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ASPECTS CONCERNING THE EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH ICT EDUCATION IN EU COUNTRIES

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Abstract:

Nowadays is mandatory to have at least a basic ICT education in order to perform adequately at your workplace. In this paper we have analyzed the situation of the employed persons with ICT education in EU countries enterprises. The ICT education statistics are part of the ICT training domain, which is one of the domains in the wider concept of Digital skills. ICT education indicators are based on the EU Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) microdata

Key words: index; indicator; evolution; ICT education; EU-27; Romania

1. Introduction

The indicators that we have analyzed in this paper refer to the persons with ICT education in EU member countries. In the tables below the countries are presented using the two letters abbreviation, as follows: EU-27 (European Union 27 countries), AT (Austria), BE (Belgium), BG (Bulgaria), CY (Cyprus), CZ (Czechia), DE (Germany), DK (Denmark), EE (Estonia), EL (Greece), ES (Spain), FI (Finland) FR (France), HR (Croatia), HU (Hungary), IE (Ireland), IT (Italy), LT (Lithuania), LU (Luxembourg), LV (Latvia), MT (Malta), NL (Netherlands), PL (Poland), PT (Portugal), RO (Romania), SE (Sweden), SI (Slovenia), SK (Slovakia).

2. Analysis

2.1. First indicator

The first indicator analyzed was the *Employed persons with ICT education by age*. The delimitation of age is made in two intervals: 15-34 years and 35-74 years. As we can see in Figure 1 below the evolution of those persons (15-34 years) has a descending trend in Romania and also as an average in EU-27.





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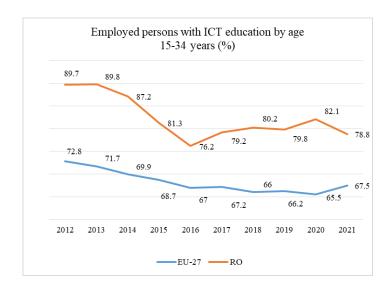


Fig. 1 The evolution of employed persons with ICT education by age 15-34 years (%)

In Tables 1a to 1d we have selected the minimum value and the maximum value of the indicator in each of the 27 countries in EU. Out of those values the maximum one is in Lithuania (90.5% in 2014) and the minimum one is in Finland (37.8% in 2017).

	Country	EU-27	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE
	MIN	65.5	56.9	68.3	64.7	69.5	70.6	60.2
	year	2020	2018	2017	2021	2018	2018	2020
ſ	MAX	72.8	73.8	78.1	86.8	80.1	89.2	68.3
	year	2012	2012	2012	2016	2012	2012	2012

Table 1a Employed persons with ICT education by age – 15-34 years (EU-27 – DE)

Country	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR
MIN	50.8	68.7	61.9	59.5	37.8	58.9	79.9
year	2015	2019	2020	2021	2017	2020	2016
MAX	67.9	83.3	82.3	70.4	57.7	71.5	87.8
year	2020	2013	2014	2014	2012	2021	2012

Table 1b Employed persons with ICT education by age -15-34 years (DK - HR)

Country	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT
MIN	68.3	52.6	70.1	67	52	63.6	76.9
year	2014	2018	2013	2020	2014	2015	2021
MAX	82.3	60.9	78	90.5	72.6	89.4	89.8
year	2012	2021	2019	2014	2016	2016	2016

Table 1c Employed persons with ICT education by age -15-34 years (HU - MT)





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Country	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
MIN	60.4	67.5	70	76.2	47.8	58.1	77.1
year	2019	2019	2016	2016	2014	2014	2015
MAX	72.4	79.9	82.7	89.8	63.1	78.8	86.6
year	2012	2012	2012	2013	2020	2019	2013

Table 1d Employed persons with ICT education by age -15-34 years (NL-SK)

Next we made a ranking of the values in descending order of the indicator in 2012 and in 2021 – first and last years of available data. In 2012 Austria is ranking 15, Belgium 12, Bulgaria 11, Cyprus 9, Czechia 2, Germany 20, Denmark 26, Estonia 14, Greece 8, Spain 19, Finland 25, France 21, Croatia 3, Hungary 7, Ireland 24, Italy 16, Lithuania 13, Luxembourg 22, Latvia 17, Malta 5, Netherlands 18, Poland 10, Portugal 6, Romania 1, Sweden 27, Slovenia 23, Slovakia 4. So Romania had the highest value of the indicator in 2012 (89.7%).

