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# Digitalisation in EU – Features and actualities of Digital Europe Programme

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# Digitalisation and DEP on the EU funding landscape

How digitalisation is prioritised within the European Union’s directly managed funds – how the Digital Europe Programme complements other major EU instruments.

# DIGITAL DECADE 2030 – THE MAIN FOCUS POINTS

1 **DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY**

2 **DIGITAL SKILLS AND EDUCATION**

3 **DIGITAL INFRA-STRUCTURE**

4 **GREEN DIGITAL TRANS-FORMATION**

5 **DIGITAL INNOVATION AND BUSINESS**

6 **DIGITAL SECURITY AND TRUST**

7 **DIGITAL INCLUSION**

# THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME

1. COMPETE GLOBALLY
2. ACHIEVE SCALE
3. CONTROL OVER VALUE CHAINS
4. ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL CHALLENGES
5. TAKE-UP OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
6. SUPPORT SME-S WITH SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

**STRATEGIC AUTONOMY**

# Main features and specific objectives of DEP

What are the topics that determine the DEP's calls for proposals, and which of these can Turkey participate in as an Associated Country?

# DEP IS ORGANIZED AROUND 6 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

2.020 MIO EUR

EuroHPC JU

SO 1 High Performance Computing

SO 2 Cloud, Data and AI

1.664 MIO EUR

EC

1.400 MIO EUR

ECCC

SO 3 Cybersecurity

SO 4 Advanced Digital Skills

507 MIO EUR

EC

1.002 MIO EUR

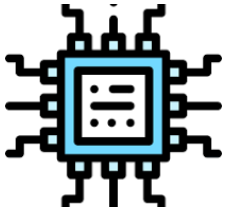
EC

SO 5 Deployment

SO 6 Semi-conductors

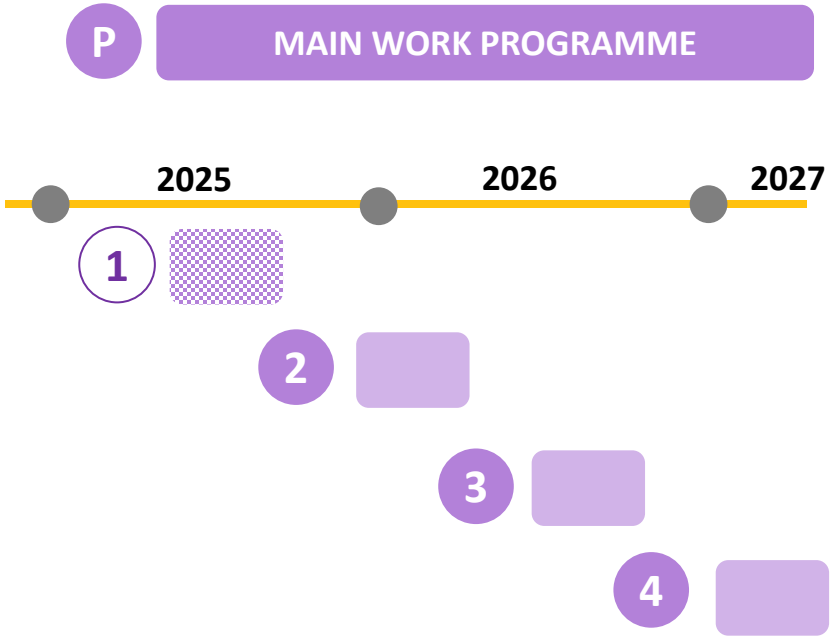
1.575 MIO EUR

CHIPS JU



TOTAL DEP BUDGET 8.168 MIO EUR

# THREE MORE CALL WAVES ARE PLANNED IN THE DEP UNTIL 2027 – THE FIRST ONE TO BE LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER.




## 2 WAVE (25Q4 – 26Q1)

- EDIH
- ELEVATE: Digital Skills academies
- EU Digital ID
- Health topics
- GEN AI for P Admin.

196,9

## 3 WAVE (26Q2-26Q3)

- EDIH
- Re-use of health data
- Health: AI-based imaging
- Digital S&J Platform
- EdTech Accelerator

58,2

## 4 WAVE (26Q4-27Q2)

- Data Space (Skills, Tourism)
- Virtual Human Twins
- GenAI4EU Application
- Digital Skills Academies
- Multi-Country Projects

103,0

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# TURKEY IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN 4 OUT OF THE 6 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES 1/2

## HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

### TARGETS, FOCAL POINTS

- A world leading service and data infrastructure ecosystem
- Competitive supercomputing systems
- Widen the use of the supercomputing infrastructure

### IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

- Destination Earth (Main WP)
- European Master Programme for HPC
- Establishment of AI Factories
- Quantum computers
- HPC Competence Centres

## CLOUD, DATA, AI

### TARGETS, FOCAL POINTS

Data Cloud & AI Let's get solving

- Artificial Intelligence and Digital Twins
- Cloud-to-edge and Data Spaces
- EDIH-s

### IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

- Simpl: open source, smart and secure MW platform
- Data Spaces, Sectorial AI TEF-s
- AI Act, Language Technologies
- AI in health, e.g. European Virtual Twins
- Cloud-to-edge infrastructure and services
- Uptake of genAI in its key strategic sectors and application areas

# TURKEY IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN 4 OUT OF THE 6 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES 2/2

## ADVANCED DIGITAL SKILLS

### TARGETS, FOCAL POINTS

- Excellence in EU edu & training for digital
- Upskilling and reskilling of workforce
- Nr. of ICT specialists/women and young people to digital

### IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

- Digital skills academies and trainings (in collaboration with industry)
- Support to higher education programmes
- Skills competitions, girls/women in Digital, Skills&Jobs Platform

## DEPLOYMENT, INTEROPERABILITY

### TARGETS, FOCAL POINTS

- Digital transformation for SMEs and public administration
- Trans-european, interoperable and trusted infrastructures
- Build confidence in digital transformation

### IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

- European Blockchain Initiative (EBSI)
- Safer Internet Centers
- EDMOs
- Public admin cooperation projects
- eID wallet (focus on business applications)
- Capacity building for digital health services

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# The most important current DEP calls

Among the calls for proposals published in early November, we found several that may be of interest to both countries.

