

Research on the Impact of the Digital Transformation Priority in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programmes

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Digital Transformation Priority: Does it make a difference?

The Digital Transformation Priority is generating positive impacts across Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects.

- Based on 2,582 Erasmus+ KA1 and KA2 and ESC projects
- Positive impacts reported across four key areas
- Effects are visible across all sectors and programme actions



Digital Transformation is not only about technology— it is about changing organisations and practices.

2 Digital skills are improving

Projects are strengthening the digital competences of both learners and staff.



Most respondents reported Moderate to High impact

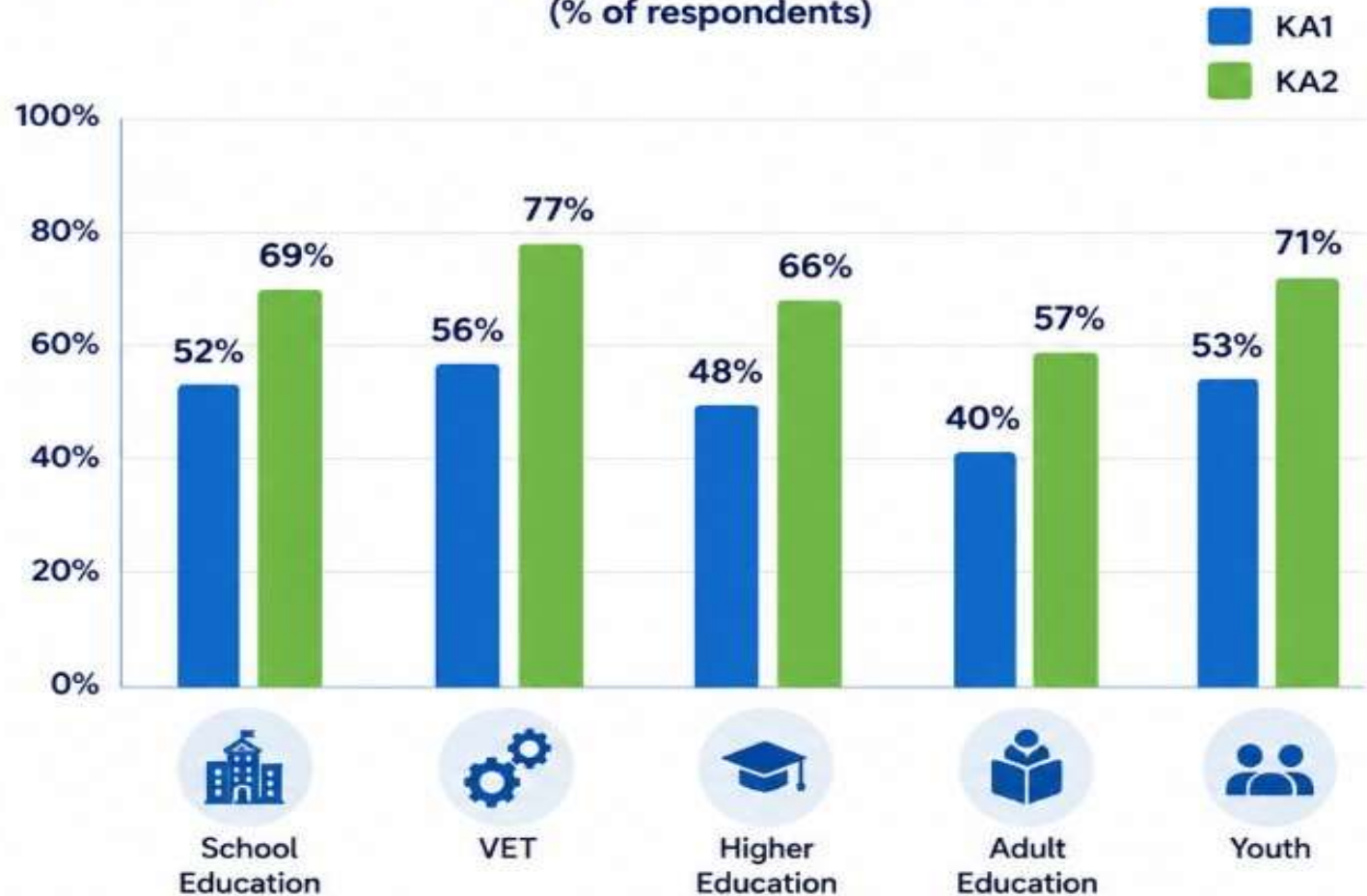


Strongest results in School Education, VET and Youth



KA2 projects generally show stronger impacts than KA1

High or Very High Impact on Learners' Digital Skills
(% of respondents)



77% of VET KA2 projects reported High or Very High impact on learners' digital skills.



