



ECDL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM AROUND EUROPE

DANSK IT FORMS DIGITAL SKILLS & JOBS COALITION IN DENMARK

Dansk IT initiative sees Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition Denmark formed

DSJC Denmark, the Danish national coalition affiliated to the EU's Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition was launched in February 2019. The coalition aims to improve digital competences in the country.

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ECDL Cyprus takes part in international education and career exhibition in Nicosia

The Cyprus Computer Society and ECDL Cyprus participated in the International Education and Career Exhibition that was held from 15 to 17 February 2019 at the Cyprus International Fair grounds in Nicosia.

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**IT FOR ALL
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IT for All initiative started in Denmark

On October 3, DANSK IT, the ECDL National Operator in Denmark, had a call for action meeting for a national open learning platform for digital competences for a wide range of key stakeholders in Denmark (trade unions, business organisations and public authorities). The platform is anchored in the international standard for digital skills, ICDL, and the EU's DigComp framework.

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**ICDL SUCCESS
FOR STUDENTS
IN BOSNIA &
HERZEGOVINA**

Success for students in new ECDL initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina

A new initiative in Bosnia to help students to develop their digital skills has seen the first 40 students gain ECDL certification. The project, titled, 'When it runs out, we're all wet', involved students from Vareš Primary School and Žepče Primary School, who were hosted by 'Malta' Primary School in Sarajevo.

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Let's make it easy to learn how to protect personal data

The deluge of emails asking us to reconfirm our desire to be on mailing lists might have subsided now that GDPR has been in force for almost a year, but it is important we make protecting personal data a day-to-day part of our work, whether we are managing a customer list for a small business or sending marketing emails to hundreds of thousands of contacts for a major brand.

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ICDL Thailand commits to build 'Smart Digital Pre-Cadets 4.0'

1,300 students and 200 faculty at the Thai Royal Military Academy Preparatory School will have the opportunity to develop their digital skills with ICDL.

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Specto signs an agreement with the Islamic Charity Center Society

ICDL is being introduced to schools run by the Islamic Charity Center Society (ICCS) in Jordan under a new agreement between ICCS and Specto, the ICDL National Operator in the country. Under the agreement, which was signed in the presence of the General Manager of the Education Sector of ICCS and principals from all schools in the society, students will have the option to gain ICDL certification in 2019, and certification will become mandatory for all grade 7 to 9 students in 2020.

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First ICDL 3D Design train-the-trainer class takes place in Nanjing, China

Teachers in Nanjing have taken part in the first round of train-the-trainer courses to get ready to teach the new ICDL 3D Design module. The module, developed in cooperation between ICDL Asia and Siemens PLM Software, has gained significant interest in the Chinese market and will be included in the 2019 Nanjing Skills Competition.

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Students at college in Suzhou offered opportunity to gain ICDL and course credit

Students at Silicon Lake Vocational and Technical College, in the Chinese city of Suzhou, will have the opportunity to gain ICDL certification. The College is the first in Suzhou to answer Jiangsu Provincial Education Department's call to encourage vocational students to actively take up international certifications. The Department hopes that students will improve their employability by developing their skills through ICDL certification.

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EU POLICY NEWS

Report on ESCO highlights ECDL quality assurance measures

ECDL has been referenced in a new report from the European Commission as an example of quality assurance in skills certification. The report, 'Support to the development of the ESCO qualifications pillar', was commissioned to help develop the qualifications element of the European Skills/Competences, Qualifications and Occupations (ESCO) classification, which is, itself, used to help match between skills, jobs, and qualifications.

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Combatting disinformation online on the agenda at first European Media Literacy Week

Media literacy was in the spotlight as the EU marked its first European Media Literacy Week in March. A series of events, including a high-level conference brought together organisations from the public and private sectors that are working to tackle issues around disinformation online and low levels of trust in the media.

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New EU study looks at ICT in education

A new study from the European Commission on digital technology in education has highlighted that there is a gender gap in digital skills development between boys and girls. The study also found that teachers often have to use their own time to learn the skills to teach ICT to their students.

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WEF white paper highlights role of skills in future economy

A new report from the World Economic Forum looks at 10 strategies to create a labour market based on skills. The report seeks to address issues that arise from outdated concepts of a job for life, or as the report puts it, the model of “learn, do, retire”.