



# European Digital Skills Awards 2026

Meet the finalists!



# Digital Skills & Jobs Platform

THE HOME OF DIGITAL SKILLS IN EUROPE

**Central Hub for all stakeholders  
interested in Digital Skills**



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**High quality content:** European and national initiatives, good practices, pledges, training and funding opportunities, learning space, events, Academies, and many more...



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# Greetings from the **European Commission**

➤➤ Ioannis Gaviotis  
Policy Officer  
European Commission

# Objectives

- **Showcase the best projects, stories, and initiatives** from across Europe
- **Highlight and reward achievements and innovation** in Digital Skills from Europe
- **Collect new good practices and projects** to present in the Digital Skills and Jobs Platform

# Previous editions



2016 & 2017 & 2018

Some of the projects are still running and continue to produce an impact, empowering Europeans of all ages and walks of life to acquire digital skills.



2023 & 2024 & 2025

The Digital Skills and Jobs Platform is running the awards, always in collaboration with the European Commission and the National Coalitions for Skills and Jobs all around Europe.



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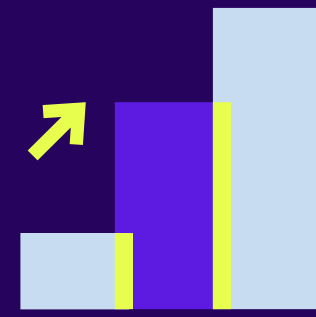


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# 220 applications



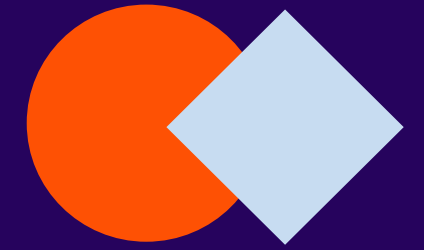
Digital Upskilling  
@Work

**32**



Digital Skills for  
Education

**90**



Inclusion in the  
Digital World

**64**



Women in  
ICT Careers

**21**



Cybersecurity  
Skills

**13**

# Top 3 applicant countries



**39 applicants**

from Spain



**31 applicants**

from Greece



**27 applicants**

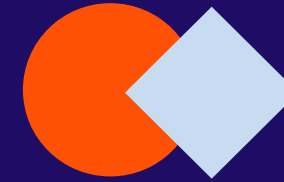
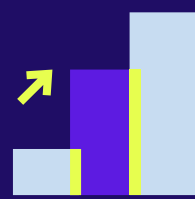
from Italy

# Get to know the Jury of EDSA26!



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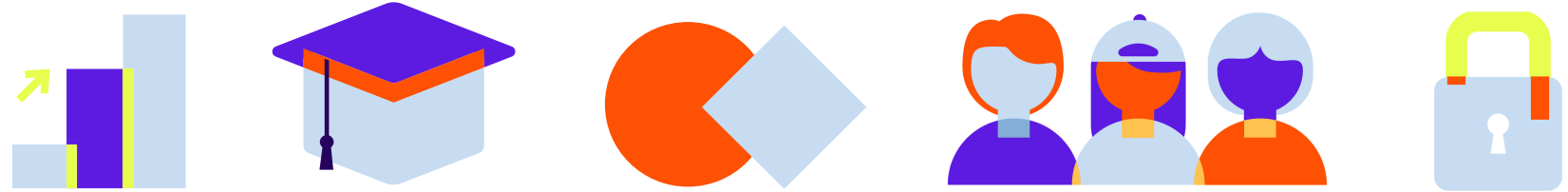




