



# **Digital Innovation Hubs and the need for upskilling the workforce in the wake of digitisation**

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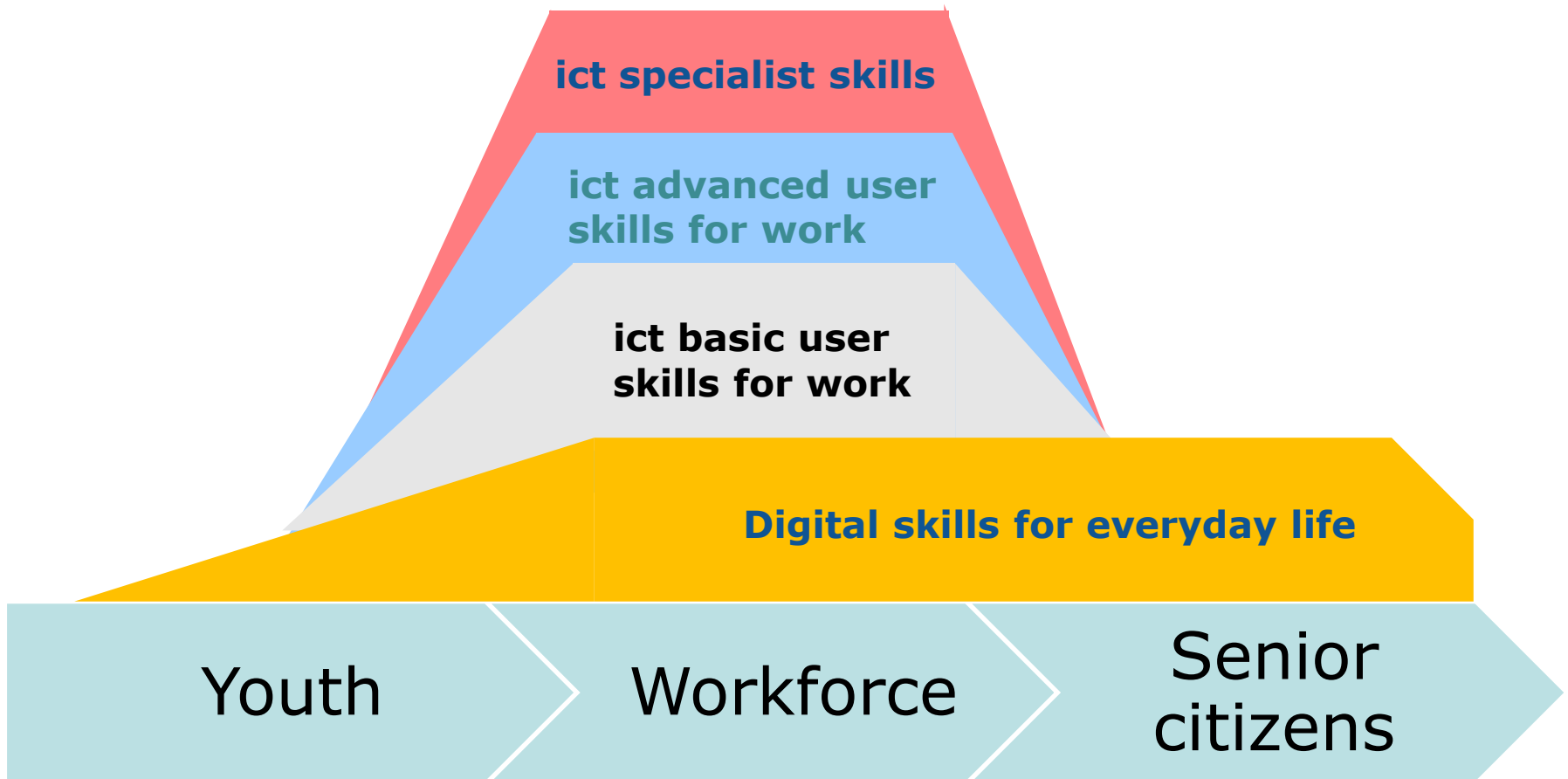




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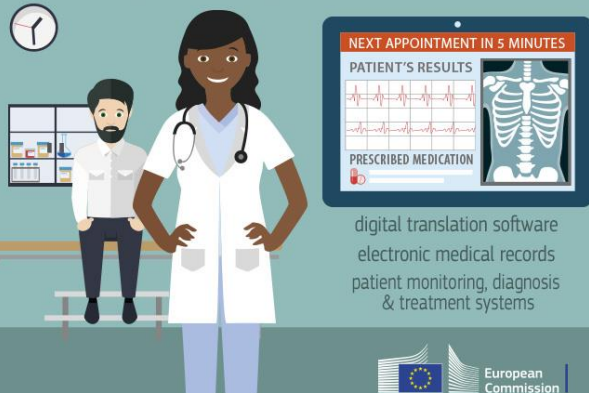


# Digital skills at different life stages



# The whole labour force needs digital skills

## Today's hospital doctors need digital skills



### Benefits:

- facilitates communication between doctors & patients
- improves access to medical information
- allows doctors to save time and to treat more patients

## Today's industrial machine operators need digital skills



### Benefits:

- faster manufacturing & reduced errors
- less hard, manual, repetitive tasks
- manufacturing processes more sustainable.

