

Dynamic reference framework for digital competences

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

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Timeline



ID number 29188

Background

The National digital competences initiative 2030 (INCoDe.2030) is an integrated public policy to support digital competences, social inclusion and active citizenship. It promotes access to digital services for the entire population, boosting employability and ensuring strong participation in international research and development networks. Several institutions and entities are involved. This initiative also contributes to achieving the objectives set by the technological and business innovation strategy for Portugal, approved by the Council of Ministers Resolution No 25/2018, of 8 March.

Establishing a reference framework that can be recognised at different levels of intervention was deemed fundamental to the success of INCoDe.2030.

Objectives

The Dynamic reference framework for digital competences QDRCD intends to adapt the European digital competence framework for citizens (DigComp 2.1) to the national context.

Description

In 2019, the Council of Ministers of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Education and Labour, Solidarity and Social Security decided that QDRCD should be developed. The QDRCD is based on the DigComp 2.1, which is aligned with the terminology and logic of the European qualifications framework (EQF). The QDRCD adapts the DigComp 2.1 descriptors and translates them into learning outcomes according to the complexity of tasks, autonomy and cognitive domain.

The QDRCD has four levels of proficiency. The different digital competences are combined into five areas:

- (a) information literacy;
- (b) communication and citizenship;
- (c) content creation;

- (d) security and privacy;
- (e) development of solutions.

2019 Approved/Agreed

The Council of Ministers of Science, Technology and Higher Education; Education; and Labour, Solidarity and Social Security decided that QDRCD should be developed. It was launched in January 2019.

2020 Implementation

The measure is operational and runs as regular practice

2021 Implementation

The measure is operational and runs as regular practice

2022 Implementation

The measure is operational and runs as a regular practice.

2023 Implementation

The measure is operational and runs as a regular practice.

2024 Implementation

The measure is operational and runs as a regular practice.

2025 Implementation

The measure was operational and ran as a regular practice.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (until April 2024)
- Ministry of Education (until April 2024)
- Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation (MECI) (since April 2024)
- Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security (MTSSS)

Target group

Learners

Learners with migrant background, including refugees
Learners at risk of early leaving or/and early leavers
Adult learners
Older workers and employees (55 - 64 years old)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Coordinating VET and other policies

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Dispatch \[Despacho\] No 1088/2019, of 31 January 2019](#)

[Resolution of the Council of Ministres \[Resolucao do Conselho de Ministros\] No 26/2018, of 8 March 2018](#)

[Resolution of the Council of Ministres \[Resolucao do Conselho de Ministros\] No 25/2018, of 8 March 2018](#)

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Related policy developments

2025 Implementation

More digital employment 2025

More digital employment 2025 is a scheme providing free digital training for workers, managers and directors of companies, entities of the social economy and trainers.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

CVET

2025 Implementation

National digital competences initiative (Portugal INCoDe.2030)

INCoDe.2030 is an integrated inter-ministerial strategy bringing together and encouraging collaboration between people with different experiences and knowledge as well as multiple public and private organisations.

This initiative has five major priorities:

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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