

Digital Europe programme 2021–2027

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The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution approving the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Digital Europe Programme and repealing Decision (EU) 2015/2240.

The regulation establishes the Digital Agenda for the duration of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) 2021-2027.

Objectives

The proposed Regulation aims to establish an expenditure instrument to maximise the benefits of digital transformation for EU citizens, businesses and public administrations by enhancing the EU's digital capabilities in five key areas: (1) High Performance Computing, (2) Artificial Intelligence, (3) Cybersecurity and Trust, (4) Advanced Digital Skills and Deployment, (5) Better use of digital capabilities and interoperability.

The Digital Europe Programme is an investment programme to strengthen the EU's strategic digital capabilities and to facilitate the large-scale deployment of digital technologies for use by Europe's citizens and businesses. It takes into account key EU priorities, including the green and digital transition and the resilience of the single market.

The programme should focus on areas where no single Member State can achieve the level of digital success required. It will also focus on areas where public spending has the greatest impact.

Ethical principles should be taken into account in the various actions under artificial intelligence.

Budget

The overall agreed financial envelope amounts to **EUR 7 588 000 000** (in current prices) for the period 2021-2027.

The amounts under the programme may cover up to 100% of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the principle of co-financing.