

EDDIE PROJECT ORGANIZED THE 1st WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING THE "LARGE SCALE PARTNERSHIP FOR DIGITALISATION OF ENERGY".

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EDDIE representatives launched the first online workshop for the development of a "Large Scale Partnership for Digitalisation of Energy" on the 30th of May 2023. The event has been organized in collaboration with European Commission's (EC) Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER), Ecorys and 3S, to address the need of having a skilled workforce to accelerate the digital transition.



The main objective of the meeting was to discuss and establish the Agreement on which the Partnership will operate.

Considering that a rapid clean energy transition and a fast digitalisation of the society are mandatory, the EC has established through a series of interlinked official initiatives like [The Digital Decade Policy Program 2030](#), [Action Plan on Digitalising the Energy System](#), [Digital Education Action Plan](#), [Green Deal Industrial](#)

[Plan](#), [Net-Zero Industry Act](#), [The Pact for Skills](#), the need for a joint effort at the European level.

Specifically, on the 18th of October 2022, through the Action 4.4 of the *Digitalising the energy system - EU action plan*, the EC has manifested the intention to "Support the establishment of a large partnership on the digitalisation of the energy value chain as part of the EU's Pact for Skills".

Therefore, taking into account the EDDIE's activities focusing on the demand for skills from the industry, the offer from education and training institutions, the education and training systems of many European countries, the designed and implemented **EDDIE DataBase** to support a strategic map of stakeholders and the deployment of several demos and pilots, are qualifying the project ecosystem to be in charge of creating a Large-Partnership on skills for the digitalisation of the Energy System (the Partnership). The strategy is to build on the results and platform of EDDIE project to achieve the digital skills required by the European energy system during its transition.

Currently, the EDDIE ecosystem is supported by its members pathing the way towards ensuring the sustainability of the skills strategy and blueprint. The services implemented will aim to connect stakeholders and disseminate useful information related to skills gaps, training, validation, certification, monitoring and research. They will show available training programmes and employment opportunities, as well as sector-related tools and systems.

After the Agreement approval, the Partnership will be coordinated by EDDIE and all types of activities related to education and skills of the digitalisation of the energy value chain may be performed, based on the specific partners' commitments taken when adhering to the Partnership.

A set of commitments and KPIs will be agreed for the well-functioning of the Partnership and will include coverage of the partnership; communication, dissemination and policy recommendation activities; assessments on skills intelligence in the sector; commitment on training programmes and the promotion of careers in the energy value chain.

EDDIE is dedicated to identifying the skills needed for the digitalisation of the energy sector in its transition, either through re-skilling, up-skilling, or long-life learning at all levels of education and creating the "Large Scale Partnership for Digitalisation of Energy" is a clear opportunity to improve and scale the project's results. More details with regards to the Agreement and how the Partnership will operate, will be published on EDDIE website after the next dedicated workshops.