



Deliverable 3.1 - Report from the second 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 1st 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 Dlearn staff arranged also the second networking event, "Meet-Connect-Collaborate: The New Erasmus+ call; features and specifics," beginning with the fundamental stage of explicitly describing the aim of the event and creating precise goals and objectives. The last of the two online networking events aimed to provide an opportunity for participants and education stakeholders to meet online and form new potential collaborations to boost Cooperation in the field of education and training, to encourage the exchange of information and best practices, and to provide attendees with access to current trends and opportunities in the field. DLEARN personnel then chose a primary thematic area to focus the online networking event on and contacted an expert as the day's speaker: two policy officials from DG EAC were chosen and invited as speakers after creating the concept/theme that links into the event's goal. 'The new Erasmus+ call' was selected as a topic area. The next stage was to create graphics and branding materials that reflected the event's selected idea and collaborative character. Following that, a registration page on the Eventbrite platform was launched to monitor attendees' registrations, and a draft agenda was released. Following additional contact with the planned speakers, of whom one decided to be the keynote of the day, the agenda was broadened and polished, and interested parties were reminded through an intensive advertising effort across all virtual platforms of DLEARN.

3. Detailed description of the event

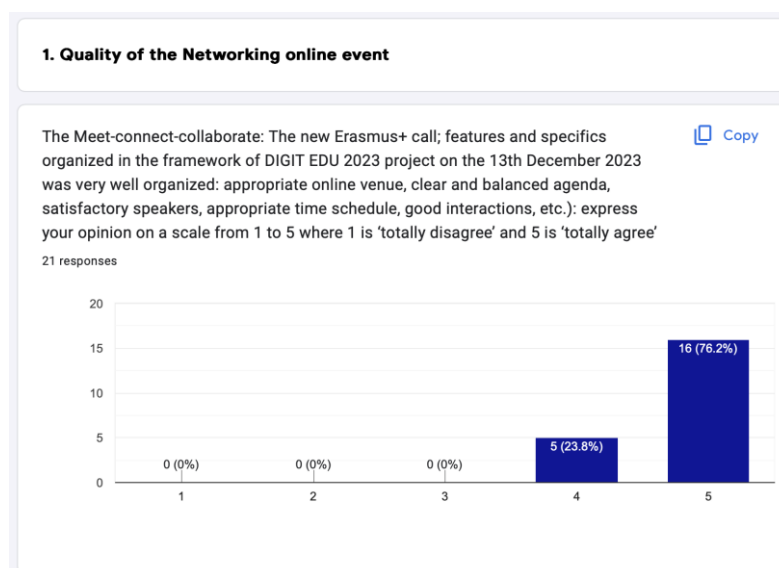
The 13th December 2023 the 2nd online networking event took place on the platform Zoom. The title was “‘Meet-Connect-Collaborate’: The New Erasmus+ call; features and specifics”.

As with the previous online networking, also in this case the event started in the morning with the welcoming of participants. Such welcoming session, managed by Mrs Pissarello, project Manager and policy officer of European Digital Learning Network ETS, offered also the opportunity to familiarize participants with the work programme of the day and gave an overview of the agenda. This was followed by the intervention of Mr. Coppola, President of the organisation, who provided a general presentation of the European Digital Learning Network ETS, its goals and missions as well as of Digit Edu 2023 project and its results. A second part of the DLEARN President ‘speech focused on the reports containing the evidences and policy recommendations matured after conducting studies and researches about “Digital Skills and Jobs” and “Digital Footprint awareness”’: this ambitious research work was in fact implemented in the framework of Digit Edu 2023 as well and complement the other efforts and activities done in the context of the said project. A short coffee break allowed some rest between the sessions. The event was then dedicated to the plenary session led by the speaker Mrs. Malgorzata Kozak, from European Commission. Mrs. Kozak covers the role of Policy officer at DG EAC -Directorate-general Education-Youth, Sport and Culture and was invited to present the new Erasmus+ call. Her presentation “*Erasmus+ programme opportunities in 2024*” started off with an overview of available budget in 2024 for Erasmus+ programme, with a peculiar emphasis on adult education, the speaker explained to attendees the funding rules. The horizontal priorities were also investigated and the programme structure illustrated into details. The speech continued with the explanation of accreditation and mobilities, the presentation of KA2 and KA3 and the listing of useful and available tools to be part of Erasmus+ projects. An intense questions and answers session started right after the plenary: participants asked for further clarifications around the new rules of Erasmus+ programme and discussed with presenters some points about the budget and the co-founded activities. 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 second 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. The 2nd networking event saw the participation of 65 person. Some were network members, while others were absolutely new to the DLEARN environment. They all come from the educational sector, either as instructors and educators at all levels - VET, adult, Higher Education, School, Youth - formal, non-formal, and informal - or as representatives of businesses and corporations dealing with it. The recording is available here:

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4. Follow-up

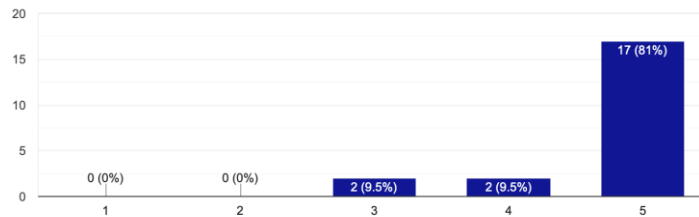
Attendees have been asked to evaluate this 2nd Networking online event through an anonymous questionnaire circulated virtually. The evaluation dealt with the quality of the networking event of 13th December 2023, the quality of speakers and thematic areas investigated, the usefulness of the networking dedicated sessions and the gathering of overall feedback on the day. As in the case of the 1st networking online event also this 2nd appointment encountered the approval and satisfaction of participants. The “Meet-Connect-Collaborate: the new Erasmus+ call; features and specifics” was very well organized in terms of appropriate online environment, clear and balanced agenda of the day, satisfactory speakers and time scheduling as well as good interactions according to 76,2% of people. The topics were stimulating and interesting for more than half the people taking the online questionnaire and the speakers considered skilled and helpful in explaining key concepts by far more than 70% of attendees. Even higher was the satisfaction referred in relation to the opportunity of meeting possible future projects partners and collaborators: 76,2% totally agreed that such event helped them expanding their professional networks. The same majority also rated the event as extremely good, demonstrating its usefulness and warm welcome in the education field and among its stakeholders. The graphs and images taken directly from the questionnaire distributed are available below.



Generally, the Meet-connect-collaborate: The new Erasmus+ call; features and specifics 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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21 responses

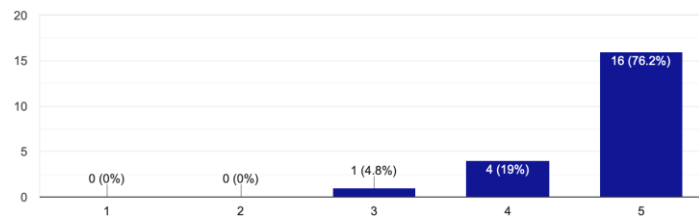


2. The Speakers

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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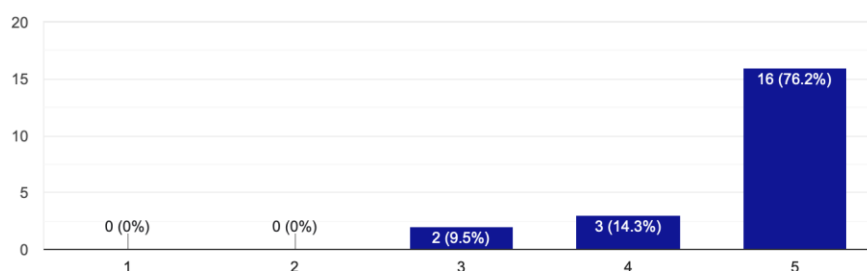


3. The networking

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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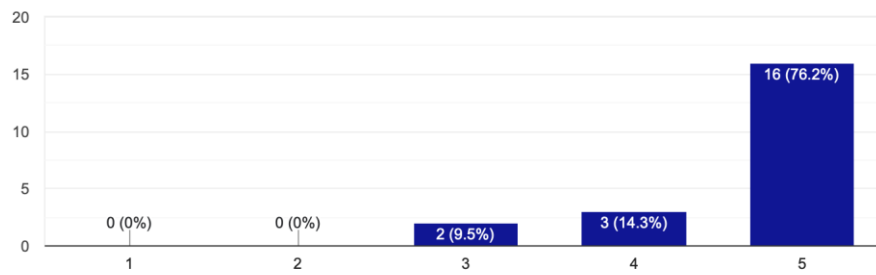


4.The overall score

Kindly rate the 13th December 2023 European Digital Learning Network ETS 2nd 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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21 responses



5. List of Annexes

Annex 1 - The AGENDA

Annex 2 - PHOTOS

Annex 3 - QUESTIONNAIRES FILLED IN

Annex 4 - MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE EVENT (BANNER)

Annex 1 - The Agenda



Meet-Connect-Collaborate:

The new Erasmus+ call; Features and specifics

Wednesday December 13th 2023

Agenda

09:15 – 09:30

Welcoming session; Francesca Pissarello, Project manager at European Digital Learning Network ETS, illustrates the agenda of the day

09:30 – 10:15

General presentation; Gianluca Coppola, President of the European Digital Learning Network ETS gives a presentation of the Network, introduces the DIGIT EDU 2023 project and refers to the two in- house researches – *“Digital skills and jobs”* and *“Digital footprint awareness”* carried out

10:15 – 10:50

Plenary Session; Malgorzata Kozak, Policy Officer at DG EAC -Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture; European Commission -presents *“Erasmus+ programme opportunities in 2024”*.