# ELEVATE: EUROPEAN LEAGUE OF ADVANCED DIGITAL SKILLS ACADEMIES

**CALL ID**

DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-09-LEAGUE-OF-ACADEMIES – ELEVATE

**BUDGET (M €)**

7,2

**TYPE**

CSA

100

1

2025.11.04

2026.03.03

link

## OBJECTIVE

- European League of Advanced Digital Skills Academies (ELEVATE)
- that coordinates/scales up national and sectoral initiatives in areas like AI, Cybersecurity, Quantum and Semiconductors.

## DELIVERABLE

- Coordination among EU academies
- EU-wide governance structure
- Quality standards, Quality Seal for ICT training
- Certification framework, mentoring & alumni network
- Market study and repository of training data
- Communication via the Digital Skills & Jobs Platform.

## STAKEHOLDERS, CONSORTIUM

- Universities, training providers, research centres, public bodies, industry partners, NGOs;
- Multi-beneficiary consortium - 3 independent applicants from 3 different eligible countries.

# EUROPEAN ADVANCED DIGITAL SKILLS COMPETITIONS

**CALL ID**

DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-09-COMPETITIONS - DIGITAL-CSA DIGITAL

**BUDGET (M €)**

7,0

**TYPE**

CSA

100

1

2025.11.04

2026.03.03

link

## OBJECTIVE

- catalysts for engaging young European people in cutting edge digital technologies
- support creativity, exposure to project-based research and training, and connect to the wider community of research organisations and industry players

## DELIVERABLE

- 6 challenges (Quantum, GenAI, Chips, VW, Destination Earcth +1)
- Competitions rule book, jury, implementation roadmap
- Implementation and roll-out of the six competitions
- Sustainability plans for the proposed competitions

## STAKEHOLDERS, CONSORTIUM

- higher education institutions, vocational education and training institutions, industry partners, research institutes, public administrations and/or governmental bodies, IT professionals.
- minimum of 3 independent applicants from at least 3 different eligible countries.

# EUROPEAN DIGITAL MEDIA OBSERVATORY (EDMO) HUBS

**CALL ID**

DIGITAL-2026-BESTUSE-TECH-EDMO-09-HUBS

**BUDGET (M €)**

6,0

**TYPE**

SME

% 50/75

8

2025.11.04

2026.03.03

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**OBJECTIVE**

- to maintain and further develop a platform supporting the operations of the EDMO
- deepening the language coverage and operational capacity of fact-checking in Europe

**DELIVERABLE**

- A platform for joint activities to analyse and respond to the phenomenon of disinformation.
- carrying out and coordinating various activities in this field, including investigations, targeted research, monitoring as well as media literacy and communication

**STAKEHOLDERS, CONSORTIUM**

- European fact-checkers, preferably recognised by reputable fact-checking networks (EFCNS or IFCN)
- Media practitioners, media literacy specialists, experts and researchers, online content creators, data scientist, as well as a communication specialist
- Min 2 independent applicants

# APPLY AI: GENAI FOR THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS

**CALL ID**

DIGITAL-2026-AI-09-GENAI-PA

**BUDGET (M €)**

1.8

**TYPE**

CSA

100

1

2025.11.04

2026.03.03

link

## OBJECTIVE

- coordinate and support the pilot projects delivering GenAI solutions fully integrated into the operational workflows and IT systems of participating public administrations.

## DELIVERABLE

- Knowledge sharing, capacity building, creation of replication toolkits and benchmarks, helpdesk support, matchmaking between startups and administrations
- Starter kits, repositories of replicability assessments, technical benchmarks, helpdesk, annual reports.

## STAKEHOLDERS, CONSORTIUM

- Higher education institutions, research and technology organisations, civil-society organisations, non-governmental organisations, and other interested stakeholders.
- minimum 3 independent applicants from 3 different eligible countries

# VIRTUAL WORLDS TEST BEDS

**CALL ID**

DIGITAL-2026-AI-09-VIRTUAL-TESTBEDS-STEP

**TYPE**

SG

50

2

2025.11.04

2026.03.03

link

**BUDGET (M €)**

**OBJECTIVE**

- support testing, experimentation and integration of Virtual Worlds, immersive and extended reality technologies in specific sectors, targeting both industrial and societal applications

**DELIVERABLE**

- Operational testbeds, demonstrators, long-term sustainability plan, catalogues of facilities and services, validated TRL-8 solutions.
- one for industrial applications (such as manufacturing, construction or industrial design)
- one for societal applications (such as education and training, cultural heritage and other cultural experiences, public administration or healthcare)

**STAKEHOLDERS, CONSORTIUM**

- public or private entities, technology providers and users, NRENs, industrial associations, etc
- 4/3 - min 1 research organisation (university/RTO), min 1 private company from the targeted sector

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# Thank you for your attention!

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