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Deep Dive DEP S05

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Policies, strategies & related novelties and focus points from the DEP WP

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Digital Decade: goals for 2030

Skills

ICT Specialists: 20 millions + Gender convergence

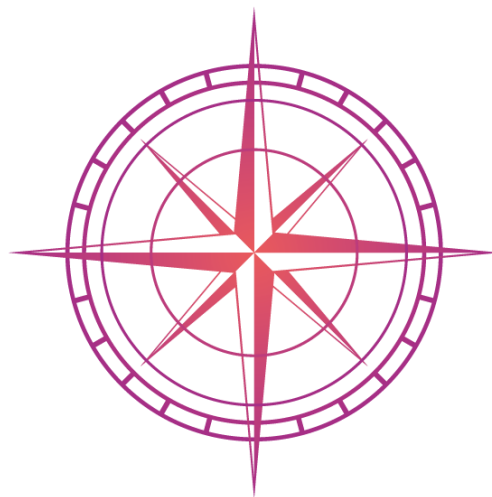
Basic Digital Skills: min 80% of population

Public Services

Key Public Services: 100% online

e-Health: 100% availability medical records

Digital Identity: 80% citizens using digital ID



Business

Tech up-take: 75% of EU companies using Cloud/AI/Big Data

Innovators: grow scale ups & finance to double EU Unicorns

Late adopters: more than 90% of European SMEs reach at least a basic level of digital intensity

Infrastructures

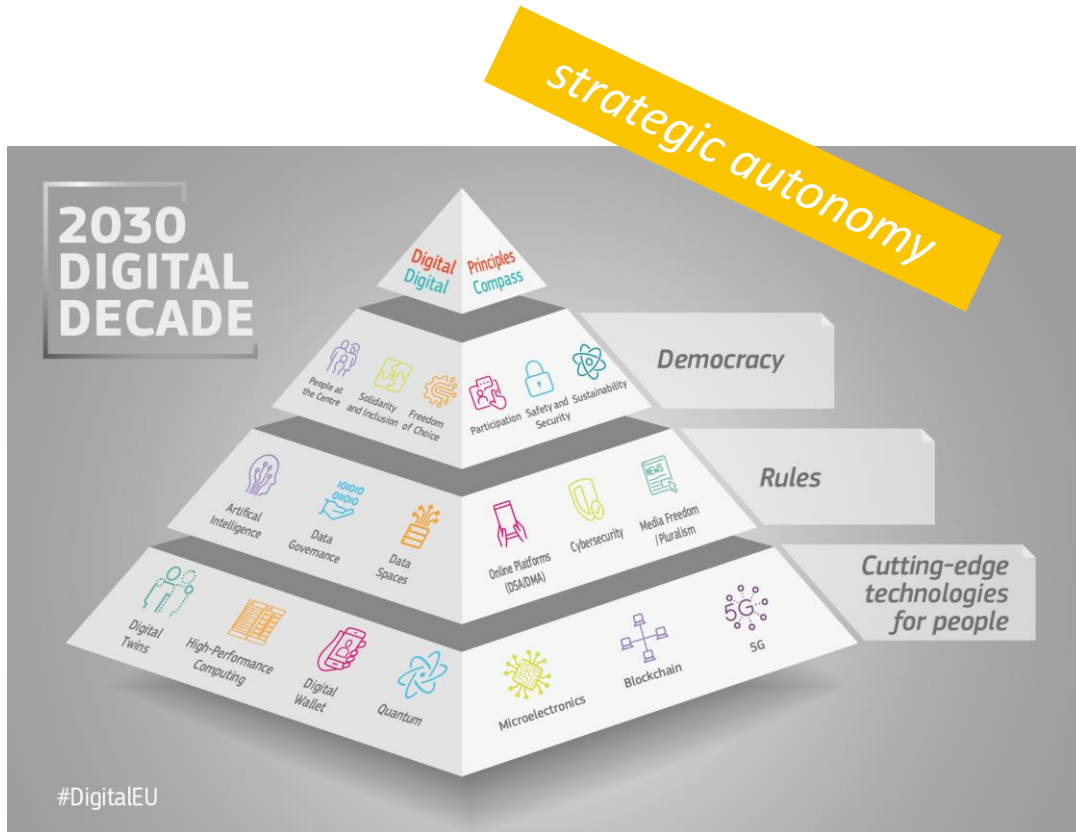
Connectivity: Gigabit for everyone, 5G everywhere