In 2021 the ranking was as follows: Austria 23, Belgium 14, Bulgaria 19, Cyprus 9, Czechia 5, Germany 21, Denmark 18, Estonia 8, Greece 20, Spain 25, Finland 27, France 12, Croatia 2, Hungary 16, Ireland 22, Italy 7, Lithuania 13, Luxembourg 26, Latvia 10, Malta 6, Netherlands 17, Poland 15, Portugal 4, Romania 3, Sweden 24, Slovenia 11, Slovakia 1. The value for the indicator in 2021 in Romania was 78.8%.

The second part of the analysis of the evolution of employed persons with ICT education by age refers to the interval 35-74 years. As we can observe in Figure 2 below, we have an ascending trend of this indicator in Romania and also in EU-27 index.

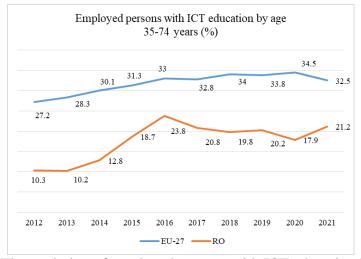


Fig. 2 The evolution of employed persons with ICT education by age 35-74 years (%)

In Tables 2a to 2d we have selected the minimum value and the maximum value of the indicator in each of the 27 countries in EU. Out of those values the maximum one is in Finland (62.2% in 2017) and the minimum one is in Malta (10.2% in 2016).





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Country	EU-27	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE
MIN	27.2	26.2	21.9	20.8	19.9	10.8	31.7
	2012	2012	2012	2016	2012	2012	2012
MAX	34.5	43.1	31.7	35.3	30.5	29.4	39.8
	2020	2018	2017	2021	2018	2018	2020

Table 2a Employed persons with ICT education by age -35-74 years (EU-27 – DE)

Country	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR
MIN	32.1	16.7	17.7	29.6	42.3	28.5	12.2
	2020	2013	2014	2014	2012	2021	2012
MAX	49.2	31.3	38.1	40.5	62.2	41.1	20.1
	2015	2019	2020	2021	2017	2020	2016

Table 2b Employed persons with ICT education by age – 35-74 years (DK – HR)

Country	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT
MIN	17.7	39.1	22	13.7	27.4	21.4	10.2
	2012	2021	2019	2013	2016	2016	2016
MAX	31.7	47.4	29.9	33	48	36.4	23.1
	2014	2018	2013	2020	2014	2015	2021

Table 2c Employed persons with ICT education by age – 35-74 years (HU – MT)

Country	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
MIN	27.6	20.1	17.3	10.2	36.9	21.2	13.4
MIN	2012	2012	2012	2013	2020	2019	2013
MAX	39.6	32.5	30	23.8	52.2	41.9	22.9
MAX	2019	2019	2016	2016	2014	2014	2015

Table 2d Employed persons with ICT education by age – 35-74 years (NL – SK)

For the ranking of the values in 2012 we have missing data in Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia, and Slovakia. Also in 2021 for Latvia and Slovakia.

The rest of the countries are ranking in 2012 as follows: Austria 12, Belgium 14, Cyprus 16, Czechia 22, Germany 8, Denmark 2, Estonia 13, Greece 17, Spain 9, Finland 3, France 7, Croatia 21, Hungary 18, Ireland 4, Italy 11, Luxembourg 6, Malta 19, Netherlands 10, Poland 15, Portugal 20, Romania 23, Sweden 1, Slovenia 5. The value for the indicator in 2012 in Romania was 10.3%.

In 2021 the ranking was: Austria 5, Belgium 14, Bulgaria 9, Cyprus 18, Czechia 21, Germany 7, Denmark 10, Estonia 19, Greece 8, Spain 3, Finland 1, France 16, Croatia 25, Hungary 12, Ireland 6, Italy 20, Lithuania 15, Luxembourg 2, Malta 22, Netherlands 11, Poland 13, Portugal 23, Romania 24, Sweden 4, Slovenia 17 The value for the indicator in 2021 in Romania was 21.2%.





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2.2. The second indicator

The second indicator analyzed was the *Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level*. We have 2 parts also for this indicator: Levels 3 and 4 on the first part and Levels 5-8 on the second part.

Concerning the Levels 3 and 4 the trend was abruptly descending in Romania and slowly descending for the EU-27 composite index.

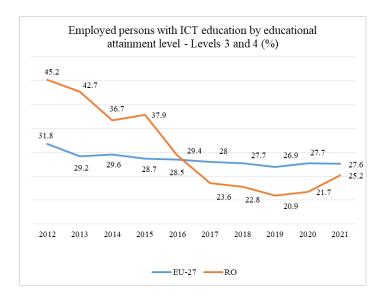


Fig. 3 The evolution of employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level — levels 3 and 4 (%)

In Tables 3a to 3d we have selected the minimum value and the maximum value of the indicator in each of the 27 countries in EU. Out of those values the maximum one is in Portugal (75.5% in 2017) and the minimum one is in Spain and Lithuania (6.3% in 2013 and 6.3% in 2020 respectively). We have missing data in Bulgaria and France.

