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# Welcome to the DIRECT Project's First Newsletter!

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## **DIRECT: A New European Initiative Empowering Digital Responsibility**

**Digital Responsibility EduCation and Training (DIRECT)** is a three-year Erasmus+ project that brings together 8 partner organisations from across Europe to promote ethical, inclusive, and sustainable use of digital technologies. In an era where digital tools shape how we live, work, and learn, DIRECT addresses the urgent need to build digital responsibility competences among both learners and educators.

To achieve its mission, the project will raise awareness of the societal and environmental impacts of digitalization, while empowering learners to think critically and act ethically in an increasingly digital world. DIRECT will equip educators with innovative tools to embed digital responsibility into their teaching, while ensuring that skills development remains aligned with future labour market demands and wider societal priorities.



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# Results

## Shaping the Future of Digital Responsibility: Our Core Outputs

To foster digital responsibility across Europe, in the upcoming months, the DIRECT project will develop a comprehensive set of tools and resources designed to empower both learners and educators, including:

- 1. Digital Responsibility Competence Framework:** A structured guide grounded in real-world ethical dilemmas, offering clarity on principles and best practices in digital responsibility.
- 2. Innovative Learning Pathways and Curricula:** Open, multilingual training modules, aligned with specific learning goals and supported by peer, automated, and human-reviewed assessments.
- 3. Smart Skills Analytics Engine:** A personalized tool that collects and analyzes data to identify individual skill gaps and recommends tailored learning modules.
- 4. Interactive Learning Platform:** An inclusive online environment, enabling flexible and engaging digital responsibility education.





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## DIRECT Project Launches with Successful Kick-Off Meeting in Thessaloniki

The DIRECT project officially launched with a productive kick-off meeting held on 19-20 May 2025 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The meeting marked the beginning of a collaborative journey to promote ethical, inclusive, and responsible digital education across Europe.

The meeting was hosted by the project coordinator, **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, and brought together representatives from all 8 partner organisations. The agenda focused on aligning visions, planning activities, and laying the groundwork for building digital responsibility competences through innovative learning pathways, smart skills analytics, and inclusive educational tools.





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## Meet the Project Partners

The DIRECT project brings together a diverse consortium of universities, VET providers, SMEs, and innovation experts from across Europe to promote digital responsibility through education and training. The partnership consists of 8 organisations from 6 countries - Greece, Switzerland, Spain, Slovenia, Bulgaria and the Netherlands - united by a shared commitment to fostering ethical, inclusive, and sustainable digital transformation.



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