# Katharina Kunze

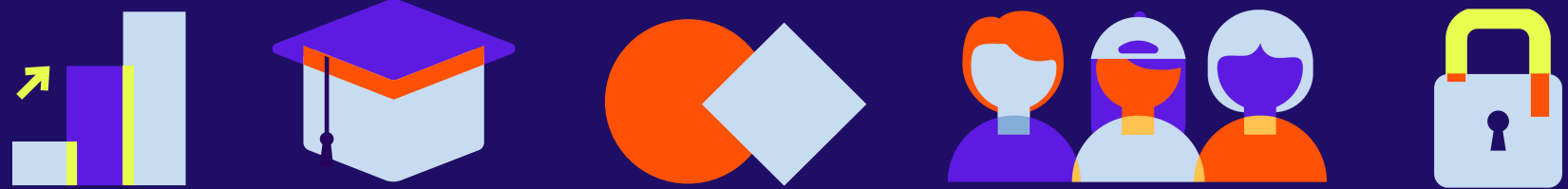
➤➤ Project Manager Deutschland  
sicher im Netz e.V. (DsiN)  
#EDSA25 Winner





# Kotryna Jankūnaitė

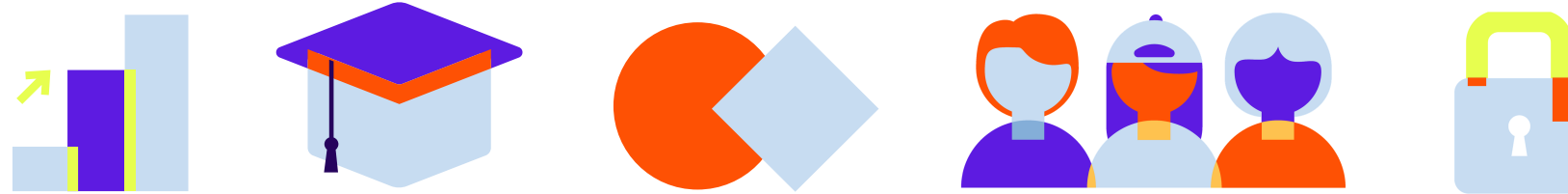
➤➤ Head of Product at  
CodeAcademy



# Mónica Canário

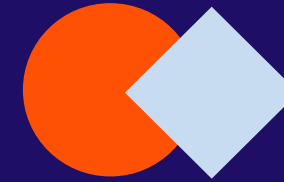
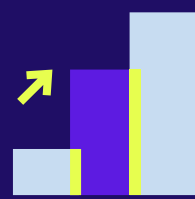
- Project Coordinator at the Portuguese Association for Diversity and Inclusion (APPDI)  
#EDSA25 winner





# Stefano Kluzer

- Senior expert at All Digital, Moderator of the DigComp community of practice (CoP)



