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ECCC DIGITAL COMPETENCE FRAMEWORK

ECCC Foundation in Poland provides training for certification purposes based on DigComp Framework. As part of its support activities ECCC has developed two handbooks for trainers in digital skills

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The first framework for the validation of digital skills in Poland was developed from 2008-2009. The ECCC Foundation was established to implement and develop this framework. One of the advantages of the framework is that it is growing together with the digitalisation process. The goal of the framework was to align its understanding of the digital skills to a European-wide approach for promoting digital skills. As part of the research carried by ECCC in order to develop such framework for Poland, their researchers run across the DigComp Framework. At that time, ECCC noticed the goals of both DigComp and ECCC frameworks were similar. As a result, ECCC decided to adapt DigComp to the ECCC framework and developed a system for the assessment of digital skills based on DigComp.

After contacting the authors of DigComp at the JRC-European Commission, the ECCC Foundation published

a Polish version of the DigComp framework and started with the promotion and implementation of the framework, including the system for the assessment of digital skills. At present, both the DigComp framework and the assessment system are widely used in Poland.

The project was conceived as a four-step approach:

1. First, the research and development phase comprised a translation of the DigComp framework, promotion activities, the organisation of a workshop and an open consultation about its use.
2. The second step included the dissemination and mainstreaming, which was focused on the strategic planning of digital skills development in Poland. This step comprised the organisation of workshops and different conferences for users. In this phase, in February 2016, by a resolution of the ECCC Foundation Board in



the final phase of a Polish translation of the DigComp, a Polish National Contact Point (NCP) for the DigComp framework was established. At that time, there was a lack of awareness in Poland about the DigComp framework. Therefore, the NCP was conceived as a supporting tool for the framework's promotion. It was also a source of information and counsel for any actor, who could be interested in it, including policy makers. ECCC built a digcomp.pl website and established a 24h phone line as part of their activities as NCP. Up until now, NCP has been performing satisfactorily and the questions raised by users have changed over time: from basic to more complex demands e.g. how to conduct lessons with DigComp framework. Now NCP offers information about the DigComp, advice on the framework, but also on how to conduct lessons/trainings based on the DigComp, or explanations from experts. NCP is open to everybody without any type of barrier (legal or other). The strategy to implement a NCP was seen as a key milestone in order to increase awareness and use of DigComp framework. Although ECCC does not record the number of users of NCP, their estimates comprise dozen calls a day and a total of 6,000 recipients. Within NCP users, ECCC highlights representatives of universities, companies conducting ICT training, teachers, trainers, representatives from the public administration responsible for education or EU projects, digital competences exam centres and citizens (end-users).

3. The third step referred to validation and certification, where ECCC developed five new testing areas, complimentary to already existing examination modules.

4. Finally, the fourth phase provided the training support. Within this step ECCC prepared and published a training book, based on the DigComp framework, for

educators and teachers on how to teach digital skills.

The use of DigComp had the advantage that the framework is a clear tool for all the users, as it is a type of the clear content helping the user to improve their digital competencies and get the new ones. At the same time, the validation system of the ECCC in the DigComp area allows the user to recognise those accomplishments during their education as well as and on the labour market.

At the time of writing ECCC is in the last steps before publishing in Polish DigComp 2.0. After that, ECCC Foundation will implement the updated framework.

USEFUL LINKS

Handbooks for trainers, DigComp foundation and intermediate levels (table of content in English, handbooks in Polish only)

[ECCC.EU/CERTIFICATION/BOOKS](https://eccc.eu/certification/books)

Website of DigComp in Polish

[DIGCOMP.PL](https://digcomp.pl)



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