

e-Skills Match project: map and validate your knowledge and digital competences

A two-year EU co-funded project aiming to provide a European-wide self-assessment and learning technology system for e-Skills and digital competences

Brussels, 04/04/2016 – Launched in September 2015 and running for the next 24 months, e-Skills Match (<http://www.eskillsmatch.eu>) is an EU co-funded project which is being implemented by a consortium comprised of the following partners: Stockholm University (Sweden) as the project coordinator, Fondazione Politecnico di Milano (Italy), Universidad de Alcalá (Spain), Adfor SpA (Italy) and Government To You (Belgium).

e-Skills Match aims to develop and demonstrate a European-wide learning system that will dynamically adapt to the changes that are occurring to current job market classifications and will support the user to identify any potential lack of necessary e-Skills and digital competences, while it will offer him the tools and methods to gain (re-)training in order to become more competitive and access the desirable jobs within ICT or non-ICT sectors.

Towards these objectives, the project will design, develop and deploy the e-Skills Match platform, a web-based multilingual platform which will offer an e-Portfolio solution hosted in a cloud environment. The platform will be tested by real users and will allow them to assess their current knowledge against e-Skills and digital competences demanded by the job market.

So, users will be able to:

- Create and manage their personal e-Portfolio
- Perform an e-Skills audit using the e-Skills Match platform and self-assess their position in the job environment
- Identify their gaps against those e-Skills and digital competences required for the desirable occupation within the ICT or non-ICT sector
- Plan their (re-)training if necessary with learning methods and educational tools like Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and Open Educational Resources (OER) to complement their occupational e-Skills and apply for market certifications offered by the system.

As a result, e-Skills Match is aimed to be a project that will improve the link between education and job market and increase European citizens' awareness on how they can map and validate their e-Skills and digital competences and enhance their employability in the job market related to ICT and non-ICT sectors.

e-Skills Match Project Coordinator, Vasilis Koulolias, from Stockholm University highlights about the project that “... we are finally looking at an effort to address employment deficiencies of the system

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through targeted education from the demand side... the practitioners, civil society, academia and builders of this toolset are also the customers of education that represent a sample of the society at large... I am convinced that soon we will roll out a product to market that will be a true guide to the youth and unemployed that shifts course material towards market needs". At the end of the month the project consortium is expected to hold a technical meeting and discuss all the progress made and set the last details regarding the e-Skills Match platform that will be ready and available online soon! So stay tuned and be the first to test it!

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