# Thomas Layer- Wagner

➤➤ CEO and Founder of Polycular  
#EDSA25 winner



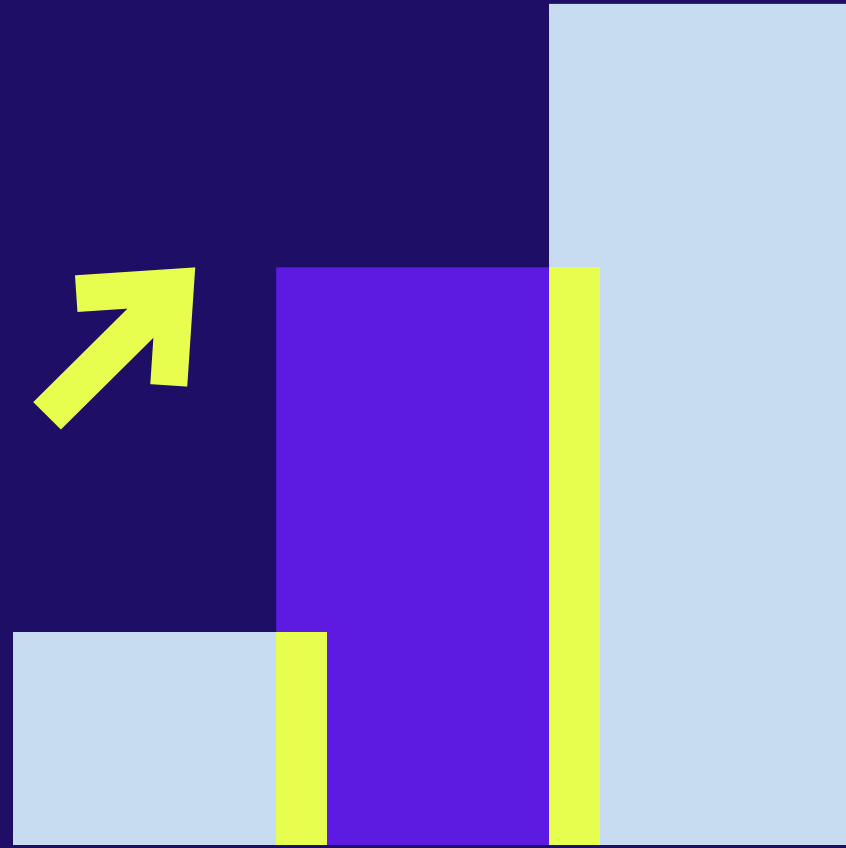


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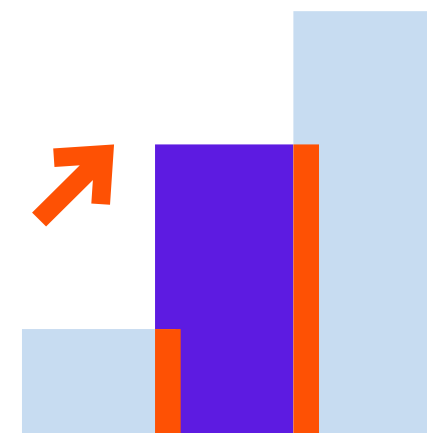
The finalists  
for the 2026  
edition are...



# Digital Upskilling @Work

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Digital Upskilling @Work **FINALIST**



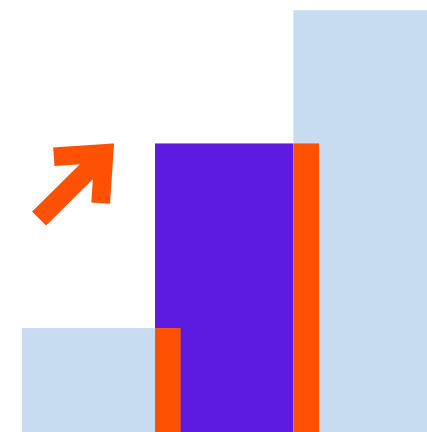
# Training programme for civil servants on digital skills



**ÎNVĂȚĂM AZI  
DEZVOLTĂM MÂINE**  
COMPETENȚE ÎN PAS CU DIGITALIZAREA

- Agenția Națională a Funcționarilor Publici  
Romania

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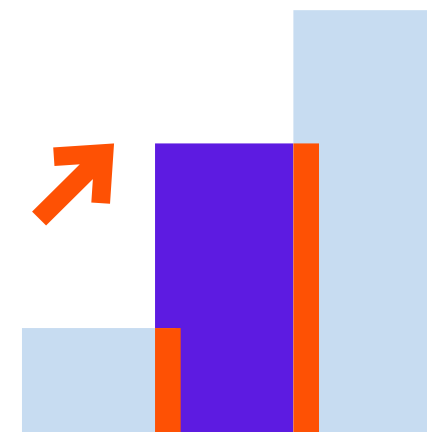


# Consortium FAIRmat

- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
Germany (primary), with collaborations  
across Europe and beyond



Digital Upskilling @Work **FINALIST**



# Portugal Tech Week

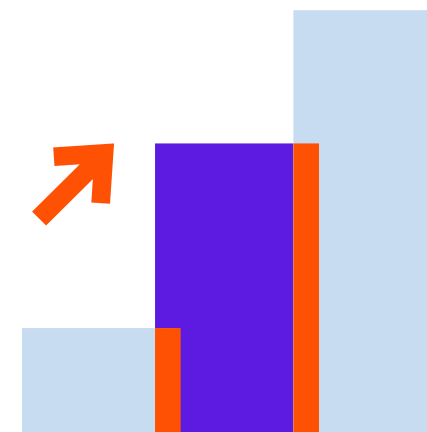
➤➤ 351 Associação Portuguesa de Startups  
Portugal



