



# Deliverable 3.1 - Report from the first online networking event

## WP3 - NETWORKING

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## 1. Introduction

**Digit Edu 2023** (Promoting cooperation and research to address the digital needs in the area of education and training in Europe–Year 1) is a project funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ programme, Civil Society Cooperation in the fields of Youth, Education and Training.

The **European Digital Learning Network ETS (DLEARN)** participates in this project, which runs from January 2023 and December 2023, **as a single partner**.

DLEARN is a non-profit association aimed to embrace the challenges brought by the digital revolution in terms of digital skills mismatch, toward an inclusive digital society. DLEARN pursues the aim of contributing to the objectives defined in the "Digital Agenda" through the implementation of what is necessary for the creation of the so-called "Digital Skills in the economy and European society" pillar. In addition, DLEARN's activities are designed and implemented to be in line and to concretely and positively contributing to the Digital Education Plan 2021-2027 to generate new opportunities for the education and training organisations, policy makers, researchers at national, EU and international level.

In Digit Edu 2023 project, **DLEARN is committed to the following objectives:**

1. To raise awareness and contribute to the realisation of the European Education Area and the Digital Education Plan.
2. To contribute to the development of policies at European level on the topic of digital skills and digital transformation.
3. To promote cooperation between EU organisations for the promotion of digital education and digital needs.
4. To promote the participation of organisations in the Erasmus+ programme, the European Solidarity Corps and other EU programmes.
5. To facilitate exchange of good practices, results and experiences among stakeholders for an inclusive digital society.
6. To increase stakeholder commitment and cooperation with public authorities for the implementation of policies and reforms in line with the European Education Area objectives.

The **Digit Edu 2023 Work Plan** includes in total **6 Work Packages (WPs)**, listed as follows.

Two are horizontal:

- **WP1 - Project Management and Coordination**, which will ensure smooth application of activities.

- **WP6 - Dissemination, Sustainability and Impact**, which will ensure DLEARN's outreach.

The other four WPs are for implementation:

- **WP2 - Organisation of Conferences**, which will organise 1 annual DLEARN conference in Brussels and 2 satellite conferences hosted by DLEARN members.
- **WP3 - Networking**, which will organise 2 networking events and participation of DLEARN in EU wide networks.
- **WP4 - Research**, which will launch 2 researches, one on "Digital Skills and Jobs", and one on "Digital Footprint".
- **WP5 - Training**, which will organise three training courses and four webinars.

This document represents the **Deliverable 3.1 - Report from the 1<sup>st</sup> Online Networking Event**, which contains the conference proceeding and the participants' inputs on the thematic areas of the event. This report is in English.

## 2. Preparation of the event

The 1<sup>st</sup> networking event named “Meet-Connect-Collaborate: Digital Education Policies” was organised by the staff of Dlearn starting with the primary step of Clearly outlining the purpose of the event and establishing specific goals and objectives. In particular, the first out of two online networking wanted to offer the occasion for participants and education stakeholders to meet online and establish new potential collaborations to boost Cooperation in the area of education and training, to favour the Exchange of information and good practices and to offer attendees access to current trends and opportunities in the field. The second step followed by DLEARN staff was to select a main thematic area to focus the online event on and contact an expert as speaker for the day: an officer from DG EAC was selected and invited as speaker after designing the concept/theme that ties into the event's purpose. The thematic areas optioned was ‘digital education policies’. The next step was to design visuals and branding materials reflecting the chosen concept and collaborative nature of the event. A registration page was opened after that on the Eventbrite platform to manage attendees’ registrations and a draft agenda shared. After further contacts with the designed speaker the agenda was enriched and refined and interested people reminded with an intense promotional campaign on all channels of DLEARN: emails; social media; newsletters; website.

