by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency for a total of 36 months and launched in July 2022, this Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation project entitled “**Alliance for Fostering Business and Education Innovation through Digital Supply Chains – BE-Digital**” aims at identifying the **digital needs and opportunities within the Supply Chains ecosystem** to develop an **innovative Higher Education and VET programme** that provides students with **digital competences and skills** through the collaboration of educational and corporate organizations.

The concept of Digital Supply Chains (SCs) fosters the use of **disruptive technological interventions**, such as: (1) Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs), (2) Internet of Things (IoT), (3) Data Analytics and Big Data (including Blockchain), and (4) Augmented and Virtual Reality (AR/VR). Notably, the European Commission reports that existing **jobs are likely to change due to the Information Technology advancements**.

In this context, the European higher education students and new generation workforce should get accustomed to the new digital landscape. Therefore, the BE-Digital consortium will focus on the development of specialized courses in the four abovementioned thematic areas to promote:

- **the integration of disruptive technologies for Digital SCs in the higher education and VET curricula** to tackle skill mismatches,
- **the transformation of the traditional SC business models to digital and sustainable ones.**

The courses will be designed to include innovative teaching methodologies and interactive learning tools (i.e. a serious game, virtual scenarios for showcasing the integration of the proposed courses in the digital SC context), up-to-date material for in-class and e-learning courses and academic and company staff lectures. Each thematic area will comprise two courses for the students (i.e. introductory and advanced-level courses).

The suitability and quality of the developed courses will be tested and evaluated by launching **intensive pilot courses for students** in the four participating countries (Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Portugal) of the BE-Digital project, further including **mobility activities** to support transnational and multidisciplinary collaboration in the field of Digital SCs.

The BE-Digital Consortium is constituted by [ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI \(AUTH\)](#) Greece (Coordinator); [AGRUPAMENTO DE ESCOLAS JOSÉ ESTÊVÃO \(AEJE\)](#), Portugal; [ATLANTIS ENGINEERING \(ATLA\)](#), Greece; [CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF PÉCS-BARANYA \(CCIPB\)](#), Hungary; [CCS DIGITAL EDUCATION LIMITED \(CCSDE\)](#), Ireland; [ENTI CONFIDUSTRIALI PER L'EDUCATION \(ECOLE\)](#), Italy; [EUROPEAN DIGITAL LEARNING NETWORK \(DLEARN\)](#), Italy; [FREDERICK UNIVERSITY \(FREDEU\)](#), Cyprus; [INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT \(IED\)](#), Cyprus; [RUSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY \(RCC I\)](#), Bulgaria.

More details on the project website and on the project social media pages soon!