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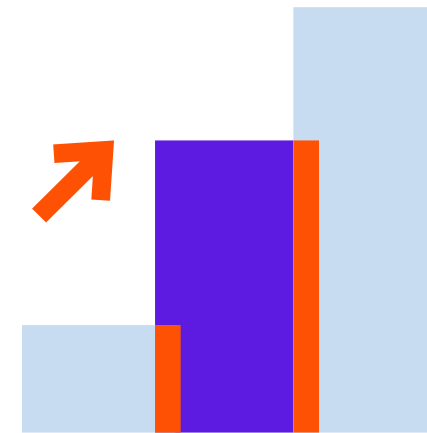


# SectorAI Upskilling

➤➤ Code for All, S.A  
Portugal



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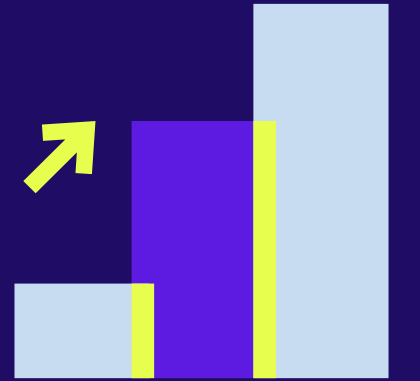


# Slovak Association of Digital HR

➤➤ Slovakia, Czech, Austria and Dubai



# Digital Upskilling @Work Finalists



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for civil servants on  
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Națională a  
Funcționarilor Publici

➤➤ Consortium FAIRmat  
Humboldt-Universität  
zu Berlin

➤➤ Portugal Tech Week  
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Portuguesa de Startups

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# Digital Skills for Education

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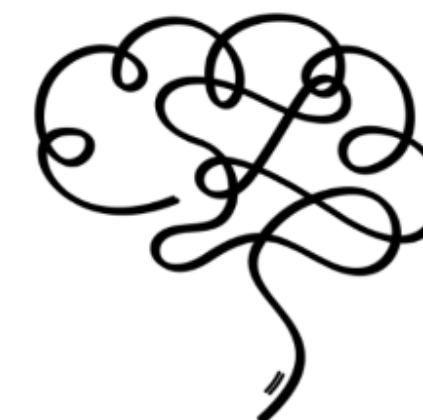
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# BrAIIn

## Application of Artificial Intelligence-Based Digital Technologies in Education

- CARNET - Hrvatska akademska i istraživačka mreža  
Croatia



**brain.**



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# An Essential Digital Competency: AI Literacy

- Colegio San Buenaventura  
Spain, Türkiye, Italy and Germany



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# Generation AI

➤➤ University of Eastern Finland  
Finland



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# Girls Go STEM

➤➤ EIT RawMaterials  
38 countries



Community  
Girls Go STEM



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# Golinelli LIVE - Live Virtual Experience