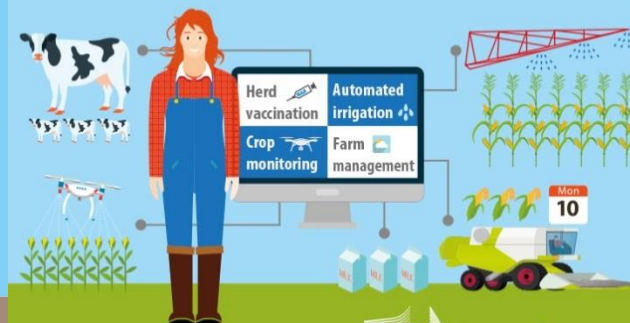
## Today's VET teachers need digital skills



### Benefits:

- improved communication between teachers & students
- improved quality of learning
- increased safety

## Today's farmers need digital skills

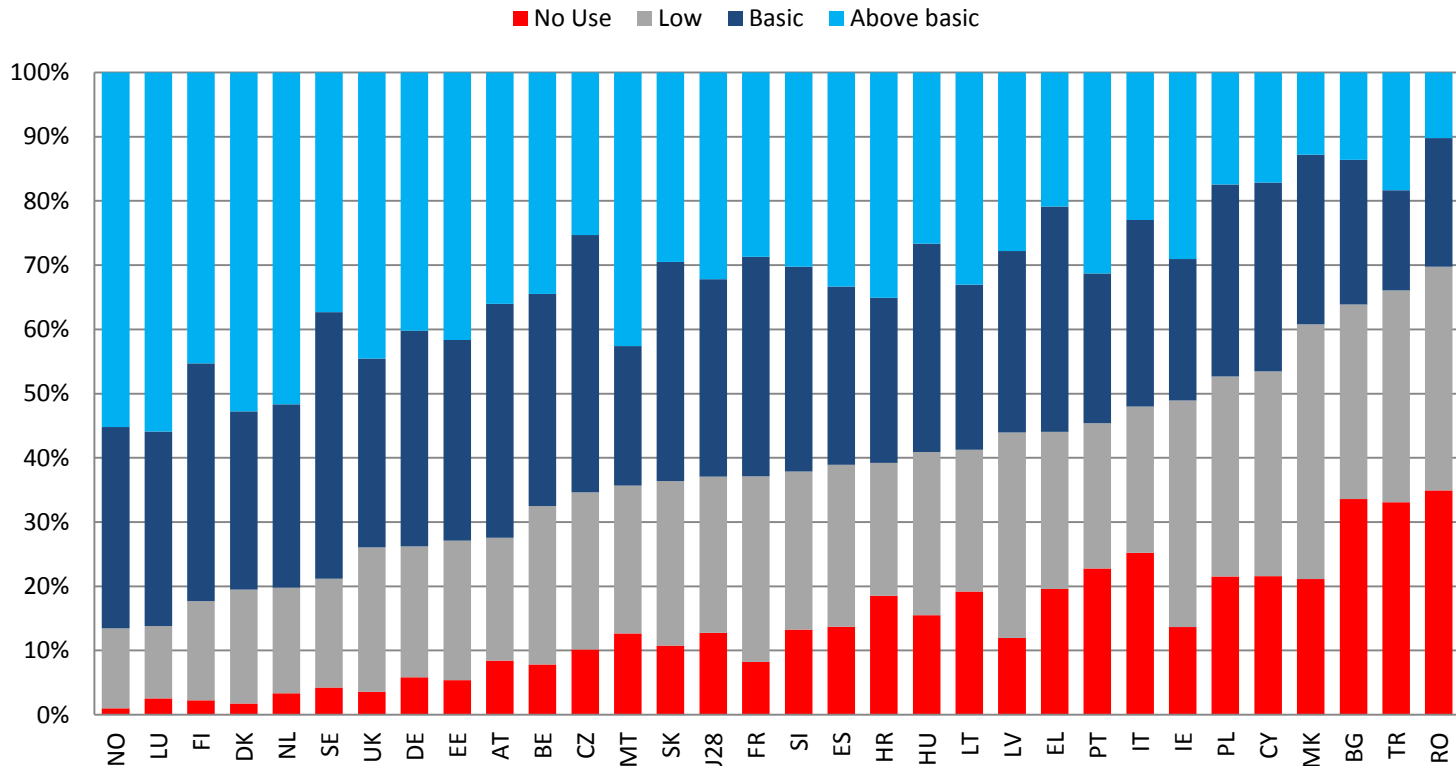


### Benefits:

- improved decision making
- less repetitive & physically demanding tasks
- increased flexibility, productivity & animal health

