

MEDICI

Mapping Digital Inclusion

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Mapping the evolving Digital Inclusion landscape to support cohesion and integration

MEDICI is a two year European project aiming to develop and disseminate the existing best practices of integrating vulnerable and disadvantaged groups into Digital Society across the 28 EU member states.

OBSTACLES TO DIGITAL INCLUSION

Even though ICT access and use have increased in recent years, there are still many obstacles that prevent digital inclusion. These include geography, age educational status, socio-economic status, income and social context. Digital exclusion closely mirrors the structures and dynamics of social exclusion more generally.

- 14% of people in the EU-28 have never used the internet;
- OECD data shows internet activities carried out by users with tertiary education is on average 58% higher than those with lower education levels;
- The UK's Office of National Statistics (ONS) showed that more than a third of the poorest children do not have the internet at home nor a computer, whereas children from the wealthiest homes all had internet and computer access.

TO BETTER INTEGRATE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

The MEDICI project intends to tackle this digital exclusion to better integrate vulnerable communities in Europe by creating three key outputs:

- an Interactive Catalogue of best practices in the field of digital inclusion;
- an on-line Map that help stakeholders contextualise the best practices and visualise the information in ways that meet their needs;
- a Knowledge Community supporting review, benchmarking, sharing of experience and transfer of best practices.

THE PARTNERSHIP



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THE PLATFORM

The platform is the core of the MEDICI project. It hosts the selected best practices that take place at local, national and European level to better integrate vulnerable/disadvantaged groups in the Digital Society across the 28 EU Member States.

The **OBJECTIVE OF THE PLATFORM** is to identify areas where no initiatives exist to tackle digital exclusion and where vulnerable people are therefore more at risk of exclusion. MEDICI will help different stakeholders to become aware of what already has been developed and implemented, and use the experience of the existing tools at local/national and European levels.

The technical platform combine:

- The Interactive Catalogue of best practices : a realistic visual browsing of best practices;
- The online map of Europe : visualisations of the information in the catalogue in two modes:
 - 'Spatial' mode
 - 'Analytic' mode

THE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The MEDICI project aims to develop a network to support the exchange and review of practices and, experiences and review throughout the digital inclusion community.

The platform creates a space for MEDICI network members and other stakeholders to access the good practice cases in the MEDICI Knowledge Bank, apply them in their practice, share experiences and create new ways of applying the practices. Through the MEDICI online Forum, social media and peer learning activities, different 'knowledge clusters' participate in collaborative learning activities and build a real community.