Country	EU-27	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE
MIN	26.9	10.4	11.7	•	7.5	25	33.4
year	2019	2016	2021	•	2021	2013	2020
MAX	31.8	27.9	19.8		14.6	40.9	40.6
year	2012	2012	2020	•	2015	2012	2014

Table 3a Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level – Levels 3 and 4 (EU-27 – DE)

Country	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR
MIN	10.8	33	25.3	6.3	18.9		39.1
year	2015	2018	2020	2013	2019	•	2013
MAX	56.2	44.3	47.2	12.1	44.3		51.8
year	2020	2016	2012	2018	2012	•	2019

Table 3b Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level –





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Levels 3 and 4 (DK - HR)

Country	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT
MIN	33.2	10.5	62.7	6.3	11.9	10.6	31.5
year	2015	2016	2017	2020	2020	2019	2021
MAX	45.3	15.2	72.4	12.7	25.7	36.7	48.6
year	2012	2014	2012	2016	2013	2018	2013

Table 3c Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level – Levels 3 and 4 (HU – MT)

Country	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
MIN	34.3	30.9	60.4	20.9	14.1	9.2	21.6
year	2013	2014	2021	2019	2021	2014	2015
MAX	43.3	43.9	75.5	45.2	20.8	39.4	33.6
year	2014	2021	2017	2012	2013	2017	2016

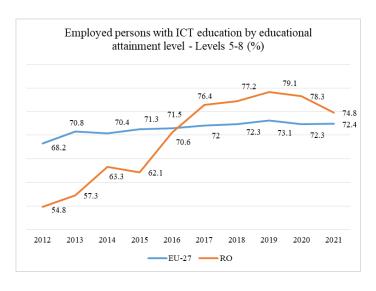
Table 3d Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level – Levels 3 and 4 (NL – SK)

For the ranking of the values in 2012 we have missing data in Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Lithuania, and Latvia. Also in 2021 for Bulgaria, Denmark, France, and Latvia.

The rest of the countries are ranking in 2012 as follows: Austria 15, Belgium 20, Czechia 8, Germany 9, Denmark 16, Estonia 13, Greece 3, Spain 22, Finland 7, Croatia 6, Hungary 4, Ireland 21, Italy 1, Luxembourg 17, Malta 10, Netherlands 12, Poland 11, Portugal 2, Romania 5, Sweden 18, Slovenia 19, and Slovakia 14. The value for the indicator in 2012 in Romania was 10.3%.

In 2021 the ranking was: Austria 16, Belgium 20, Cyprus 23, Czechia 10, Germany 9, Estonia 5, Greece 14, Spain 19, Finland 13, Croatia 4, Hungary 8, Ireland 21, Italy 1, Lithuania 22, Luxembourg 17, Malta 11, Netherlands 6, Poland 3, Portugal 2, Romania 15, Sweden 18, Slovenia 7, and Slovakia 12. The value for the indicator in 2021 in Romania was 25.2%.

The second part of the analysis of the evolution of employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level refers to the Levels 5-8. As we can observe in Figure 4 below, we have an ascending trend of this indicator in Romania and also in EU-27 index, but more moderately.







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Fig. 4 The evolution of employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level – levels 5-8 (%)

In Tables 4a to 4d we have selected the minimum value and the maximum value of the indicator in each of the 27 countries in EU. Out of those values the maximum one is in France (99.3% in 2015) and the minimum one is in Portugal (24.5% in 2017).

Country	EU-27	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE
MIN	68.2	72.1	80.2	71.5	85.4	59.1	59.4
year	2012	2012	2020	2012	2015	2012	2014
MAX	73.1	89.6	88.3	95	96.9	75	66.6
year	2019	2016	2021	2014	2019	2013	2021

Table 4a Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level – Levels 5-8 (EU-27 – DE)

(Country	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR
	MIN	43.8	55.7	52.8	87.9	55.7	95.7	48.2
	year	2020	2016	2012	2018	2012	2014	2019
	MAX	95.6	67	74.7	93.7	81.1	99.3	60.9
	year	2021	2018	2020	2013	2019	2015	2020

Table 4b Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level – Levels 5-8 (DK – HR)