# 37% of the EU workforce has insufficient digital skills, 13% have no digital skills at all

Digital skills of the labour force, 2015 (% labour force with above basic, basic and low digital skills and no internet use)

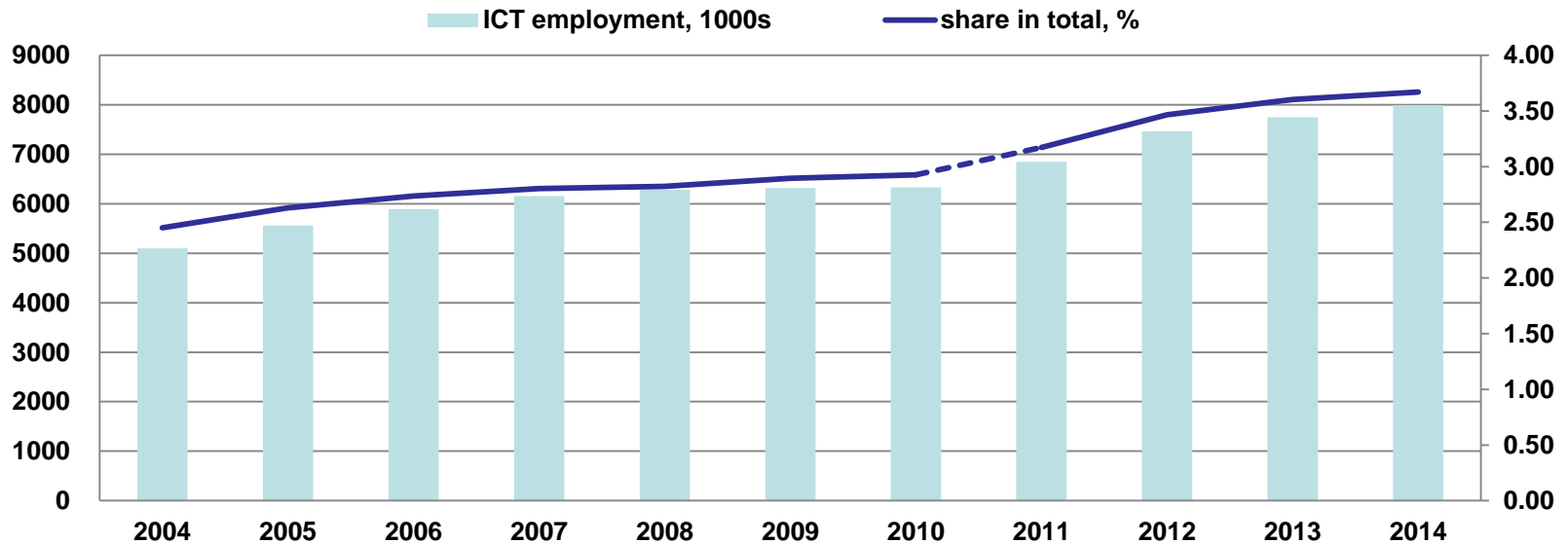


Source: Commission services based on Eurostat data



# Employment of **ICT specialists** has grown by **2.9 million** in the EU over last 10 years

Employment of ICT specialists in the EU in absolute terms and as a share of total employment, 2004-2014



Source: Eurostat



# Shortage of digital technology experts

- **40%** of enterprises trying to recruit ICT professionals have difficulty doing so
- **Market failure**: supply is not responding to demand

2015: 337,000 open vacancies



2020: **756,000** open vacancies

# New Skills Agenda for Europe

- Adopted in June 2016
- Digital skills in all actions, in particular:

Skills guarantee  
Blueprint

- **Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition**

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**Digital Skills and  
Jobs Coalition**

# Coming up: LAUNCH on DECEMBER 1st

- **We would like to bring DIHs and related actors into the Coalition**
- **Do you want to be invited for the conference?**
- **=> mail me at [alexander.riedl@ec.europa.eu](mailto:alexander.riedl@ec.europa.eu)**
- **Join the Coalition**
- "Shared Concept" by Member States
- Renewed pledges, good practices, awards

# Questions for you:

- *What is the role of DIHs in assessing skills needs and skills delivery?*
- *Connecting DIHs with skills providers in the ecosystem: how do you do it?*
- *Who has good practices to share of what works and what not, including the use of European funds?*
- <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/apply-now-new-european-digital-skills-award-2016>

# Thank you!

## Q & A

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# Backup

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# The Grand Coalition for Digital Jobs



- Launched in 2013
- More than 2 million people trained
- 100 stakeholders, mostly from ICT industry and "digital constituency"
- National and local coalitions in more than 13 countries

# What is new?



Broadening the scope to the workforce as **all sectors become digital**



**Involve Member States and stakeholders** in designing and delivering solutions: national digital skills strategies and national coalitions by 2017, joint targets by end of 2016



**Best-practice exchange;** pledges and joint training programmes; link to sectoral "blueprints"



Better use of European and national **funds**