Cutting edge Semiconductors: double EU share in global production

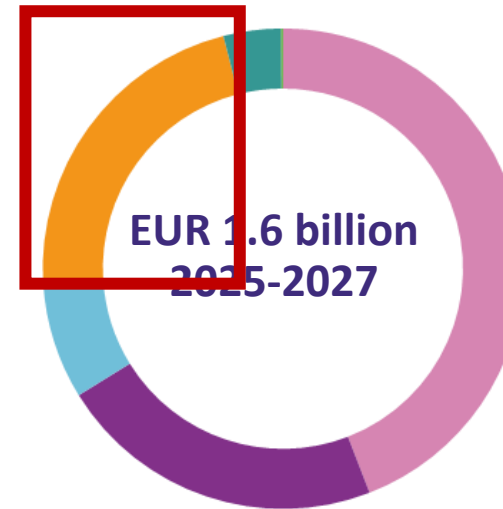
Data, Edge & Cloud: 10,000 climate neutral highly secure edge nodes

Computing: first computer with quantum acceleration

Digital Decade & Digital Europe Programme (DEP)



Main + Cyber WP



Participate:

- Funding ranges from **50% to 100%**
- Sometimes with **national co-financing**
- **Often International consortia** involving **public-private cooperation**
- The **coordinator (lead partner)** carries the main project workload
- calls are focused on **specific topics**, with strong competition
- **Top-down topics:** content is defined by the **official tiopic text**

Onderdelen

- EUR 705.6 million AI, Data & Cloud
- EUR 435,6 million Cybersecurity
- EUR 125 million Advanced Digital Skills

- **EUR 352.6 million**
Deployment and Best Use of Digital Capacities and Interoperability

- Look Chips, HPC and Support actions

SO5 Policies and Strategies

Work Strand 5.1: Deployment of public services

- EU Digital Identity Framework / eIDAS 2.0
- Interoperable Europe Act
- Single Digital Gateway Regulation

Work Strand 5.1.4: Justice and consumers

- EU Strategy for a More Effective Justice System

Work Strand 5.1.6/7: Digital Health and Cybersecurity in Healthcare

- European Health Data Space (EHDS) proposal

- EU Cybersecurity Strategy (including NIS2 Directive)

Work Strand 5.2: Confidence in Digital transformation

- European Democracy Action Plan (EDAP)
- Better Internet for Kids (BIK) Strategy

Work Strand 5.3: Support to the implementation of MCPs

- Digital Decade Policy Programme

5.1 Deployment of public services

- **EU Digital Identity Framework / eIDAS 2.0**
Lays the foundation for trusted, cross-border digital identity systems such as the European Digital Identity Wallet.
- **Interoperable Europe Act**
Supports legal and operational interoperability across EU public administrations.
- **Single Digital Gateway Regulation**
Enables seamless access to cross-border public services via the Once Only Technical System.

5.1.1.1	European Digital Identity and Trust EcoSystem
5.1.1.2	Once Only Technical System (Single Digital Gateway)
5.1.1.3	eProcurement and eInvoicing
5.1.2	Interoperable Europe – Interoperability for the public sector
5.1.2.1	Interoperable Europe policy support
5.1.2.2	Public Administrations' collaboration projects
5.1.2.2.1	GovTech
5.1.2.2.2	MCP on Innovative and Connected Public Administrations
5.1.3	Trans-European Services for Telematics between Administrations (TESTA)

Terminology

- **EU Digital Identity Wallets:**
Secure (mobile) apps allowing citizens and businesses to **identify** themselves and share **digital credentials & data**.
- **Commons:**
Shared, community-governed **digital resources** (e.g. data, software, AI models) designed for reuse and collaboration.
- **Data Spaces:**
Federated data ecosystems that enable trustworthy, sovereign, and **interoperable data sharing**.
- **MCP (Multi country project):**
EU-wide digital project with ≥ 3 countries, enabling **large-scale deployment** aligned with Digital Decade goals.
- **EDICs (European Digital Infrastructure Consortia):**
Dedicated legal structure for the joint implementation of MCPs by Member States, enabling long-term cooperation on EU-wide **digital infrastructure and services**.