Country	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT
MIN	54.7	84.8	27.6	87.3	74.3	63.3	51.4
year	2012	2014	2012	2016	2013	2018	2013
MAX	66.8	89.5	37.3	93.7	88.1	89.4	68.5
year	2015	2016	2017	2020	2020	2019	2021

Table 4c Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level – Levels 5-8 (HU – MT)

Country	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
MIN	56.7	56.1	24.5	54.8	79.2	60.6	66.4
year	2014	2021	2017	2012	2013	2017	2016
MAX	65.7	69.1	39.6	79.1	85.9	90.8	78.4
year	2013	2014	2021	2019	2021	2014	2015

Table 4d Employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level – Levels 5-8 (NL – SK)

In 2012 Austria is ranking 12, Belgium 6, Bulgaria 13, Cyprus 2, Czechia 20, Germany 19, Denmark 11, Estonia 15, Greece 25, Spain 3, Finland 21, France 1, Croatia 22, Hungary 24, Ireland 5, Italy 27, Lithuania 4, Luxembourg 9, Latvia 10, Malta 18, Netherlands 16, Poland 17, Portugal 26, Romania 23, Sweden 8, Slovenia 7, Slovakia 14. Romania had the value of this indicator in 2012 54.8%.





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In 2021 the ranking was as follows: Austria 11, Belgium 7, Bulgaria 3, Cyprus 4, Czechia 18, Germany 19, Denmark 2, Estonia 23, Greece 14, Spain 8, Finland 15, France 1, Croatia 24, Hungary 20, Ireland 6, Italy 27, Lithuania 5, Luxembourg 12, Latvia 10, Malta 17, Netherlands 22, Poland 25, Portugal 26, Romania 13, Sweden 9, Slovenia 21, Slovakia 16. The value for the indicator in 2021 in Romania was 74.8%.

2.3. The third indicator

The third indicator analyzed was the *Employed and unemployed persons with ICT education*. We refer in this paper only to the employed persons. As we can observe in Figure 5 below, the trend for Romania and EU-27 is ascending.

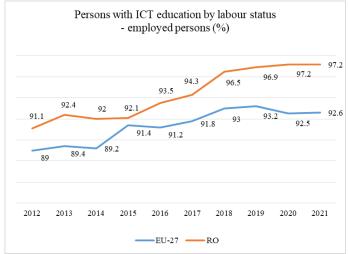


Fig. 5 The evolution of employed persons with ICT education (%)

In Tables 5a to 5d we have selected the minimum value and the maximum value of the indicator in each of the 27 countries in EU. Out of those values the maximum one is in Czechia (100% in 2017) and the minimum one is in Greece (62.6% in 2013).

Country	EU-27	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE
MIN	89	91	89.7	93.4	81.7	93	96.2
year	2012	2016	2020	2013	2014	2014	2014
MAX	93.2	97.5	97.3	98.6	96.7	100	97.4
year	2019	2019	2021	2017	2019	2017	2018

Table 5a Persons with ICT education by labour status – employed persons (EU-27 – DE)

Country	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR
MIN	90.4	89.3	62.6	77.5	85.1	88.7	79.2
year	2017	2013	2013	2012	2015	2014	2015
MAX	95.9	96.9	80.5	89	93	95.3	94.8
year	2019	2019	2021	2018	2018	2016	2020

Table 5b Persons with ICT education by labour status – employed persons





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(DK - HR)

Country	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT
MIN	89.7	84.1	82.3	94	92.7	81.1	94.4
year	2012	2012	2014	2017	2012	2012	2014
MAX	97.1	93.8	87	98.1	97.3	99.2	99.5
year	2018	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	2015

Table 5c Persons with ICT education by labour status – employed persons (HU - MT)

Country	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
MIN	92.4	90.3	76.7	91.1	92.2	84.4	87
year	2014	2013	2013	2012	2020	2016	2012
MAX	97.7	97.2	93.2	97.2	94.4	96.9	97
year	2019	2019	2020	2021	2018	2017	2021

Table 5d Persons with ICT education by labour status – employed persons (NL - SK)

In 2012 Austria is ranking 11, Belgium 5, Bulgaria 8, Cyprus 18, Czechia 3, Germany 1, Denmark 16, Estonia 13, Greece 27, Spain 26, Finland 17, France 9, Croatia 20, Hungary 19, Ireland 22, Italy 23, Lithuania 2, Luxembourg 12, Latvia 24, Malta 4, Netherlands 6, Poland 14, Portugal 25, Romania 15, Sweden 7, Slovenia 10, Slovakia 21. Romania had the value of this indicator in 2012 91.1%.

