

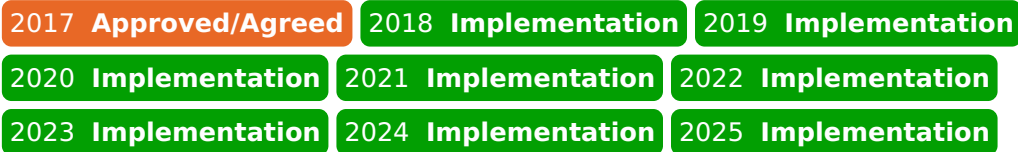
# Digital training offer for Brussels jobseekers

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

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## Timeline



ID number 28040

## Background

The Agoria technological industry federation believes that, by 2030, almost all workers in Brussels will have to acquire digital skills. The digital training offer relates directly to the digital revolution, which is currently sweeping across the labour market in the Brussels Region.

## Objectives

To offer jobseekers including early leavers in Brussels the possibility of training in digital skills.

## Description

Thanks to the financial resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) made available within the framework of the Youth employment initiative 2, pilot training courses have been set up with experienced partners:

- (a) MolenGeek: training as a mobile web developer – or coder / coder in everyday language – and in e-marketing;
- (b) BeCode Brussels: training as a mobile web developer, AI data developer / developer, Devsecops (cybersecurity training).

Launched in March 2017 in Brussels, these projects intend to enable young jobseekers under 25 to acquire basic web developing skills in six months. MolenGeek and BeCode run these training programmes in partnership with the training centre BF (Bruxelles Formation) urban trades (*métiers urbains*) and are very popular amongst young people.

Moreover, Bruxelles Formation, the Brussels Institute for Vocational Training, constantly develops its offer in digital training. In 2019, the project previously known as Public digital training space (EPNF, Espace Public Numérique de Formation) was extended to a fully functioning training centre: BF digital space (*espaces numériques*), this new training centre aims to:

- (a) continue and develop the training offer of the EPNF;
- (b) contribute to the development of digital learning in the Bruxelles Formation training centres and, eventually, with its partners.

Built on three pillars, the BF digital spaces offer is organised mainly in partnership, using external service providers and with innovative educational content and methods:

- (a) on-site training offer: office and internet innovations aimed at the digital autonomy of jobseekers with the objective of certifying all participants;
- (b) online training offer (e-learning catalogue and blended-learning training options),
- (c) online certification offer: on specific training courses for trainees from all centres (including partners') and on digital autonomy for jobseekers.

<b>2017 Approved/Agreed</b>
<b>2018 Implementation</b>
<b>2019 Implementation</b> In 2019, digital training for jobseekers is now part of a structural training offer.
<b>2020 Implementation</b> In 2020, digital training for jobseekers is set up and runs as a regular practice.
<b>2021 Implementation</b> In 2021, digital training for jobseekers is set up and runs as a regular practice. Bruxelles Formation continues to update its offer in digital training and contributes to the development of the Training and employment centre DigitalCity.brussels.
<b>2022 Implementation</b> In 2022, Bruxelles Formation continues to update its offer in digital training, in its own training centres and through partnerships.  The training offer organised by BF digital (a Bruxelles Formation training centre), also as part of the Training and Employment Centre DigitalCity, includes almost 40 products structured in three product lines: IT, digital media and graphic industries via Cepegra, the Centre for the Development of the Graphic Sector ( <i>Centre de perfectionnement du secteur graphique</i> ). BF digital spaces continues its training offer organised mainly in partnership, using external providers and with innovative content and teaching methods.  The training centres MolenGeek and BeCode continue their expansion, keeping with current trends to offer innovative training courses in the digital sector for Brussel citizens.
<b>2023 Implementation</b> In 2023, Bruxelles Formation continues to update its offer in digital training, in its own training centres and through partnerships. 2 195 individual learners (registered as job seekers) participated in training in IT, ICT and the Digital Economy and 2 658 learners (registered job seekers and workers) benefited from the accommodations and/or training offered at BF digital spaces.
<b>2024 Implementation</b> In 2024, Bruxelles Formation continued to update its offer in digital training, in its own training centres and through partnerships.  2 344 individual learners (registered as job seekers) participated in training in IT, ICT

and the Digital Economy at Bruxelles Formation and its partners' training centres.

2 563 learners (registered job seekers and workers) benefited from the accommodations and/or training offered at the centre BF espaces numériques.

### **2025 Implementation**

In 2025, Bruxelles Formation continued to enhance its digital training offer, both within its own training centres and through partnerships. Provided training in IT, ICT and the Digital Economy amounted to 3 637 available places across a wide range of programmes with various training function within a learning or career pathway, including:

- (a) career orientation: discovering data science professions, targeted orientation of PC maintenance technician;
- (b) pre-training courses: pre-training for network technician, pre-training for maintenance/help desk technician;
- (c) qualifying training: cybersecurity expert, internet developer and PC/Network support technician;
- (d) job-specific professional skills: data engineer, foundations of business intelligence;
- (e) advanced training: PC support technician, LAN complementary module;
- (f) continuing training: Boost your creativity - Adobe creative cloud.

In 2025, Bruxelles Formation terminated its collaboration with MolenGeek, ending two public contracts: one for e-marketing and another for coding programmes.

During the annual 'Salon de la Formation' event, which showcases vocational training opportunities in Brussels, visitors were invited to visit the stands of Bruxelles Formation and the public employment office Actiris, where they could complete a digital skills assessment and later on take part in activities introducing careers in the digital sector.

## **Bodies responsible**

- Bruxelles Formation (Brussels Institute for Vocational Training)

## **Target group**

### **Learners**

Learners at risk of early leaving or/and early leavers  
Unemployed and jobseekers

## **Thematic categories**

### **Modernising VET offer and delivery**

Acquiring key competences

### **Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation**

Providing for individuals' re- and upskilling needs

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

## **European priorities in VET**

### **VET Recommendation**

VET as a driver for innovation and growth preparing for digital and green transitions and occupations in high demand

VET promoting equality of opportunities

### Osnabrück Declaration

Resilience and excellence through quality, inclusive and flexible VET

Establishing a new lifelong learning culture - relevance of continuing VET and digitalisation

## Subsystem

CVET

## Further reading

[Be Code](#)

[BF espaces numeriques](#)

[2025 Training Programme Catalogue](#)

## Related policy developments

**2024 Completed**

### The 2021-24 Plan for digital appropriation

Following its memorandum on e-inclusion, the Government approved the Plan for Digital Appropriation 2021-24 on the 12 February 2021. This plan was proposed by the Digital Inclusion Coordination and drawn up in consultation with stakeholders on the ground.

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#### Type of development

Strategy/Action plan

#### Subsystem

IVET CVET

**2025 Implementation**

### Brussels' training and employment centres

On 14 July 2016, the Brussels Regional Government and the French-speaking Brussels Government adopted a Note on the creation of training and employment centres (*Pôles Formation Emploi*) in the Brussels Region.

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**Type of development**

Practical  
measure/Initiative

**Subsystem**

CVET

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**2020 Completed**

## 2020 Training Plan for Brussels (2025 Strategy)

The Government of the Brussels Region adopted the 2020 Training plan in December 2016. The plan is an integral part of the major projects of the 2025 strategy for Brussels (Go4Brussels).

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