ECHO NETWORK POLICY ROUNDTABLE: TOWARDS A MORE ETHICAL DIGITAL TRANSITION

1. Summary

This event takes place in the framework of the ECHO Network Project (funded by Erasmus+ cooperation partnerships in youth) and is the project's final conference. ECHO (Ethical, Common, Human and Open) Network is a project running until November 2024 which intends to promote digital citizenship and responsible use of digital technology, providing youth, citizens and organisations with a clear understanding of how to use digital technology ethically, and focuses on how EU institutions address this matter to safeguard citizens.

The project partners collaborate to share their experiences in using ethical digital software. They assess the available resources and alternatives to technology provided by big tech companies that rely on learners' data for profit. ECHO Network also aims to provide training resources to promote the use of ethical digital solutions in the learning process. This includes creating a reference guide for educators in partner countries on digital citizenship, advocating for an ethical and sustainable digital transition, and mapping organisations that promote ethical digital technology in these countries.

The Final Conference intends to present the project's outputs and to gather relevant Education & Training Stakeholders and European policymakers for a Policy Roundtable on the topic of an ethical and sustainable digital transition. 40-50 participants are expected to participate in the event

5 November 2024 | 10:00-12:30 | Location EESC (Van Maerlant 2; VMA23)

2. Draft Programme	
09:30 - 10:00	*Registrations*
10:00 – 10:10	*EESC representative Opening Remarks*
10:10 – 10:15	**Welcoming Remarks** *ECHO Network Consortium Representative*
10:15 - 10:30	**Introduction to the ECHO Network project:** *The need for a digital citizenship project* *ECHO Network Consortium Representative(s)*
10:30 - 11:05	**Testimonies from the project: Presentation of project outputs** - Reference of existing trainings on digital citizenship - Repository of resources and tools & Digital defense kit & survival guide - Mapping of organisations working on promotion ethical digital technology - A plea for an ethical and sustainable digital transition
11:05 - 12:00	**Policy Roundtable:** *How do we get to an ethical and sustainable digital transition?* *With the participation of:* Member of the European Parliament (tbc) Representative from DG EAC (tbc) CSO Representative (tbc) CSO Representative (tbc)
12:00 – 12:25	**Q&A**

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12:25 - 12:30	Concluding Remarks