



Newsletter - April 2025

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Welcome to our newsletter!

As we celebrate the completion of the first year of our project, we're excited to share our achievements with you! This issue of our newsletter features what we have done during our first year whilst we proudly present a groundbreaking curriculum, designed to empower in-service and pre-service teachers in digital media literacy.

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One year of advancing digital media literacy in education!

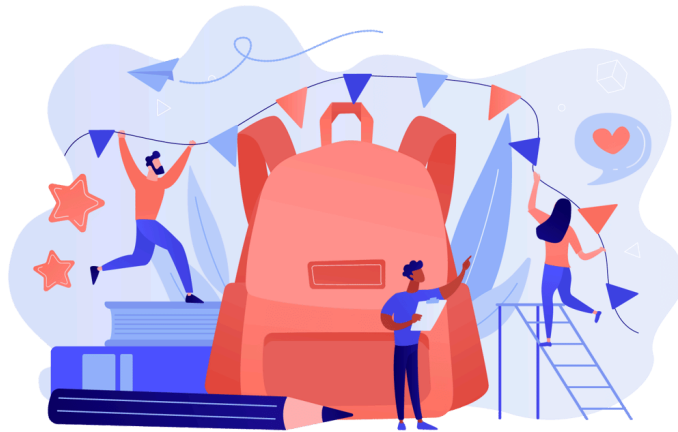


As we aim to equip teachers with the necessary knowledge and skills to empower their students to think critically, make informed choices online and stay safe whilst continuously building their resilience in the digital world, we've focused on three main activities over the past year:

Curriculum development: We have just completed our comprehensive curriculum designed to empower teachers in digital media literacy.

University courses: Four of the partners, namely University of Palermo (UNIPA), the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), University of West Timisoara (Romania) and Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", have already started implementing the Teachers 4.0 Digital University course in their universities with 270 students so far.

E-learning platform: We are working at full speed to launch our e-learning platform in the coming month. This platform will help upskill primary and secondary school in-service educators across six European countries, reaching 1000 educators within the 1st year.



What's next?

Our ultimate aim is to **a large-scale upskilling activity involving over 2.000 in-service teachers/educators and pre-service** in the countries involved so as to:

- acquire knowledge and skills related to digital literacy,
- update their knowledge on contemporary media used by children and adolescents,
- change their attitudes towards the role, importance and future implications of contemporary media, and
- strengthen their commitment to promote digital literacy in their classrooms.

We also aim for a wider impact by initiating a public debate with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, contributing to a policy reform on digital literacy education at national and European levels.

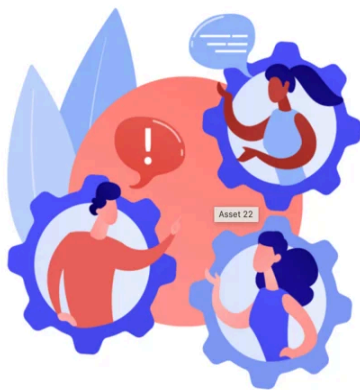
Our curriculum is out to empower teachers in digital media literacy!



For the past one year of our project, 34 established academics from 9 European universities and institutions have been developing an exclusive and thorough University Course entitled 'Tackling Disinformation and Promoting Digital Media Literacy through Education and Training'.

Our comprehensive programme spans **60 hours of immersive learning**, divided into two parts: **30 hours of hands-on instruction** and **30 hours of self-guided exploration**, offering a blend of theory and practical application.

Drawing inspiration from the latest educational frameworks and the digital needs of tomorrow, the curriculum is divided into **10 dynamic modules** that will unlock new possibilities for teaching in the digital world.



Module 1 - Introduction

Gain an insightful overview of the course, its objectives, and the powerful methodologies behind it.

Module 2 - Disinformation: What Are We Talking About?

Learn to distinguish disinformation, explore key concepts like **participatory culture, echo chambers, and the filter bubble**, and see how disinformation threatens democracy, democratic institutions, and equal digital participation.

Module 3 - More Key Terms and Definitions

Dive into essential **digital media literacy** terms like **troll, phishing, cheapfake, deepfake, and verification**. With an interactive glossary and hands-on activities, learners will not only grasp these concepts but also develop the skills to spot and tackle misinformation in the digital world.



