

# Stakeholder survey for the review of the Digital Decade Policy Programme

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## Introduction to the survey

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This survey is part of the Study Supporting the Review of the Digital Decade Policy Programme. The European Commission (DG CNECT) has commissioned Technopolis Group to conduct this study.

The purpose of this survey is to collect data from three core stakeholder groups: national authorities; industry and business representatives; and civil society organisations and NGOs.

This survey aims to gather insights on Europe's digital transformation, including current priorities, emerging areas of importance, as well as the main opportunities, risks, and challenges shaping digital transformation. It also aims to collect stakeholders' views on what is working well, what challenges remain, and where future policy attention and monitoring should be directed.

We kindly request you to answer the questions as accurately as possible. Your responses are completely confidential. You can read the full data privacy notice here <https://technopolis-group.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Study-review-DDPP-Targeted-consultations-privacy-notice.pdf>. The survey analysis will present aggregated results, not responses of individuals. We welcome your input by **19/12/2025**.

**Please note: once you have completed the survey, you will be unable to re-access it via the provided link. Please take care to ensure you are happy with your response before submitting.**

Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Toby Berrett, Analyst at Technopolis Group, [toby.berrett@technopolis-group.com](mailto:toby.berrett@technopolis-group.com).

## About you

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### \* Which type of organisation do you represent?

please select one option only.

- National authority (e.g. government ministry, department or agency responsible for digital policy or data collection)

- Industry / business (incl. associations)
- Civil Society organisation / NGO
- Other, please specify

**\* In which country is your organisation currently located?**

If your organisation operates in several countries, please indicate the country of your main European office or the location responsible for your organisation's participation in digital transformation. Please select one option only.

Poland

**\* What is your organisation's main area of activity?**

Please select all that apply.

- Human Rights, Civil Liberties & Democracy
- Environment, Climate & Sustainable Development
- ICT & Digital
- Social Inclusion & Welfare
- Health & Public Health
- Education, Youth & Culture
- Economy & Employment
- Science, Research & Innovation
- Faith-based, Religious & Community Organisations
- Prefer not to say / N/A
- Other, please specify

**\* How many paid staff (full-time equivalent) does your organisation have?**

Please select one option only.

- 0 (volunteer-run)
- 1-5
- 6-20
- 21-100
- More than 100
- I do not know
- Prefer not to say / N/A

**\* What is your organisation's main funding source?**

Please select one option only.

- EU programmes or grants
- National or regional public funding
- Private foundations
- Membership fees / donations
- Corporate partnerships
- I do not know
- Prefer not to say / N/A

Other, please specify

Please specify here:

Tax assignment by individuals (Poland's 1.5% PIT for public benefit organisations)

**\* At which level does your organisation mainly operate?**

Please select all that apply.

- Local (city/municipality)
- Regional (within an EU Member State)
- National (one EU Member State)
- Multiple EU Member States
- EU-wide
- International (outside EU)
- Other, please specify

## Familiarity with the Digital Decade Policy Programme (DDPP)

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**Overall, to what extent are you familiar with the EU's Digital Decade Policy Programme (DDPP)?**

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**If relevant, please briefly describe your organisation's role or contribution to the Digital Decade Policy Programme.**

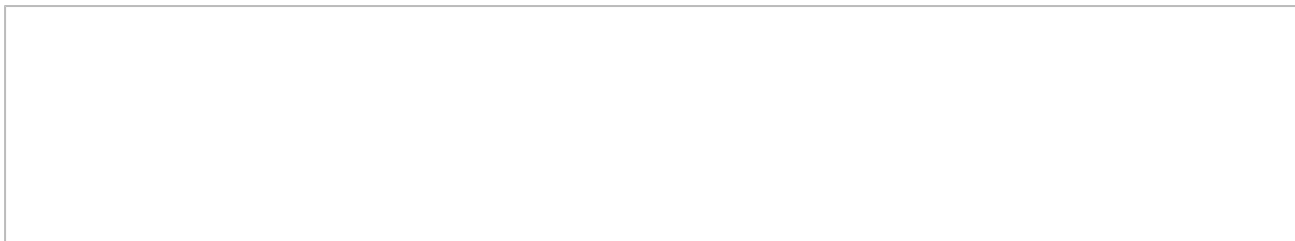
## Assessment of Current Priorities

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**How relevant are the following **objectives** for the EU's digital transformation to 2030 and beyond?**

	Not relevant at all	Not very relevant	Neither relevant nor irrelevant	Somewhat relevant	Very relevant	I do not know / Prefer not to say
* Ensuring the EU's digital sovereignty through secure infrastructure and strengthened competitiveness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Enabling access to technology and data for enterprises, in particular SMEs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ensuring coherence across relevant EU policies and programs for the digital and green transitions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improving the environmental impact of digital infrastructure and technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Developing a comprehensive, interoperable and sustainable EU digital infrastructure ecosystem	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Promoting a human-centric, rights based and accessible digital environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ensuring inclusive and secure online access to public services and democratic participation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Facilitating fair and non-discriminatory conditions for users and increase the role of regions and cities in digital policy making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Support fair competition for EU businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improving resilience to cyber threats and increasing cybersecurity efforts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Bridging the digital divide and developing digital skills across the EU	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Do you wish to add any comments on the EU's current objectives concerning digital transformation?**