EU Digital Identity Framework / eIDAS 2.0

- New regulation ensuring that every EU citizen and business has access to a **trusted EU Digital Identity Wallet**.
- Requires Member States to offer at least one **cross-border interoperable, privacy-preserving digital identity**.
- Strengthens **trust, security, and interoperability** in digital public and private services across the EU.



€17 million

eGovernment, identity services



€10–12 million

Travel, payments, B2B



€19 million

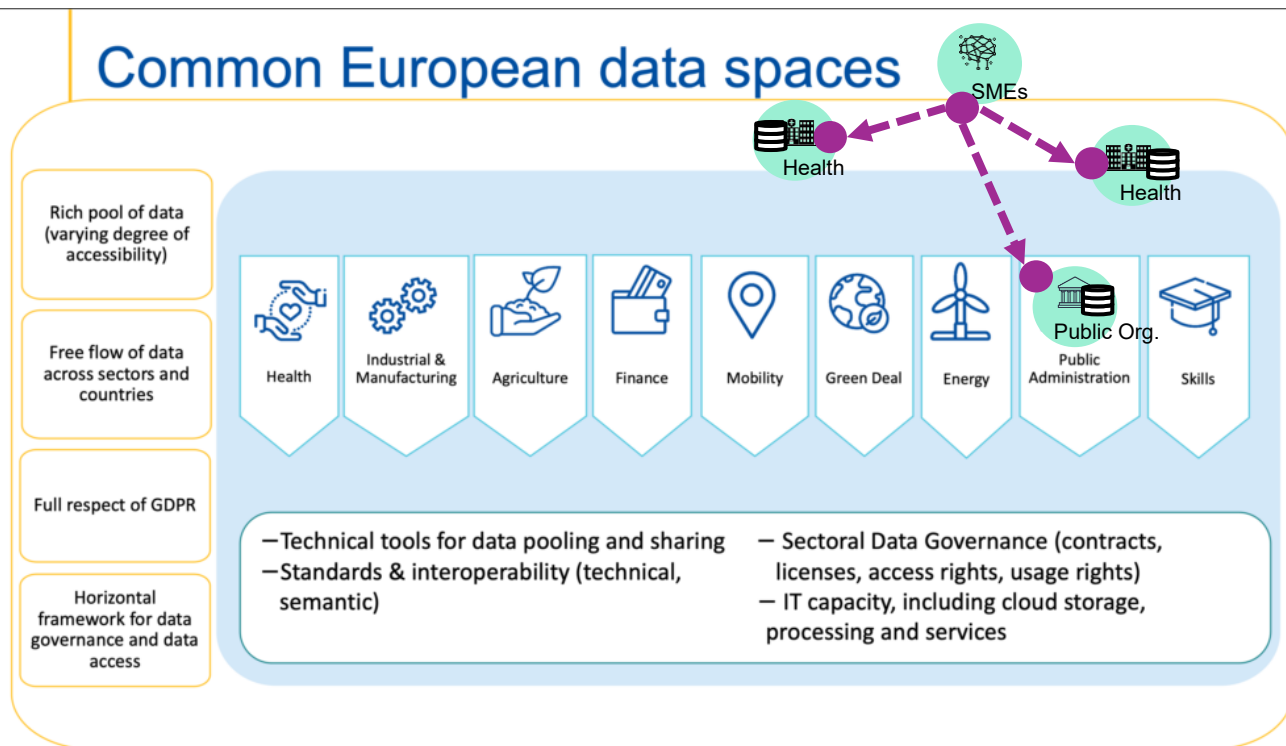
Education & social security



€5–6 million

Wallet-based retail payments

Wallet & European Data Strategy



- **EU Digital Identity Wallets** can be used in **Data Space projects** to enable secure, access and verification.
- Wallets are increasingly **required or encouraged** in initiatives like the **Agri Data Space EDIC** and **regulatory compliance use cases**.
- Provides a **identity layer** that could become essential for future **AI systems**.

