

#digitallyfit with fit4internet

Empowering digital competence across Europe

Digital transformation is advancing rapidly—driven by technological developments such as generative AI—and it affects not only companies and individuals but entire societies, institutions, and states. To actively shape this change, digital skills are essential at every level. Since 2018, the initiative fit4internet has been addressing exactly this: with the best-practice solution “Digital (up)SKILL(ing) with DigComp,” the initiative leverages the European Commission’s Digital Competence Framework (DigComp) to systematically assess, qualify, and certify digital skills—for people of all ages, regardless of profession or background. This method provides a standardized foundation that ensures comparability across Europe, facilitates labor mobility, and supports both national and international partners in developing strategies, accompanying analyses, governance models, and training programs. In doing so, fit4internet not only promotes inclusion, equal opportunities, and transparency but also strengthens the innovation capacity and competitiveness of Austria and Europe in the digital age.

How it works

fit4internet uses the EU Digital Competence Framework (DigComp), adapted in Austria as DigComp AT, to standardize, assess, and certify digital skills. Over 30 CHECKs & QUIZes capture individual abilities and link them to tailored training programs. Complementing this are the EU-recognized certificates Dig-CERT and DigComp-CERT. fit4internet connects certified trainers with learners, for example through ETC and WIFI Vienna, and plays a central role in Austria’s digital strategy and the “Alliance for Digital Competences and Jobs” (ADSB). Over 200,000 people have used the tools, and more than 50,000 have received training. Initiatives like “Kaffee digital” and the “Smartphone Driver’s License” promote digital participation. Experts are also working on DigComp 3.0 and its rollout in other EU countries, most recently in Romania for the World Bank.

The Big Picture

Digitalization drives growth in business, institutions, and society. Digital skills ensure competitiveness, strengthen the location, and enable participation, for example through digital government services, online banking, or staying in touch with family and friends. fit4internet addresses the skills gap with standards, competency profiles, training programs, and EU-compliant certifications. Since 2018, ministries, educational institutions, companies, and individuals have benefited from its expertise in governance, DigComp analyses, and training programs. Public institutions receive support in implementing digital education measures, companies assess competencies and develop further training, and individuals use CHECKs, QUIZes, and Dig-CERTs as proof of skills. Educational providers align their programs with EU standards – a key lever for digital inclusion, workforce mobility, and location attractiveness.

Quick Facts

- Solution area: **Organisations, Processes, Quality assurance and certification, Social participation and engagement**
- Administrative level: **Municipality, District, State, Federation**
- Solution process: **Digitization and technology, Employment and education, Integration, inclusion, diversity, Science and research**
- Technology: **Artificial Intelligence, Automation and robotics, Blockchain (incl. NFT), Information technology, Internet of Things, Platform technology**