Module 4 - Setting the Scene for Teaching and Learning in the Digital School Environment

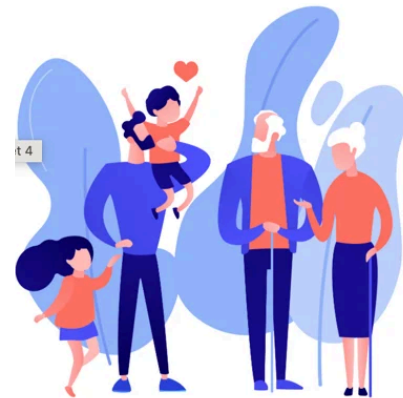
Learn how to create a safe space for discussing sensitive topics and understand your role in guiding these important conversations with your students.

Module 5 - Assessing and Evaluating Digital Media Literacy in Schools

Gain practical tools and strategies to evaluate and enhance your students' digital skills.

Module 6 - Explore the Key Media Practices of Children and Students

Learn why connecting with your students' digital lives matters, and how their online experiences shape their worldviews. Discover a framework for analysing their media habits and interactive activities to help them reflect on their own media behaviors in a fun way!



Module 7 - Teaching Digital Media Literacy and Disinformation

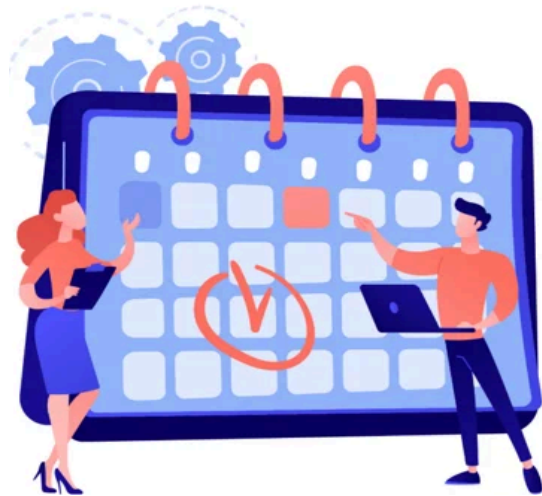
Equip Students with critical media skills! Find out how to help students understand media texts, spot bias, use fact-checking techniques, and create responsible media, empowering them to become digital citizens.

Module 8 - Building Digital Media Literacy Competences in the Classroom: Becoming Digital Citizens

Explore how to equip students with essential digital media literacy skills, focusing on responsible online behavior, critical thinking, and safe digital practices.

Module 9 - Students in All Their Diversity

Gain insights on how to address diversity in the classroom, understanding its importance and how misinformation impacts different social groups. Practical activities are included to help engage students and foster inclusive learning environments.



Module 10 - Practical Examples of Lesson Plans

Learn about an instructional model to help teachers create effective lesson plans and offer practical examples that can be used, adapted, or serve as inspiration to guide students toward becoming responsible digital citizens.



All the aforementioned modules are accompanied by suggested teaching methods and tools suitable for our target group and consistent with the course goals.

The Curriculum is [available in 6 languages](#) (EN,GR, IT, BG, RM, PO).

[Download the curriculum here!](#)

From our blog



Reshaping the Educational Landscape: The case of Bulgaria

Bulgaria's education system is currently evolving to meet the demands of the digital age. With AI transforming the job market, recent initiatives are working to equip students with essential skills like critical thinking, creativity, and digital literacy.

Through programmes such as the "European Safe Online Initiative" and "Design Champions," the focus is shifting from traditional methods to fostering problem-solving, teamwork, and adaptability. These efforts, supported by the Teachers 4.0 Digital project, aim to prepare both educators and students for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

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Teachers 4.0 Digital Empowers Future Educators: First Insights from the University Course on Digital Media Literacy

The pilot phase of the Teachers 4.0 Digital course at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) has been a great success: Pre-service teachers have actively engaged in a dynamic learning experience that combines theory with practical applications. Through interactive sessions and collaborative projects, students are enhancing their digital media literacy while gaining the skills to teach these competencies to their future classrooms.

"I feel empowered to be a part of this course. The strategies we're learning are so practical and engaging. I can already see how they will transform my future classroom", shared Aggeliki, a participating student.

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Meet our partners!

Our project consortium consists of 16 organisations from Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Poland and Romania.

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