

## **“Open Educational Resources for Teaching Digital Citizenship” granted under Erasmus+**

Digital citizenship skills are essential for youth development in the digital era. These are important for interpreting information, expressing oneself through digital media, communicating in the digital world and making informed decisions. Even though digital is almost everywhere, youth organizations are not yet fully prepared to support their youth, especially those with fewer opportunities, in gaining those skills.

In this context, a newly established partnership led by a youth association from Constanta, Romania, decided to move the things forward and proposed an innovative learning environment for teaching and learning digital citizenship skills. The consortium is formed by four organizations:

- ASOCIATIA TEAM 4 EXCELLENCE, Romania (coordinator) <https://team4excellence.ro/>
- SEAL CYPRUS, Cyprus <https://www.sealcyprus.org/>
- ATHENS LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE, Greece <https://athenslifelonglearning.gr/>
- ARBEITSKREIS OSTVIERTEL e.V., Germany <https://www.ostviertel.ms/>

Our project proposal has been evaluated and accepted to be financed by the Romanian National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training. The agency granted our project “DIGCIT - Strategic partnership to develop open educational resources for teaching digital citizenship” with 198.874 Euro.

The kick-off meeting scheduled in Romania, took place online, because of the international crisis caused by COVID-19 outbreak. The Skype meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020 was a good opportunity for the partners to know each other and agree on the main steps for project implementation.

The project aims at promoting digital citizenship through youth work. Thus, we have chosen to develop innovative pedagogies and methods for teaching, learning and assessment that support trainers and learners to use digital technologies in creative, collaborative and efficient ways. We will design a Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) with free educational resources for digital domains essential for today’s digital world:

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| 1. Access and Inclusion           | 6. e-Presence and Communications |
| 2. Learning and Creativity        | 7. Active Participation          |
| 3. Media and Information Literacy | 8. Rights and Responsibilities   |
| 4. Ethics and Empathy             | 9. Privacy and Security          |
| 5. Health and Wellbeing           | 10. Consumer Awareness           |

The multi-disciplinary and complementary partnership, together with more than twenty associate partners will contribute to widely distribute the project results the groups of youth, trainers, teachers, youth workers and youth organizations.

For two years from now, the partner institutions will collaborate for creating attractive learnings materials, organizing pilot courses and informing about the progress of activities through the project web-page <http://www.trainingclub.eu/DIGCIT/>. Here will be updates and details on project implementation phases supported by EU funded programme ERASMUS+.