



## EU4Digital

### **EU4Digital: supporting digital economy and society in the Eastern Partnership**

PROJECT DURATION: 2019-2022

BUDGET: €11 million

PROJECT WEBSITE: <http://www.eufordigital.eu>

#### Brief Description

The programme aims to extend the benefits of the European Union's Digital Single Market to the Eastern Partner states, supporting them in reducing roaming tariffs, developing high-speed broadband to boost economies and expand e-services, harmonising digital frameworks across society in areas ranging from logistics to health, building cyber security, developing skills, and creating more jobs in the digital industry.



#### Objectives

The overall objective of the programme is to eliminate existing obstacles and barriers for pan-European online services for citizens, public administrations and businesses, including through the harmonisation of the digital environments among the EaP partner countries and with the EU.

#### Actions in brief

The programme focuses its support across six key policy areas:

#### **Telecom rules**

The programme supports efforts to achieve a **common roaming space** among EaP countries by 2020, to strengthen the independence of **National Regulatory Authorities**, and to develop coordinated strategies for **frequency distribution**. Activities include to:

- Develop and implement a common approach to roaming pricing in the EaP region;
- Strengthen the organisational and financial independence of National Regulatory Authorities for electronic communications;
- Support a coordinated approach for freeing 700 MHz in the 6 EaP partner countries.

## **Trust & Security**

EU4Digital supports the development of **trust services** in the digital economy, and **cyber-security** for improved resilience of critical infrastructure, as essential building blocks for interoperable **cross-border eServices** in the Eastern Partnership region. Activities include to:

- Develop and implement a regional roadmap and national action plans for the mutual recognition of electronic identification in the EaP region;
- Pilot an interoperable cross-border eSignature in the region;
- Develop a regional framework for cross-border eServices
- Develop a standard set of cyber-security guidelines for the EaP region.

## **eTrade**

The programme supports **trade facilitation and harmonisation** among Eastern Partner countries and with the EU, by promoting common frameworks for **eCommerce**, **eCustoms** and **eLogistics**, and working towards **Digital Transport Corridors**. Activities include to:

- Pilot cross-border eTrade components among EaP partner countries and with EU member states;
- Promote networking between eTrade stakeholders in the region;
- Pilot cross-border eCommerce enablers among EaP partner countries and with the EU;
- Pilot mechanisms for information exchange between cross-border customs offices;
- Work towards a pilot for a Digital Multi-modal (maritime and land) Transport Corridor between the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea.

## **ICT innovation**

EU4Digital supports reforms and actions to favour the **development of ICT research, start-ups & innovation ecosystems** across the Eastern Partnership region, drawing from EU experience and best practices. Activities include to:

- Support the establishment of a common legislative framework on ICT innovation in the EaP;
- Develop a common training package aimed at policy makers, ICT organisations and businesses;
- Promote networking of innovation ecosystem players;
- Extend Start-up Europe networks and platforms to include all 6 partner countries;
- Implement promotion campaigns.

## eHealth

The programme supports the development of **harmonised national frameworks** for **eHealth**, both among EaP partner countries and with the EU. Activities include to:

- Develop eHealth harmonisation guidelines and standards for the EaP region;
- Establish a cross-border eHealth platform in the EaP region;
- Involve the region in relevant EU projects, programmes and initiatives.

## eSkills

EU4Digital supports the implementation of **digital skills strategies** in the Eastern Partnership countries, acting to establish **national coalitions for digital jobs** and a **competence framework** for small businesses. Activities include to:

- Define a methodology for measuring and forecasting national digital skills gaps;
- Define a common competence framework for SMEs and microbusinesses;
- Create national coalitions for skills and jobs;
- Carry out training seminars and workshops;
- Implement promotion campaigns in partner countries.

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