➤➤ G-lab S.r.l. Impresa sociale  
Italy

# Digital Skills for Education Finalists



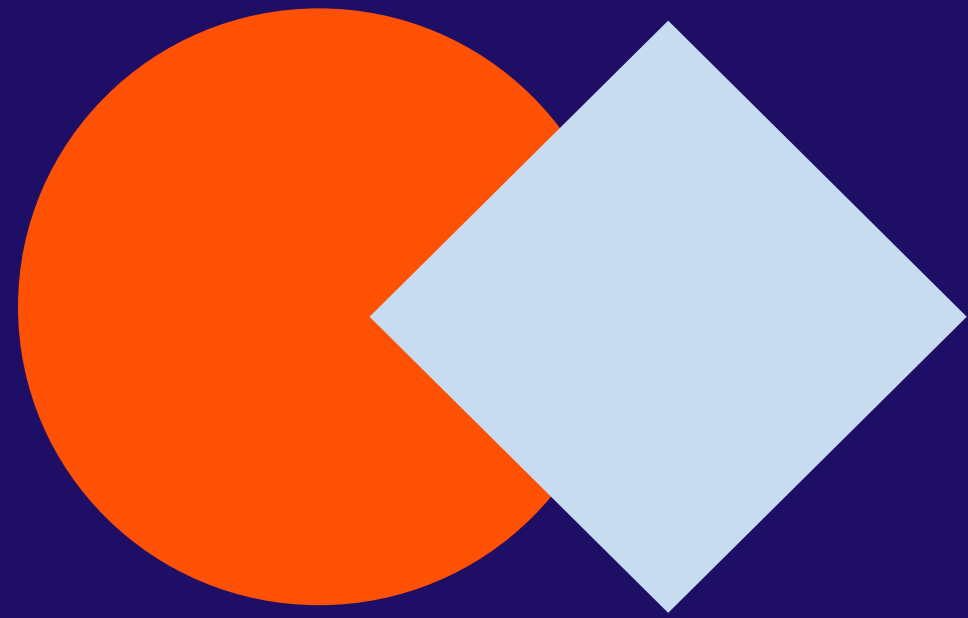
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University of Eastern  
Finland

➤➤ **Girls Go STEM**  
EIT RawMaterials

➤➤ **Golinelli LiVE – Live  
Virtual Experience**  
G-lab S.r.l. Impresa  
sociale



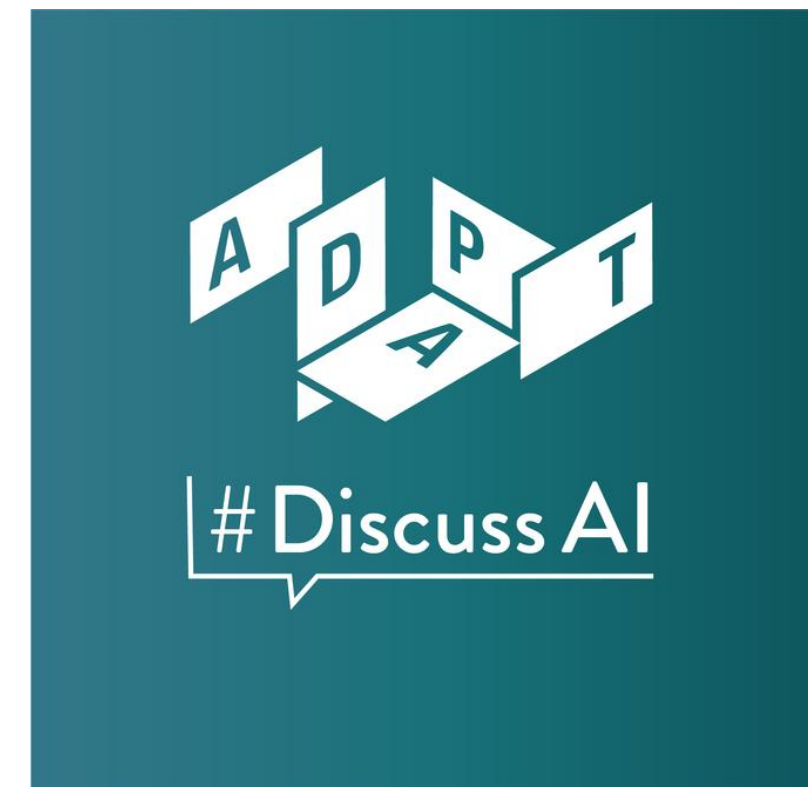
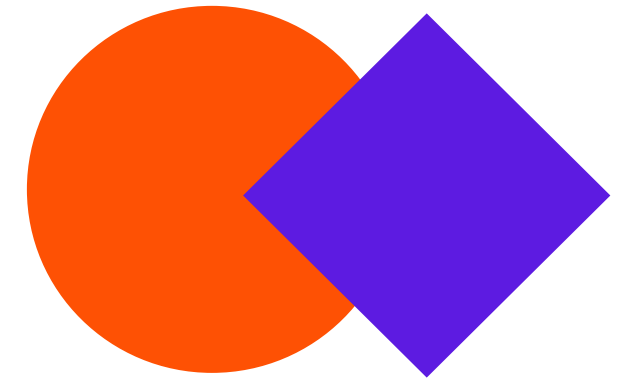
# Inclusion in the Digital World