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Innovation is happening through new practices

Digital Transformation is driving innovation in how organisations work and learn.

Most common innovations



New working methods

New ways of collaborating and organising work.



New pedagogical practices

New approaches to teaching, training and youth work.



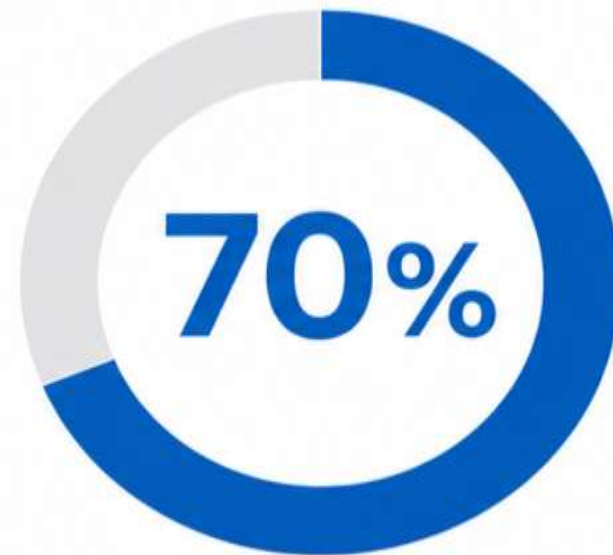
Updated curricula and learning pathways

Modernised content and personalised learning.



New products and services

Digital solutions, tools and support services.
(less frequently)



Over 70% reported that projects triggered innovation in their organisation.



KA2 projects are more strongly associated with innovation than KA1 projects.



The strongest innovation effects are not technological— they are pedagogical and organisational.

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Digital transformation boosts organisational capacity

Projects strengthen organisations' digital readiness and capacity.



Over 50% of respondents reported high or very high impact on their organisation's digital readiness and capacity.

How does lasting change emerge?



People

Building digital skills



Practices

New ways of working and teaching



Organisation

Stronger capacity and digital readiness



Potential for wider change

Creating conditions for broader and systemic impact



Projects most often create lasting impact through new practices, processes, plans, strategies and integrating them to everyday work.

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The strongest result: impact continues after the project

Digital development does not stop when funding ends.



75–80%

of organisations reported that digital development **continued** after project completion.

How does it continue?



Integrated into day-to-day operations

Digital approaches become part of everyday work.



Through new Erasmus+ projects

Experience and results lead to new project ideas and applications.



Through networks and partnerships

Sharing and collaboration sustain and spread digital development.



Through additional funding

Other funding supports further development.



The priority appears to create **sustainable change** rather than short-term project effects.



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Impact of the Digital Transformation Priority in European Solidarity Corps

ESC projects show positive impacts across skills, innovation, organisational capacity and sustainability.



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responses from ESC volunteering projects

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



Developing digital skills

- ESC projects support volunteers' and staff's digital competences.
- Most respondents report moderate to high impact.
- Confidence in using digital tools and online collaboration increases.



Driving innovation in youth work

- Projects introduce new digital methods and activities.
- Digital tools help to engage and include young people.
- Innovation is visible in both day-to-day work and project activities.



Strengthening organisations

- Projects enhance organisations' digital readiness and capacity.
- Improved use of digital tools, platforms and communication.
- Better preparedness to adapt to digital changes.



Impact continues after the project

- A clear majority continue using digital practices after the project.
- Digital approaches become part of regular youth work.
- Results are shared in networks and future projects.



Key takeaway

ESC projects **can** contribute to stronger digital skills, innovative youth work, improved organisational capacity and continued digital development.



These results point in this direction, but the sample is small. Further data will help confirm the trends.



SKILLS



INNOVATION



CAPACITY



SUSTAINABILITY

..... Promising direction – more evidence to come

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What does this mean for National Agencies?

The Digital Transformation Priority appears to function as an effective driver of systemic change.



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Continue supporting Digital Transformation projects



- Evidence shows positive impacts across all sectors.
- Projects strengthen digital skills, practices and organisations.
- The priority delivers value at multiple levels.

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Strengthen organisational approaches



- The strongest impacts occur when digitalisation becomes part of organisational development.
- Support strategy development, capacity building and change management.

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Focus on sustainability



- Digital development continues beyond the project.
- Encourage embedding in daily practices, new projects and networks.
- Sustainability multiplies the long-term impact.



Europe needs continuously evolving education, training and youth work systems that are **digitally capable, resilient and future-oriented.**