Interoperable Europe Act

- Proposed EU regulation to strengthen cross-border **interoperability** of digital **public services** across Member States.
- Establishes a legal framework and governance model for **interoperability solutions, open source tools, and data exchange standards**.
- Aims to reduce fragmentation, foster **administrative cooperation**, and improve efficiency in delivering digital services EU-wide.

€7 Million under Horizon 2020

Studying abroad, moving to another country, and starting a business.



€ 22 Million under Horizon Europe

FSTP support open-source tools for interoperability

5.1.4: Justice and consumers

EU Strategy for a More Effective Justice System

- Enables **cross-border access to justice** and legal information through interoperable tools.
- Supports **data exchange and evidence sharing** between judicial and law enforcement authorities.
- Enhances **efficiency, trust, and cooperation** in EU justice and criminal procedures.

5.1.4.1	Core EU justice and consumers IT systems
5.1.4.2	Justice Digital Exchange System (JUDEX)
	Digitalisation of Service of Documents and Taking of Evidence
5.1.4.2.1	Digitalisation of Judicial Cooperation and Access to Justice
5.1.4.2.2	Common platform for online investigations (EU eLab)
5.1.4.3	Joint Investigation Teams collaboration platform (JITs CP)
5.1.4.4	Bank Account Registers' Interconnection System (BARIS)
5.1.5	



€2.30 Million Cyber WP DEP

AI Powered Investigative Tools for
Law Enforcement Agencies

5.1.6/7: Digital Health and Cybersecurity in Healthcare

European Health Data Space (EHDS) – Proposal:

- Establishes a **common framework for health data access and exchange** across the EU.
- Empowers individuals to **control their electronic health data**, while enabling **secondary use** for innovation and public health.

5.1.6	Deploying EEHRxF and digital health services
5.1.7	Cybersecurity Support Centre for healthcare



€8 Million Main WP

Demonstrations of EEHRxF in operational environments.

EU Cybersecurity Strategy (incl. NIS2 Directive)

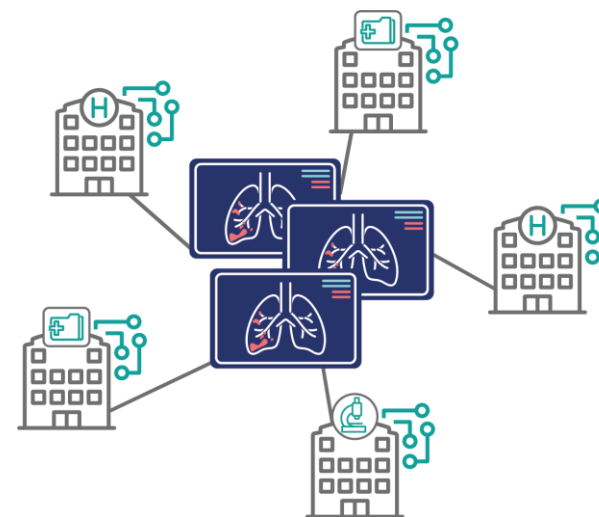
- NIS2 Directive** sets stricter security requirements and **mandatory incident reporting**.

€1–5 Million/project Cyber WP
Incident notification systems,
threat detection tools.



Healthcare & European Data Strategy

- **EHDS** sets the **legal and governance framework** for using health data in care, research, and policy.
- **EEHRxF** provides the **technical format** for interoperable health data exchange within the EHDS.
- **DEP supports EHDS** via projects like the **Genomics and Cancer Data Spaces**, coordinated through **EDICs** for sustainability.



**European
Genomic Data
Infrastructure**



5.2: Confidence in Digital transformation

European Democracy Action Plan (EDAP)

- Aims to **protect democratic processes** by tackling disinformation, enhancing media freedom, and safeguarding election integrity.
- Supported by initiatives like **EDMO** and the upcoming **European Democracy Shield (SOAC)**, which coordinate and strengthen efforts to monitor, analyse, and counter disinformation and foreign information manipulation.