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# #DiscussAI

➤➤ ADAPT Research Centre  
Ireland

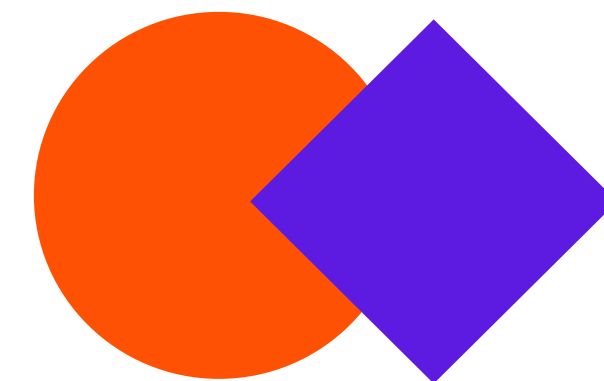


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# AppLI

## Italy's Personal Assistant for Employment Golinelli

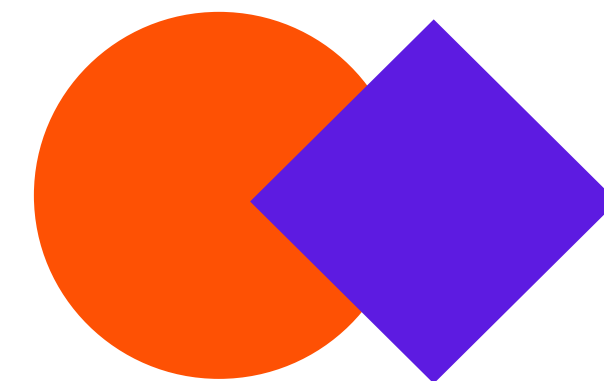
- Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali  
Italy



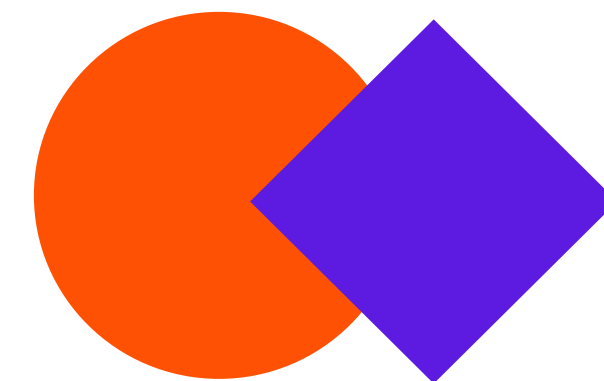
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# My Digital Bank: Easy and Safe

➤➤ Asociación Somos Digital  
Spain



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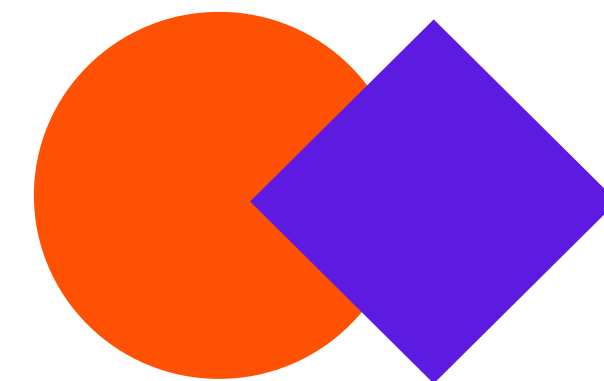
# Scratch Tactile

