Digital Agenda for Europe

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The review of the Digital Priorities [2], published on 18th December 2012, identifies 7 key areas for further efforts to stimulate the conditions to create growth and jobs in Europe:

1. Create a new and stable broadband regulatory environment.

2. New public digital service infrastructures through Connecting Europe Facility loans

3. Launch Grand Coalition on Digital Skills and Jobs

4. Propose EU cyber-security strategy and Directive

5. Update EU's Copyright Framework

6. Accelerate cloud computing through public sector buying power

7. Launch new electronics industrial strategy – an "Airbus of Chips"

The full implementation of the updated Digital Agenda would increase the European GDP by 5%, or 1500€ per person, over the next eight years, by increasing investment in ICT, improving eSkills levels in the labour force, enabling public sector innovation, and reforming the framework conditions for the internet economy. In terms of jobs [3], up to 900.000 digital jobs risk going unfilled by 2020 without pan-European action while 1.2 million jobs could be created through infrastructure construction. This would rise to 3.8 million new jobs throughout the economy in the long term.

The original Digital Agenda approach and targets will remain valid, and the implementation of the original 101 actions remains a priority [2]. The new key transformative actions complement these, and build on what has been achieved so far.

The Digital Agenda contains 13 specific goals [4] which encapsulate the digital transformation which we want to achieve. Progress against these targets is measured in the annual Digital Agenda Scoreboard [5].

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