## Gaps and emerging priorities

**How relevant are the following objectives to the EU's digital transformation over the next five to ten years?**

	Not relevant at all	Not very relevant	Neither relevant nor irrelevant	Somewhat relevant	Very relevant	I do not know / Prefer not to say
* Building societal resilience (e.g. through digital skills and inclusion and cohesion)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Reinforcing security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Sustainability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Protection of individuals (esp. vulnerable groups)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Reinforce synergies between civil and military digital technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Reinforcing sovereignty and reducing dependence on non-EU technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Addressing basic needs (including mental health)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Competitiveness (e.g. support for SMEs, strengthened Single Market)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Reducing administrative burden and simplification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Technological leadership and innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Safeguarding democratic systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Thinking about technology, infrastructure and resilience, how relevant are the following areas to your sector’s digital transformation over the next five to ten years?**

	Not relevant at all	Not very relevant	Neither relevant nor irrelevant	Somewhat relevant	Very relevant	I do not know / Prefer not to say
* Stronger cybersecurity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improved access to quantum technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Deployment of AI factories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Reducing risk derived from dependency on third country tech (restricted access or shutdown, data vacuuming, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improved access to cloud services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Streamlined regulation and reduced red tape	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Environmental impact of digital technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improved access to advanced tech (AI, cloud, quantum, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Deployment of data centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Deployment of innovative infrastructure (5/6G, data centres, AI factories, quantum)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Develop and deploy EU-made and controlled technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Develop and deploy EU-based and controlled AI capabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Data governance and interoperability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Thinking about digital capabilities, inclusion and societal value, how relevant are the following areas to your sector’s digital transformation over the next five to ten years?**

	Not relevant at all	Not very relevant	Neither relevant nor irrelevant	Somewhat relevant	Very relevant	I do not know / Prefer not to say
* Closing the ICT specialists gap	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Protecting and empowering democracy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Protecting people, notably relevant fundamental rights online (freedom of speech, non-discrimination, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ensuring basic digital skills for EU citizens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Digital inclusiveness (web accessibility, content in national languages, Internet access)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Fair competition, particularly for SMEs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improved digital public services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Are there any other areas that the EU should prioritise to advance its digital transformation over the next 10 years?** Please explain your answer.

Proactive transparency & public-interest access to data/API:  
 The EU should require machine-readable, proactive publication of information about publicly funded digital systems (incl. AI/ADM): purpose, datasets, contracts (e.g., spend, vendors), performance and error metrics, and energy/compute footprints—exposed through stable, well-documented public APIs. Disclosure should follow common schemas (e.g., open contracting/data catalogs), include audit-ready decision logs, and guarantee non-discriminatory access for civil society, researchers, and journalists (no punitive fees or throttling).

## Opportunities and challenges

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**From your organisation's perspective, how significant are the following issues related to Europe's digital transformation?**

	Not at all significant	Not significant	Neither significant nor insignificant	Somewhat significant	Very significant	I do not know / Prefer not to say
* Ethical concerns in development and deployment of AI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Inadequate protection of relevant fundamental rights in digital spaces (freedom of speech, non-discrimination, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Increased carbon footprint of digital technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Limited inclusiveness of digital transition (gender balance, access for vulnerable groups)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Impacts on workers' rights and job security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Insufficient economic growth due to slow overall digitalisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Under-utilisation/low quality of digital tools in public administration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Erosion of trust in the democratic process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Increased political polarisation through online platforms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**To what extent do you agree that the following would support Europe’s digital transformation to 2030 and beyond?**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	I do not know / Prefer not to say
* Increased private investment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Reduced administrative burden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Increased public funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Removing existing Single Market barriers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Skills development and education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Better coordination and collaboration between EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Engagement of regional and local authorities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Supportive regulatory frameworks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Can you suggest any other ways to support Europe’s digital transformation?**

Open source instead of vendor lock-in.

**Are there any other major opportunities for, or challenges to, the EU’s digital transformation?**

Opportunities:

- Proactive transparency and FOI-by-API can rebuild trust, enable independent oversight and catalyse innovation from open data reuse.
- OSS-by-default for public software increases security scrutiny, reuse and strategic autonomy through shared components.
- Public-interest access to compute/data empowers research, watchdog work and evidence-based policymaking.

Challenges:

- Vendor lock-in and opaque contracts that block portability, auditing and long-term sustainability.
- Fragmented implementation capacity across Member States and municipalities, leading to uneven service quality and rights protection.
- Rights risks from ADM/AI and recommender systems (bias, opacity, manipulation) without robust FRIA and registries.

## Measurement of Europe's progress towards digital transformation

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### What aspects/trends should be measured to help monitor Europe's progress towards digital transformation?

Proactive transparency & open data/API

Track how many publicly funded digital/AI systems are listed in a public, machine-readable register; how many provide stable, well-documented public APIs; API reliability (uptime/latency); the share published under open licences; and whether algorithmic decision logs are made public.

Rights & accountability

Measure the number and share of DPIAs/FRIAs completed and published; the share of ADM decisions covered by effective appeal/redress mechanisms; audit coverage and findings; detected disparate-impact rates (unequal outcomes across groups) and the time it takes to fix them.

### What new or improved ways could be used to measure Europe's digital progress?

Publish all indicators as open data with shared schemas.

## Participation and governance

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### \* To what extent do regional/local authorities in your Member State participate in digital policies?

- To a very limited extent
- To a limited extent
- To a moderate extent
- To a large extent

- To a very large extent
- I do not know
- Prefer not to say / N/A

**In your opinion, are there any initiatives which could help strengthen the participation of regions and cities in the digital transformation?**

## Impact of the DDPP on Member States

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## Concluding remarks

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**Please provide any further reflections, evidence, or suggestions that you believe are important for shaping Europe’s digital transformation in the years to come – for example, key challenges, opportunities or approaches to measuring progress.**

## Contact

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