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## Newsletter - Late March 2026

Dear Reader, welcome to our newsletter!

We are happy to share with you the latest updates from our journey to transform informatics education. In this edition, you'll find:

- Insights from our teacher training
- A sneak peek at what is coming next
- Our latest blog articles

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### Insights from teacher training



The teacher training phase of the DIGITAL FIRST project has been successfully completed in all partner countries, marking the transition from design to classroom piloting. **Over 160 educators** from primary and secondary education participated, showing the partners' commitment to ensuring that the piloting phase is grounded in informed teaching practice.

The training introduced teachers to the project's pedagogical vision and focused on the meaningful use of digital technologies in teaching and learning. Teachers

explored how digital tools can support creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and problem-solving, beyond just technical skills. The aim was to create a shared pedagogical foundation and encourage teachers to adapt the materials to their own contexts and student needs.

The training sessions were interactive and practical, including workshops, discussions, and hands-on exploration of the materials. Teachers not only became familiar with the resources but also discussed implementation challenges with peers and project teams. These sessions also provided valuable spaces for sharing ideas on classroom realities and curriculum fit.

Feedback was very positive, with teachers highlighting the relevance and practicality of the approach. Many felt the training helped them reflect more deeply on the role of digital technologies in supporting learning. However, feedback also indicated a need for more examples, preparation time, and continued guidance during the pilot phase.

## What's next?



What does the future of informatics education actually look like in practice? Right now, we're finding out together with teachers and students across Europe.

Our teaching and learning materials are currently being piloted in **10 countries**, bringing Digital First directly into classrooms and giving us real, honest insights into what works and what truly makes a difference. By the end of June, we'll have a clearer picture shaped by real experience.

At the same time, we are shaping a new approach to how future informatics teachers are educated at university level, helping ensure that study programmes reflect the realities of today's digital world. Building on this, and led by the University of Ljubljana, we are now focusing on continuous and informal teacher training, supporting educators at every step of the way.

Meanwhile, expert groups led by the University of Turku are exploring how learning analytics can become more meaningful and usable in everyday teaching, from smarter data use to clearer ways of interpreting and visualising

learning.

And this is only part of what's coming next! New webinars, podcasts, and educational videos are on the horizon, bringing fresh ideas and inspiring conversations to our growing community.

## Latest news



**Digital First recognised as an inspiring example in new EU guidelines on informatics education**

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**Flash Eurobarometer Highlights Future Needs in Digital Education**

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## Meet our partners



Our project consortium consists of 15 organisations including universities, teacher training centers, primary and secondary schools, NGOs, and a public body from Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovenia, and Spain.

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