tangible and inclusive  
programming for a barrier-free  
digital education



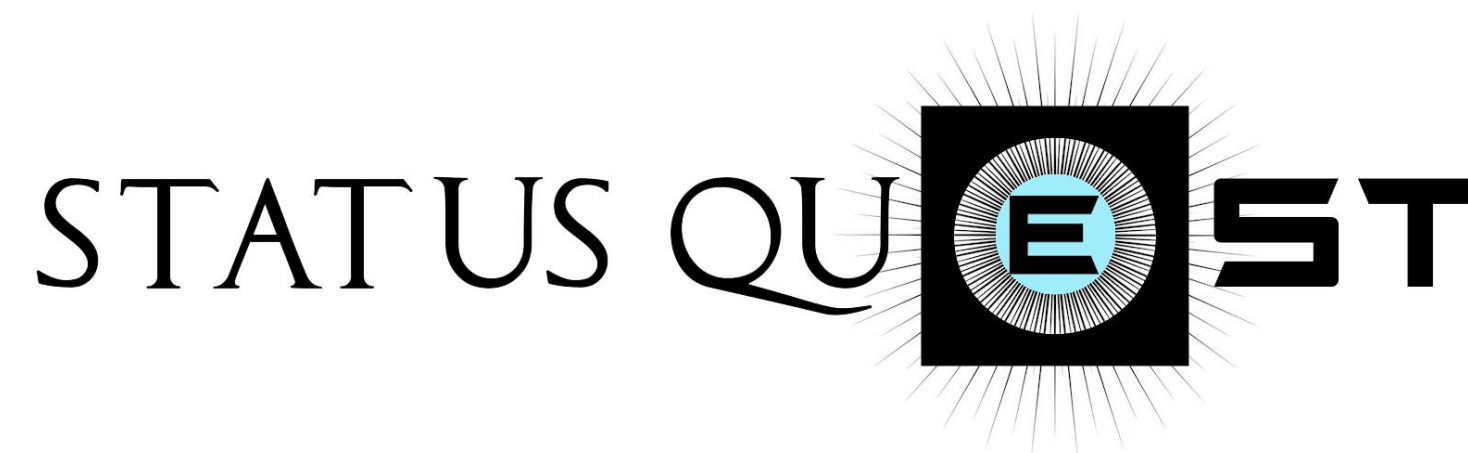
- Sistema THEAD sccl  
Spain (with international uptake by educators in 70+ countries)

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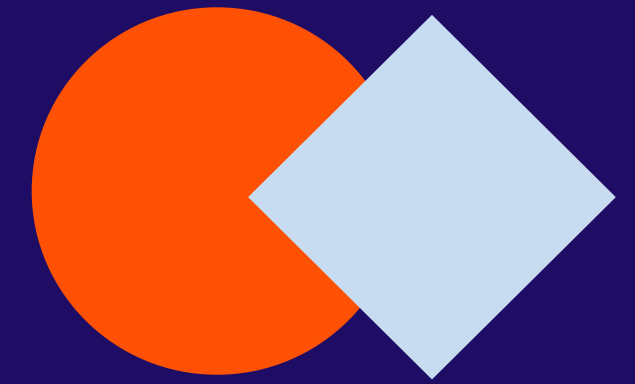


# STATUS QUEST

➤➤ **Fondazione M-Cube**  
Italy, Germany



# Inclusion in the Digital World **Finalists**



➤➤ **#DiscussAI**  
ADAPT Research  
Centre

➤➤ **AppLI: Italy's Personal  
Assistant for  
Employment**  
Ministero del Lavoro e  
delle Politiche Sociali

➤➤ **My Digital Bank:  
Easy and Safe**  
Asociación Somos Digital

➤➤ **Scratch Tactile**  
Sistema THEAD sccl

➤➤ **STATUS QUEST**  
Fondazione M-Cube



# Women in ICT Careers

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Women in ICT Careers **FINALIST**



