

Digital4All Newsletter: Reflecting on a year of progress

and what's next



Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Digital4All newsletter! In this issue, we're excited to share key achievements from the project's first year and give you a glimpse of what's coming next.

Let's start with some highlights from 2024:

- ✓ Kick-Off Meeting in Nicosia: On February 13–14, Digital4All project partners met in Nicosia, Cyprus, to launch this exciting initiative.
- ✓ Desk and Field Research 200 stakeholders reached via surveys + 36 participants across focus groups organised by all partners
- Transnational Report
- Digital4All Toolkit
- Toolkit Piloting
- Development of an Upcoming Training Course
- 10 monthly online meetings

We encourage you to visit <u>our website</u> to learn more about the project and connect with us on <u>LinkedIn</u> for updates.

Happy reading!

Equity and Digital Inclusion in Higher Education:Insights from the Digital4All Project



Since the 1980s, technology has steadily integrated into education, but the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 revolutionised the landscape, making digital technologies essential for teaching and learning. However, this shift has **highlighted significant inequalities**.

To address these challenges, the Digital4All project brings together six partners from Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, and Ireland. Together, we've published a Transnational Report that explores equity and digital inclusion in higher education. **Here's a closer look at the key themes and insights from this report:**

- · Analysis of desk research, surveys, and focus groups
- Challenges in achieving digital inclusion
- Main needs and opportunities for improvement
- · National policies across partner countries
- · A collection of best practices

Read the full Transnational Report on the project website.

Full Report

→ Presenting the Digital4All Toolkit: Designing Inclusive Digital Learning



According to the European Association for International Education, universities need effective guidelines to support disadvantaged learners. The **Digital4All Toolkit** was developed to meet this need by offering practical strategies to create inclusive digital learning environments.

What is the Digital4All Toolkit?

The Toolkit provides resources that guide teaching professionals to reflect on the extent of equity and inclusion in their HEIs. It also presents concrete ideas, actions, and tools for systematically addressing issues and barriers of equity. Academics, learning designers, and teaching staff can find inspiration in enhancing inclusive digital learning for all.

Key Sections:

- SELFIE Checklist for Higher Education Practitioners Reflect on the equity of your digital learning environments and identify gaps.
- 2. **Step-by-Step Guide on Digital Inclusion** A practical guide for systematically addressing equity challenges.
- 3. 25 Best Practices Examples of inclusion in digital teaching and learning.

Read the full Toolkit on the project website.

Toolkit

What's next? Digital4All Training course!

The next exciting step in the Digital4All project is the development of a **training course** for higher education faculty and staff.

The training course will offer with hands-on opportunities to adopt Universal Design strategies and practices that facilitate all university students' participation in digital learning, using a Universal Design Framework.

Specifically, they will learn how to adopt strategies across the whole spectrum of digital education: in terms of organization, teaching, learning, assessment, support, monitoring, evaluation of programmes, technology use and adaptations, collaboration and networking, and their own continuous professional development.

Meet our partners!













Our project consortium consists of six organisations including universities and NGOs from Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, and Ireland.

Read more about our partners

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