### 3. Detailed description of the event

The 1<sup>st</sup> online networking event took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on the platform Zoom. The title was ‘Meet-Connect-Collaborate’: Digital Education Policies. The online networking kicked off in the morning with the welcoming of participants and explanation of the programme of the day by DLEARN Staff. After that, Mr. Coppola, President of the organisation, gave a general presentation of the European Digital Learning Network ETS and Digit Edu 2023 project. **Then, to enter in the thematic core of the day – digital education and related policies- Mr. Coppola referred and illustrated the recent researches carried out by DLEARN, in particular the one about “Digital Skills and Jobs”.** The day continued with the plenary session, led by the invited speaker, Mrs. Nair Carrera Martinez, who is a Senior Digital Business Analyst at DG EAC of the European Commission. Mrs. Carrera Martinez, an expert in innovation, teacher training, digital education and lifelong learning, gave a complete presentation titled *“Navigating Digital Education Initiatives through innovative Education Practices”* about the plethora of initiatives organized, implemented and co-founded in EU dealing with education and its digitalization. The speech and presentation focused on the Digital Education Action Plan 2021-2027; the support to innovation and digitalization through the programme Erasmus+; and the explanation of the resources currently available such as SELFIE for Teachers; European School Education Platform, Europeana and Code Week. The two speeches by Mr. Coppola and Mrs. Carrera Martinez led then to a questions and answers session during which attendees asked for further insights, made some points about the topic of digitalizing teaching and learning activities and asked about the topics covered. A break divided this first ‘theoretical’ part of the event from the engaging one where attendees had the opportunity to introduce themselves, their organization/company, their interests and eventual offering of collaboration to the fellow participants. **This session was organized as ‘tour de table’ in a way that each attendee had the chance to present his/her work.** The networking afternoon was closed then by a few words of Mr. Coppola reasoning about the main messages of the day and those closing remarks set the online networking event to an end. 28 person attended the 1<sup>st</sup> networking online event: some of them were members of the network while some others were completely new to DLEARN world. All of them came from the educational world being either teachers and educators at all levels – VET, adult, Higher Education, School, Youth – formal, non-formal and informal type of education or representatives of business and companies dealing with it. The recording is available here: DIGIT EDU 2023\_SGA\2. IMPLEMENTATION DIGIT EDU 2023\WP3 NETWORKING\3.1 Organisation of networking events\D3.1 Report from networking event 1 - ONLINE\RECORDING

## 4. Follow-up

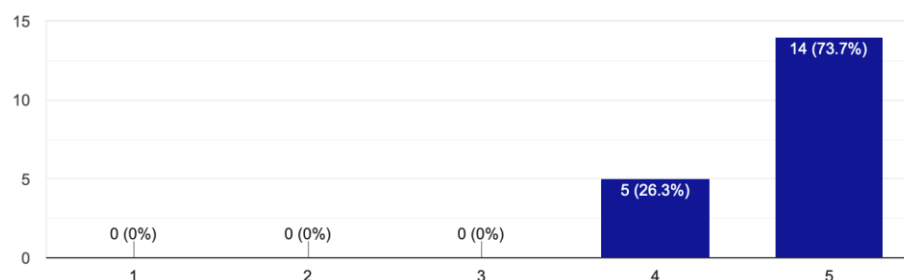
The 1<sup>st</sup> networking event was evaluated by participants through an anonymous evaluation questionnaire online. The feedback focused on the following areas: the quality of the networking event in terms of satisfactory organization, appropriate online venue, clear agenda and skilled speakers as well as quality of interactions carried out. 73,7% rated this aspect absolutely positively. The speakers, other object of evaluation, were also highly appreciated by attendees who appreciated as well as the topics of digital education and related policies covered: almost 80% of them rated this aspect with the maximum grade. The networking aspect was also enjoyed by participants who described it as a very good opportunity to foster collaboration and connect with peers from the educational world: again percentages of liking are extremely high, with 78,9% finding the networking session very useful. To sum up, as emerges from the results of the two last questions of the online survey, the overall score for ‘Meet-Connect-Collaborate: Digital Education Policies’ event of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 marked a sensible approval from audience and an appreciation of the online networking event in all its aspects. Below is possible to see the graphs reporting the feedback per each section of the online questionnaire distributed to attendees.

### 1. Quality of the Networking online event

The Meet-connect-collaborate: Digital Education Policies organized in the framework of DIGIT EDU 2023 project on the 28th November 2023 was very well organized: appropriate online venue, clear and balanced agenda, satisfactory speakers, appropriate time schedule, good interactions, etc.): express your opinion on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is ‘totally disagree’ and 5 is ‘totally agree’

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19 responses

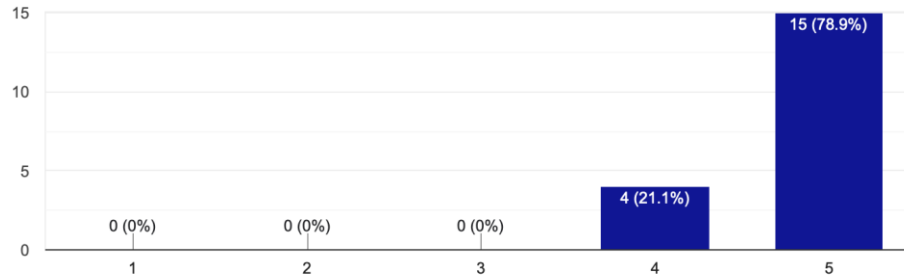


## 2. The Speakers

The Speakers were effective, skilled and helpful and the topics/issues illustrated and discussed are clear: express your opinion on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is 'totally disagree' and 5 is 'totally agree'