# THRIVE

## Upskilling for Women

- Kiron Open Higher Education gGmbH  
Germany, Switzerland, Austria



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# Girls in STEAM Academy

➤➤ Be an Ally Foundation  
Cyprus



Women in ICT Careers **FINALIST**



## Program for the elimination of the digital gender gap **#GirlsSTEAM**

➤➤ Federación Mujeres Jóvenes  
Spain



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# STEM4Girls UC3M

➤➤ Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
Spain



**STEM**  
**4Girls**  
**uc3m**

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# Technovation Girls Portugal

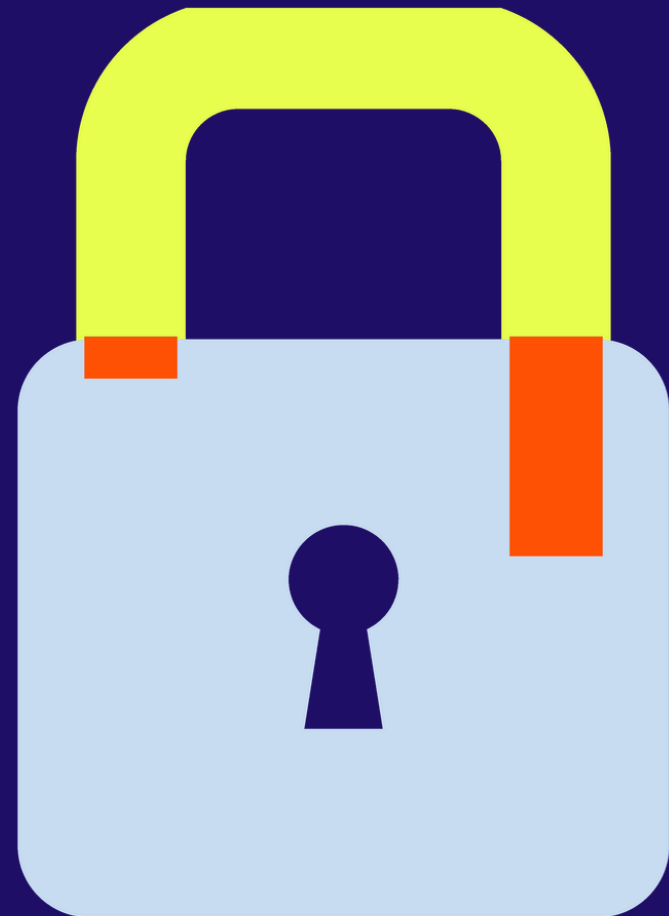
➤➤ Associação EDruptiva  
Portugal

 **TECHNOVATION**  
Girls Portugal

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- **STEM4Girls UC3M**  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- **Technovation Girls Portugal**  
Associação EDruptiva



# Cybersecurity Skills

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# Command ALERT

- CWU Campus  
Spain, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica,  
Honduras and Peru



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# Cyber Citizen

➤➤ Aalto-yliopisto  
Europe



**CYBER  
CITIZEN**

Cybersecurity Skills **FINALIST**



# HackShield Future Cyber Heroes



- HackShield  
Netherlands, Sweden, Brazil, Curacao,  
Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, France

Cybersecurity Skills **FINALIST**

# KiberACS - Academy of Cybersecurity

➤➤ Rīgas Tehniskā universitāte  
Latvia



Cybersecurity Skills **FINALIST**



# NERO

AdvaNced cybErsecurity  
awaReness ecOsysteM for SMEs

➤➤ TRUSTILIO BV

Netherlands, Cyprus, Sweden, Greece,  
France, Italy, Portugal, Belgium, Germany



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# Cybersecurity Skills Finalists



➤➤ Command ALERT  
CWU Campus

➤➤ Cyber Citizen  
Aalto-yliopisto

➤➤ HackShield Future  
Cyber Heroes  
HackShield

➤➤ KiberACS - Academy of  
Cybersecurity  
Rīgas Tehniskā  
universitāte

➤➤ NERO  
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# Want to discover the winners?

You'll have to wait until

30 June 2026!

# Thank you!

