

Report: 1st Education & Capacity Building Working Group Meeting

Location: online

Date: 7 February 2024

Time: 10.30 – 12.00

1. Objectives

The main objectives of the first meeting of the Education & Capacity Building Working Group of the Living-in.EU movement were:

- To validate the 2024 E&CB Working Group Plan
- To reassess the capacity-building needs of the Living-in.EU Community.
- To compile existing tools and training resources facilitating digital transformation across European cities and communities.

2. Agenda

- 10.30-10.35 – Welcome & objectives of the session, Michelle González Torres & Giacomo Lozzi - ENoLL (European Network of Living Labs)
- 10.35-10.40 – Living-in.EU initiative and strategic objectives, Giacomo Lozzi
- 10.40-10.50 The Living-in.EU Capacity Building Programme & Education and Capacity Building Working Group 2024 Workplan, Michelle González Torres & Giacomo Lozzi - ENoLL (European Network of Living Labs)
- 10.50-0.55 – Q&A and comments from the audience, Participants from the audience
- 10.55-11.55 – Interactive Session: Scoping the Capacity Building Needs of the Living-in.EU Community, Session moderated by Michelle González Torres & Giacomo Lozzi - ENoLL + Contributors from the different subgroups (e.g. Eurocities, OASC, ERRIN):
 - Exercise 1: Topics, Challenges, Barriers for deploying Digital Transformation (30 mins)
 - Exercise 2: Tools and Trainings for deploying Digital Transformation (20 mins)
 - Report on results (5 mins each)
- 11.55-12.00 – Wrapping and conclusion, Michelle González Torres & Giacomo Lozzi - ENoLL

3. Outcomes

The meeting gathered 14 participants. The participants validated the outcomes of the capacity-building needs assessment conducted in the previous year and supplemented them with valueable insights. Below the list of additional contributions.

Topics

- Basic digitalisation of vulnerable people;
- Public Procurement best practices.

Challenges

- Resources (HR) mutualization at local and regional levels
- How to get/engage effectively those "non-digitalised" and most vulnerable into digitalisation processes?
- Lack of specialists
- Missing interfaces for data
- Which are the alternative learning strategies to digitalise?

Barriers

- Lack of digital infrastructure such as fiber optic cable or 5G
- Lack of cross-boarder enforcement
- Poor knowledge / visibility of the re-usable (open source) technical components / solutions
- Misunderstanding if the private sector (SMEs and corporates) about the public sector perspective / needs about sovereignty
- Language (poor knowledge of EN)

Relevant Tools and Training for the Digital Transformation

- DUET project Simulation Models
- (upcoming) MIMs compliance / validation tool from the LDT procurement
- URBACT Digital Transformation Course
- Mentoring programmes for digitalisation
- AI Campus: <https://ki-campus.org/>

Link to miro board:

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