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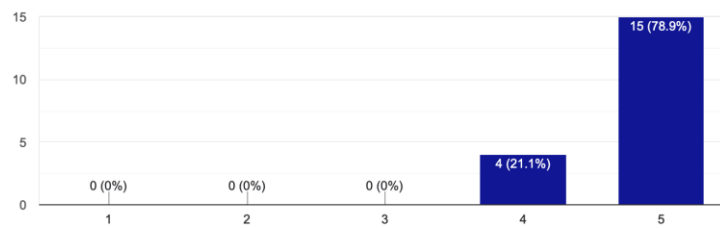


### 3. The networking

The online networking event was very useful in fostering new collaborations, letting you meet fellow stakeholders and peers; expand your network and get in touch with colleagues from other organisations: express your opinion on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is 'totally disagree' and 5 is 'totally agree'

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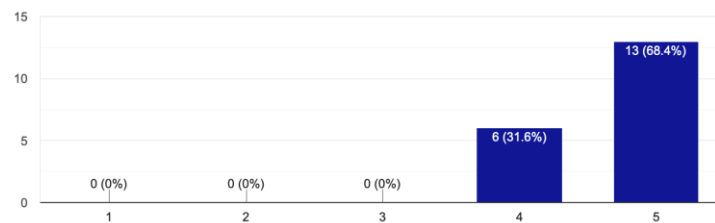


### 4. The overall score

Kindly rate the 28th November 2023 European Digital Learning Network ETS 1st Networking Event in the framework of DIGIT EDU 2023 project with a final score where 1 is very low/bad and 5 is extremely high/very good:

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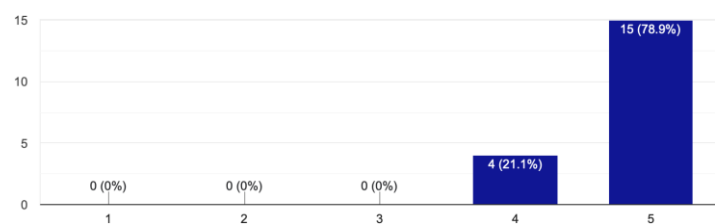
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Generally, the Meet-connect-collaborate: Digital Education Policies event was of good quality and the topics covered interested you: express your opinion on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is 'totally disagree' and 5 is 'totally agree'

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19 responses



## **5. List of Annexes**

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*Annex 2 - PHOTOS*

*Annex 3 - QUESTIONNAIRES FILLED IN*

*Annex 4 - MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE EVENT (BANNER)*

## Annex 1 - The Agenda



# Meet-Connect-Collaborate: Digital Education Policies

Tuesday November 28th 2023

## Agenda

**09:00 – 09:15**

Welcoming session with the explanation the agenda of the day

**09:15 – 09:30**

General presentation – European Digital Learning Network ETS and Digit Edu project – Reference to the research “Digital Skills and Jobs” by Gianluca Coppola, President of European Digital Learning Network ETS

**10:00 – 10:45**

Plenary Session: “Navigating Digital Education Initiatives through innovative Education Practices” – Nair Carrera Martinez, Senior Digital Business Analyst at DG EAC in European Commission. Expert in innovation, teacher training, digital education and lifelong learning.