5.2.1.1	Network of Safer Internet Centres (SICs)
5.2.1.2	Better Internet for Kids (BIK) platform
5.2.1.3	IT system for removal of online CSAM
5.2.2	Fight disinformation: EDMO and fact-checkers
5.2.3	European Democracy Shield

Better Internet for Kids (BIK) Strategy

- Promotes a **safe, age-appropriate online environment** for children through digital literacy, parental tools, and child-friendly content.
- Implemented via national **SICs**, which deliver awareness, helplines, and youth participation activities aligned with BIK objectives.



€0.3-3.7 Million

Coordinate activities via the Insafe/INHOPE network.



€1–1.3M per hub).

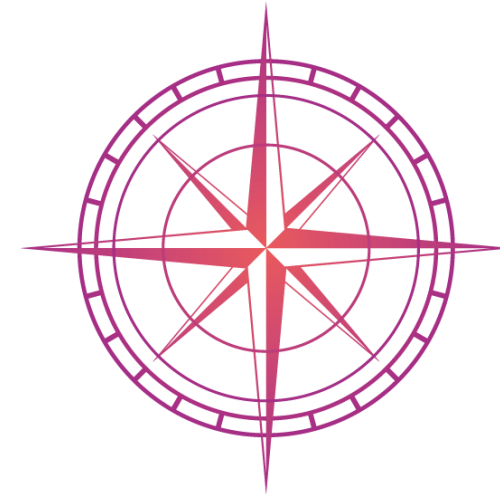
Coordinate informally via the EDMO network,

5.3: Support to the implementation of MCPs

- **Digital Decade Policy Programme** sets concrete 2030 targets for digital transformation in skills, infrastructure, public services, and digital business across the EU (Incl. EDICs).
- Large-scale digital **infrastructure projects** aligned with the Digital Decade goals, implemented via EDICs or other EU-wide mechanisms involving ≥ 3 Member States.
- Strong **link with existing and future EDICs** (for example: LDT, Commons, Impacts) to drive interoperability, data sharing, and sustainable digital public services across borders.

5.3

Support to the implementation of Multi-Country Projects (MCPs)