In 2021 the ranking was as follows: Austria 15, Belgium 3, Bulgaria 9, Cyprus 14, Czechia 1, Germany 5, Denmark 18, Estonia 8, Greece 27, Spain 26, Finland 23, France 21, Croatia 22, Hungary 7, Ireland 19, Italy 25, Lithuania 16, Luxembourg 10, Latvia 20, Malta 2, Netherlands 11, Poland 12, Portugal 24, Romania 4, Sweden 17, Slovenia 13, Slovakia 6. The value for the indicator in 2021 in Romania was 97.2%.

2.4. The fourth indicator

The fourth and last indicator analyzed was the *Employed persons with ICT education by sex*. In the Figure 6 below we can observe the slightly ascending trend for Romania and Eu-27.





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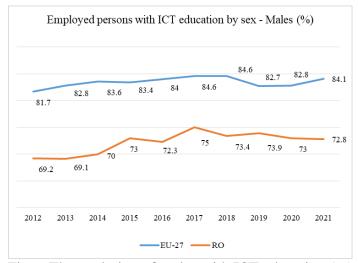


Fig. 6 The evolution of males with ICT education (%)

In Tables 6a to 6d we have selected the minimum value and the maximum value of the indicator in each of the 27 countries in EU. Out of those values the maximum one is in Slovenia (97.6% in 2012) and the minimum one is in Cyprus (60.7% in 2012).

Country	EU-27	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE
MIN	81.7	75	85.4	63.4	60.7	86.9	85.2
year	2012	2019	2017	2021	2012	2013	2021
MAX	84.6	90.7	92.6	78.6	77.1	96.3	86.7
year	2018	2014	2018	2013	2017	2012	2015

Table 6a Employed persons with ICT education by sex – Males (EU-27 – DE)

Country	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR
MIN	67.1	66.3	62.7	76.7	66.9	77.7	75.3
year	2020	2012	2012	2015	2014	2019	2013
MAX	87	83.5	78.5	82.6	85.9	89.7	93.9
year	2017	2016	2018	2013	2020	2021	2016

Table 6b Employed persons with ICT education by sex – Males (DK – HR)

Country	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT
MIN	82.9	64.8	75.1	75.7	76.4	63.5	77
year	2020	2012	2012	2012	2019	2013	2018
MAX	90.4	79.9	84	90.7	91.4	93.6	86.3
year	2017	2021	2019	2015	2014	2020	2013

Table 6c Employed persons with ICT education by sex - Males (HU – MT)





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Country	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
MIN	82.4	83.7	75.7	69.1	73.3	80	76.7
year	2013	2012	2015	2013	2012	2019	2012
MAX	89	90.4	85.1	75	78.1	97.6	91.2
year	2016	2018	2018	2017	2018	2012	2015

Table 6d Employed persons with ICT education by sex - Males (NL - SK)

In 2012 Austria is ranking 9, Belgium 5, Bulgaria 21, Cyprus 27, Czechia 2, Germany 6, Denmark 12, Estonia 23, Greece 26, Spain 13, Finland 19, France 11, Croatia 15, Hungary 8, Ireland 25, Italy 18, Lithuania 16, Luxembourg 3, Latvia 24, Malta 7, Netherlands 4, Poland 10, Portugal 17, Romania 22, Sweden 20, Slovenia 1, Slovakia 14. Romania had the value of this indicator in 2012 69.2%.

In 2021 the ranking was as follows: Austria 9, Belgium 4, Bulgaria 27, Cyprus 23, Czechia 1, Germany 10, Denmark 25, Estonia 13, Greece 26, Spain 14, Finland 19, France 3, Croatia 20, Hungary 8, Ireland 18, Italy 15, Lithuania 11, Luxembourg 21, Latvia 12, Malta 17, Netherlands 7, Poland 5, Portugal 16, Romania 24, Sweden 22, Slovenia 2, Slovakia 6. The value for the indicator in 2021 in Romania was 72.8%.

3. Conclusions

In Romania the employed persons with ICT education represented in 2021 97.2% out of the total employed persons. The highest value from the EU member countries was in Czechia (99.4%).

If we look at the employed persons with ICT education by age we observe that the majority of them (78.8%) were between 15 and 34 years old. In Slovakia we had 82.4% - the highest value.

Concerning the employed persons with ICT education by educational attainment level we had in 2021 74.8% at levels 5-8, which represent a 20% increase compared to 2012. In France these persons represented in 2021 96%.

In 2021 72.8% out of the employed persons with ICT education were males and only 27.2% were females. In Czechia 92.6% were males – the highest disequilibrium between sexes.

The measurement of this 4 indicators supports the implementation of one of the 6 priorities for the period 2019-2024 - A *Europe fit for the digital age*.

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