**10:45 – 11:00**

Q&A session

**11:00 – 11:25**

Break

**11:25 – 11:30**

Introduction to networking

**11:30 – 15:00**

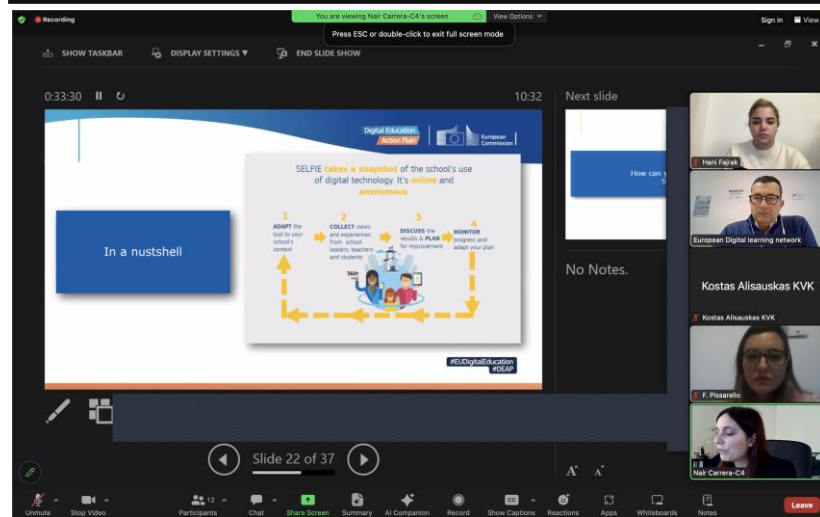
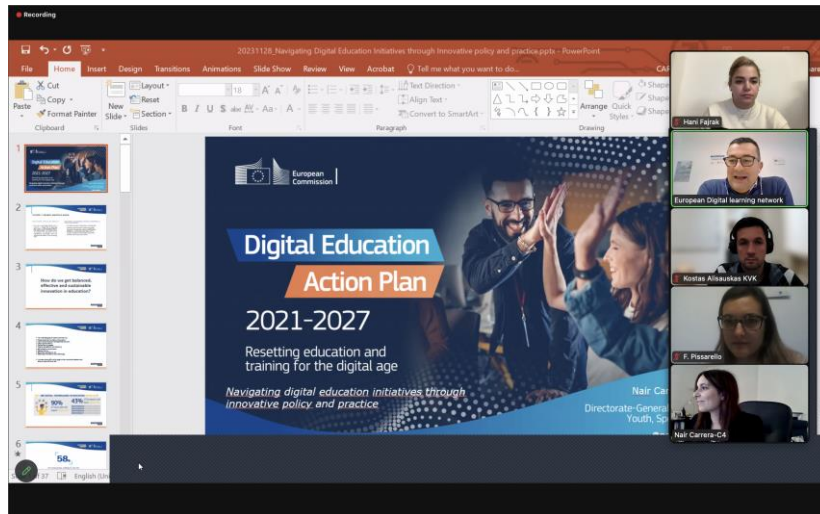
Networking – Break out rooms

**15:00 – 15:10**


Q&A and Closing remarks



## Annex 2 - Photos



## Annex 3 - Questionnaires filled in



### 1st DIGIT EDU Networking Event; "Meet-connect-collaborate: Digital Education Policies";28.11.2023; Evaluation form

Thank you for your participation to the Meet-connect-collaborate: Digital Education Policies networking online event of European Digital Learning Network ETS organized in the framework of DIGIT EDU 2023 project on the 28th November 2023.

We kindly invite you to fill in the following form, your feedback is valuable to us!

**1. Quality of the Networking online event**

Description (optional)

The Meet-connect-collaborate: Digital Education Policies organized in the framework of DIGIT \*  
EDU 2023 project on the 28th November 2023 was very well organized: appropriate online  
venue, clear and balanced agenda, satisfactory speakers, appropriate time schedule, good  
interactions, etc.): express your opinion on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is 'totally disagree' and  
5 is 'totally agree'

	1	2	3	4	5	
Totally disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Totally agree

Generally, the Meet-connect-collaborate: Digital Education Policies event was of good quality \*  
and the topics covered interested you: express your opinion on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is  
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**2. The Speakers**

Description (optional)

The Speakers were effective, skilled and helpful and the topics/issues illustrated and discussed are clear: express your opinion on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is 'totally disagree' and 5 is 'totally agree' \*

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Totally disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Totally agree

### 3. The networking

Description (optional)

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The online networking event was very useful in fostering new collaborations, letting you meet fellow stakeholders and peers; expand your network and get in touch with colleagues from other organisations: express your opinion on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is 'totally disagree' and 5 is 'totally agree' \*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Totally disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Totally agree

Please, comment on your responses if your mark was 1 or 2 for any of the statements or if you would like to make any further comment or suggestions for future events.

Any further comment:

Long answer text

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### 4. The overall score

Description (optional)

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Kindly rate the 28th November 2023 European Digital Learning Network ETS 1st Networking Event in the framework of DIGIT EDU 2023 project with a final score where 1 is very low/bad and 5 is extremely high/very good: \*

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Very Low/ Bad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Extremely High/ Very Good



## Annex 4 - Materials distributed during the event







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