Support of MCPs - status update EDICs



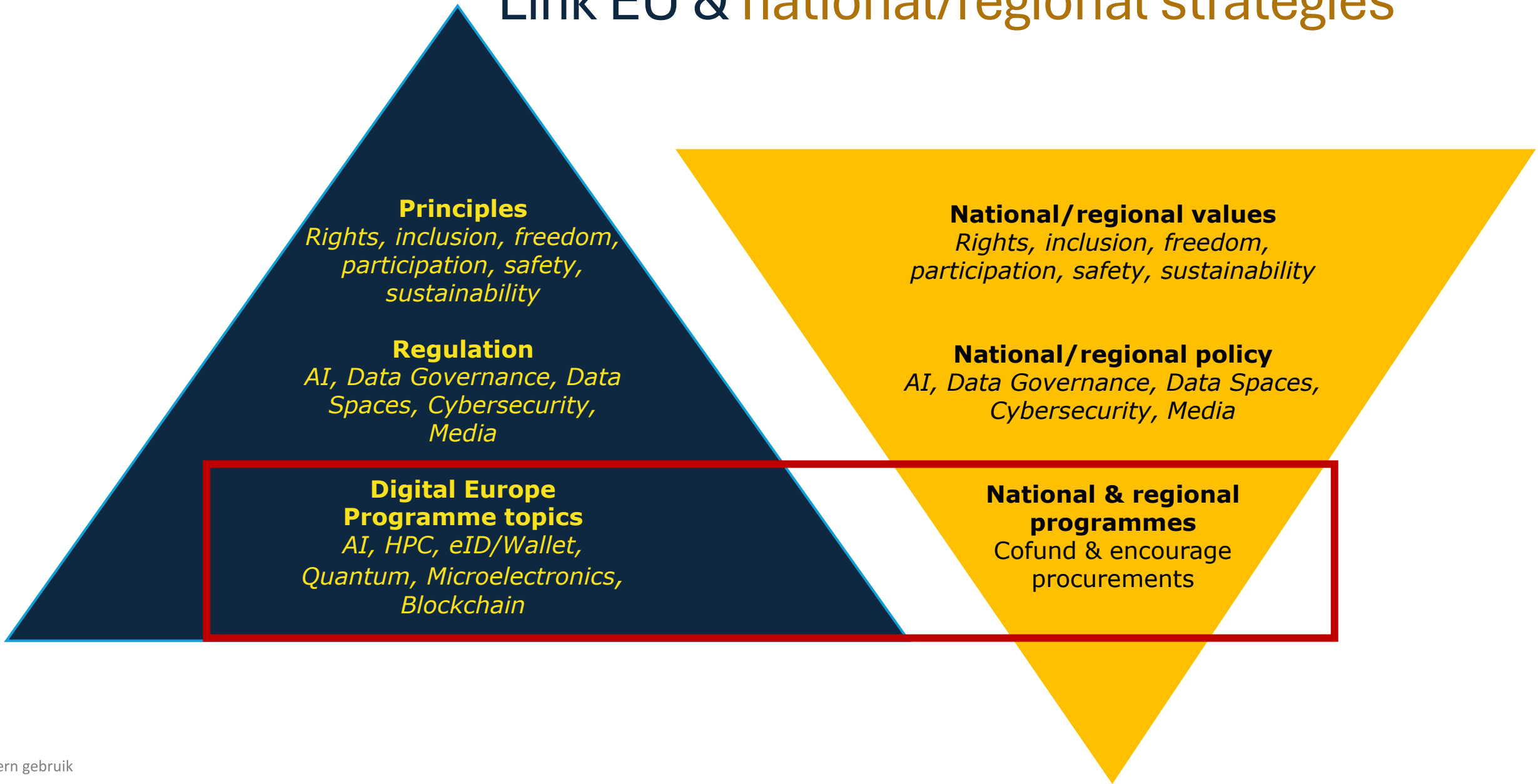
LDT CitiVERSE EDIC: operational since Dec 2023, uniting 14 Member States to deploy a network of **local digital twins**

Digital Commons EDIC: in advanced planning; aims to develop and govern shared **open-source building blocks** (for digital workplace)

IMPACTS EDIC: to be established via Digital Europe funding; linking digital public authorities and realizing the **Interoperable Europe Act**

ALT-EDIC: aims to develop and coordinate European foundational models and infrastructure, supporting trustworthy AI and language technologies.

Link EU & national/regional strategies





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SO 5 – (Financial) terminology

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Types of Funding Instruments in SO5

Procurement

100% funding for purchasing products or services that directly contribute to EU project objectives. Mainly used for **external service contracts**, often with private companies.

Simple Grant

50% co-funded grant for a **multi-partner consortium**, aiming to achieve a clearly defined objective with shared responsibilities.

SME Support Grant

50-75% co-funding specifically aimed at helping **small and medium-sized enterprises** carry out innovation, development, or adoption activities

Cascading Grant (FSTP)

A grant where the **main beneficiary redistributes funding** (usually 50%) to third parties (e.g. SMEs, start-ups) through open calls or sub-grants.

Procurement Vs. Grant

Aspect	Procurement	Grant (e.g. Simple, SME-support)
Objective	EU purchases a service or product	EU co-funds a project
Legal basis	Financial Regulation Art. 172	Grant Agreement
Role of EC	Contracting authority	Funder & evaluator
Consortia	1 or more contractors	Multi-partner consortia (3+ orgs)
Flexibility	Low – strict deliverables/timelines	Higher – adaptive WPs possible
Evaluation	Price + technical offer	Relevance, impact, implementation

Procurement Topics & Proposal Tips

- **Where to find them**
Published on the Funding & Tenders Portal and TED.
- **What's provided**
Terms of Reference, draft contract, and submission guidelines.
- **Strong proposals are**
Clear, actionable, and focused on *what, how, and for how much*.
Highlight team experience, project management, methodology, and fixed budget.
Be concise and concrete—less storytelling, more delivery.



