Call for Expression of Interest

Join the DSJP Cloud & Data Squad: Advancing Digital Skills Across Europe

Are you working on innovative projects in cloud computing and data? The Digital Skills and Jobs Platform (DSJP) is launching the **2026 Cloud & Data Squad** and invites **DEP-funded projects** in active implementation to participate.

The Squad will collaborate online from **February to September 2026**, producing practical outputs to share with the DSJP community of over **16,000 stakeholders** and European Commission experts. This initiative will strengthen Europe's cloud and data ecosystems while showcasing DEP project contributions to digital skills development.

Driving Impact Through Collective Expertise

Squad members will work together to produce a **single, high-impact output** reflecting the shared expertise of the group. Under the guidance of a Squad leader, members will collaborate on tasks over six months. Outputs will be practical, accessible, and designed to advance digital skills in cloud computing and data, and may include:

- ► Implementation toolkits
- ► Practitioner playbooks
- ► Blended learning packages
- ► Policy–practice bridge documents

The Squad will also consider EU-level priorities such as the **Common European Data Spaces** and the proposed **Cloud and AI Development Act**, ensuring outputs are aligned with ongoing policy initiatives. Members should expect to commit **1–2 hours per week**, including monthly online meetings.

By participating, you will bring your unique project experience to an international setting, contribute to practical resources for peers, and enhance the visibility and impact of your work.

DSJP Squad Assessment: Building on Past Success

The Squad Assessment is now in its **third year**, building on the outputs of previous editions:

- ► **2024:** A [vision paper](#) on digital skills for non-ICT professions, providing strategic guidance for workforce readiness.

- ► **2025:** A [playbook on cybersecurity and awareness](#) for micro-SMEs, offering actionable guidance for small businesses.

For 2026, the focus shifts to **cloud computing and data**, enabling participants to tackle topics such as governance, interoperability, regulatory compliance, trust, skills readiness, and sustainability. The specific focus will be co-defined with participants to ensure relevance and direct applicability to ongoing DEP projects.

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How to Take Part

If your DEP-funded project is actively implementing solutions in cloud, data, or related areas, we encourage you to express your interest in joining the 2026 Cloud & Data Squad by. This is an opportunity to collaborate with like-minded experts and co-create practical outputs that will benefit the broader European digital skills ecosystem.

To apply, submit your application (here) by 10 February 2026, 23:59 CET. Applicants will be notified one week after the deadline. For any questions, contact us in communications@digitalskillsjobs.eu.

Together, let's shape Europe's cloud and data skills landscape. **Join the DSJP Cloud & Data Squad today!**