

TAKING STOCK OF PROGRESS AGAINST THE EU DIGITAL DECADE TARGETS

The EU Digital Decade Policy Programme, adopted in 2021, contains a set of targets, pivotal to the digital transformation of the European Union by 2030. We look at some of these indicators to illustrate how far the target has been achieved. All figures below display the % of target achieved.

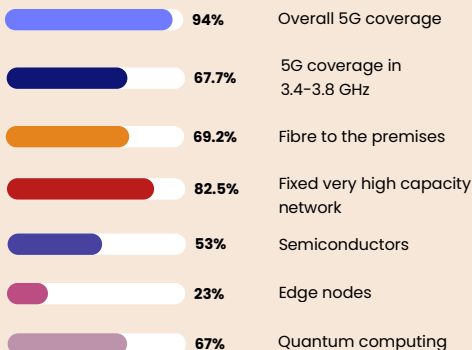
DIGITAL SKILLS



As part of the Digital Decade, the EU wants to equip at least 80% of its citizens with basic digital skills – and reach the target of 20 million ICT specialists by 2030. Progress remains insufficient. The EU is halfway toward reaching its 2030 target of having 20 million ICT specialists in employment, and in 2023, just 55.6% of adults had at least basic digital skills. Based on this trend, the EU is expected to reach a level of just under 60% by 2030

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The progress bars below highlight progress (in %) in the digital infrastructure area of the Digital Decade targets for 2030. For overall 5G coverage, 5G coverage in 3.4 – 3.8 GHz, fibre to the premises and fixed very high capacity networks, the 2030 targets stand at 100%. For semiconductors, the target is 20% of global production value. By 2030, Europe also wants to have 10,000 edge nodes and 3 quantum computers.



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF BUSINESSES

Achieving a basic level of digital intensity among more than 90% of EU SMEs is a key target of the EU's Digital Decade strategy. As of 2024, 72.9% of SMEs had reached at least a basic level of digital intensity, up from 69.0% in 2022—a modest 2.8% annual growth. This is insufficient to reach the 2030 target before 2045, with only 67.9% of SMEs expected to meet the target by 2030. Progress against other indicators is evident, but uneven across the EU Member States.