Role of NCPs & newsletters & other tips (procurements)



NCPs can:

- **Connect you to national experts** concerned with EU-projects
- Link **national policy to EU policy**/standards that are implemented in DEP projects
- Can read and **comment on your proposals** critically

More information:

- Contextual information and updates may be found via the European Commission websites, HaDEA (for selected actions), and thematic info sessions or newsletters.
- **Timeline advice:**
 - Prepare early – 30–60 days
 - Register on Funding & Tenders (EU Login)
 - Use Q&A phase wisely



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2025 SO5 Topics

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Topics Summary

Topic	Title	Action	Deadline	Budget	Expect. Grants
DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08- FACTCHECKERS	European Network of Factcheckers	DIGITAL-Grant for Financial Support	2-Sep-25	5 M€	1
DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08- NETWORKSICs	Network of Safer Internet Centers (SICS)	DIGITAL-SIMPLE	2-Sep-25	42 M€	31



DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08-FACTCHECKERS

**GFS
100%
funding**

European Network of Factcheckers

Objectives:

- Maintain and further develop a platform to support the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO), while deepening language coverage and operational capacity
- Fight disinformation online

Keywords:

- Media literacy
- Privacy, social media, disinformation

Policy:

- [Digital Services Act](#)
- [Code of Conduct on Disinformation](#)

Duration: 30-36 months
Budget: 5 M€
FSTP: min. 60%
FSTP: 60-350k per project

Stakeholders:

- **Certified** fact-checking organizations (at least one)
- Civil society organizations
- News media
- Academic Institutions



DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08-FACTCHECKERS

GFS
100%
funding

Deliverables – by the consortium with up to 40% of budget

- European fact-checks repository
- Fact-checking protection scheme
- Fact-checking emergency response capacity

Deliverables – by the FSTP with at least 60% of budget

Examples:

- Support for coverage expansion and meeting certification requirements
- Piloting of novel technologies such as LLMs for fact-checking purposes
- Organization of conferences and outreach

Duration: 30-36 months

Budget: 5 M€

FSTP: min. 60%

FSTP: 60-350k per project

KPIs:

- Languages covered
- Fact-checks published
- Trainings conducted
- Communication reach
- Organizations linked to repository
- Articles fact-checked

DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08-NETWORKSICs

SIMPLE
50%
funding

Network of Safer Internet Centres (SICs)

Objectives:

- Continue to support National Safer Internet Centres to help minors tackle online risks and become media-literate, resilient, digital citizens ensuring no child is left behind

Keywords:

- Data Security and Privacy
- Right of the child

Policies:

[European Strategy for a Better Internet for Kids](#)

[Digital Services Act \(DSA\)](#)

[European Digital Rights and Principles](#)

Duration: 36 months
Budget: 42 M€
(300k€ – 3.7M€ / p.)

Stakeholders:

- Public/Private sector
- NGOs
- International organizations



Network of SICs - BIK+

BIK+ Better Internet for Kids strategy (COM(2022)212)

Age-appropriate digital services, with **no one left behind** and with **every child** in Europe **protected, empowered & respected** online



- Safe digital experiences
- Supporting a secure EU-wide proof of age system
- Support to the implementation of the legislative framework, in particular the DSA



Safer Internet Centres (SICs)

- National awareness centres
- Helplines
- Hotlines
- Youth Panels

betterinternetforkids.eu Portal

- EU-wide coordination
- Public awareness hub (children, teachers, **parents**, carers)



- Support children in developing and practising citizens skills
- Get children's view on policies that affect their (online) lives
- Involve children in the development of digital programmes and services
- Support peer-to-peer training and child-to-adult teaching



Network of SICs – Scope

The three main strands of a Safer Internet Centre

- **Raise awareness** about online opportunities and risks for those under 18
- Provide a **helpline** offering advice and support on issues related to children's use of digital technologies and services
- Operate a **hotline** for tackling Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) according to the national legal environment



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Q&A



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Thank you!

Thank you for your attention and hope to see you on our next trainings!

Coming up next!

- **DEP Deep Dive – SO3 – Cybersecurity** (Date to be decided)
- **Black-belt DEP proposal writing and project management** (Date to be decided)