



Digitalisation and interoperability in higher education – an EU perspective

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Setting the Scene

- Building a **strong, resilient, high-quality digital education ecosystem across Europe.**
- Focus on **EU's resilience, competitiveness, preparedness, and inclusion** through modern **digital education and skills policy.**
- Increasing attention for **digital and data sovereignty, also in education.**
- Challenge: a **fragmented and highly diverse** higher education landscape.

Policy Framework

- **Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027)** to foster quality and inclusive digital learning and future-proof Europe's education systems.
- **Union of Skills**, a strategy to improve high quality education, training, and lifelong learning.
- **2030 Roadmap on the future of digital education and skills**, succeeding DEAP and renewing the overall policy framework.

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European Building Blocks for Higher Education Interoperability

- Higher Education Interoperability Framework
- European Learning Model
- European Digital Credentials for Learning
- European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
- European Student Card Initiative

Digital sovereignty

- Europe collectively **owns and governs the infrastructure and the data on which education depends.**
- Building on **open standards and open specifications.**
- Data is processed and stored **in accordance with European values and European law.**
- **Developing and/or sharing capabilities:** institutions and national providers need to navigate evolving digital systems.

Building European added value: together

- Active participation in emerging EU interoperability governance around higher education.
- Regional and institutional cooperation as testbeds and test cases.
- Institutionalise alignment through more structured partnerships beyond projects.



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