10:50 – 11:00

Q&A session

11:00 – 11:25

Break

11:25 – 11:30

Introduction to Networking; Hani Fajrak, Communication Manager at European Digital Learning Network ETS, explains the breakout rooms functioning and technical rules

11:30 – 13:00

Networking; Break out rooms (School; Higher Education; VET; Adult)

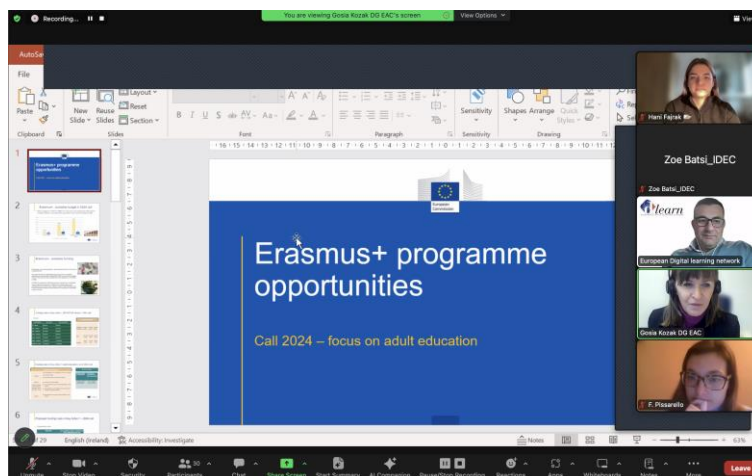
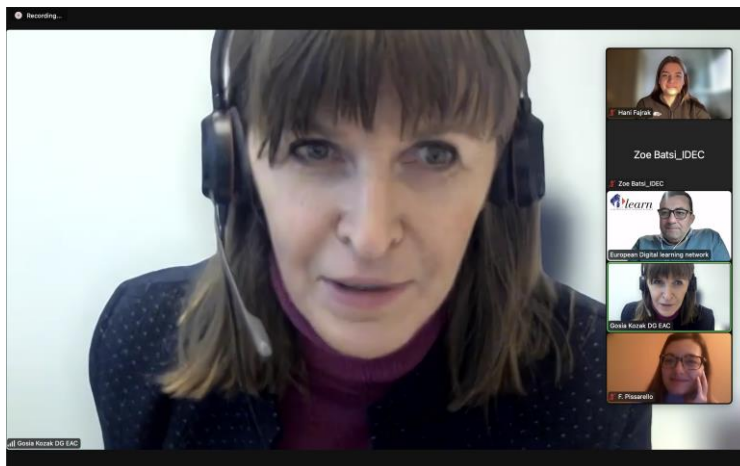
13:00 – 13:10

Closing remarks




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Annex 3 - Photos



Annex 4 - Questionnaires filled in



2nd DIGIT EDU Networking Event; "Meet-connect-collaborate: The new Erasmus+ call; features and specifics"; 13.12.2023; Evaluation form

Thank you for your participation to the Meet-connect-collaborate:The new Erasmus+ call; features and specifics networking online event of European Digital Learning Network ETS organized in the framework of DIGIT EDU 2023 project on the 13th December 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: The new Erasmus+ call; features and specifics organized in the ^{*} framework of DIGIT EDU 2023 project on the 13th December 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: The new Erasmus+ call; features and specifics 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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Totally disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Totally agree

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' *

1 2 3 4 5

Totally disagree 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 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

4. The overall score

Description (optional)

:::

Kindly rate the 13th December 2023 European Digital Learning Network ETS 2nd 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: *

1 2 3 4 5

Very Low/ Bad Extremely High/ Very Good

Annex 5 - Materials distributed during the event



 Digit EDU 2023 Second Networking Event

Meet-connect-collaborate:

The new Erasmus+ call; features and specifics

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13th December 2023

The poster features a dark blue background with a glowing blue wave pattern. On the right side, there is a 3D illustration of a curved grey band with a blue cube in the center, a blue rocket, and a blue moon. The text is white and blue, and the logos are in their respective colors.



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