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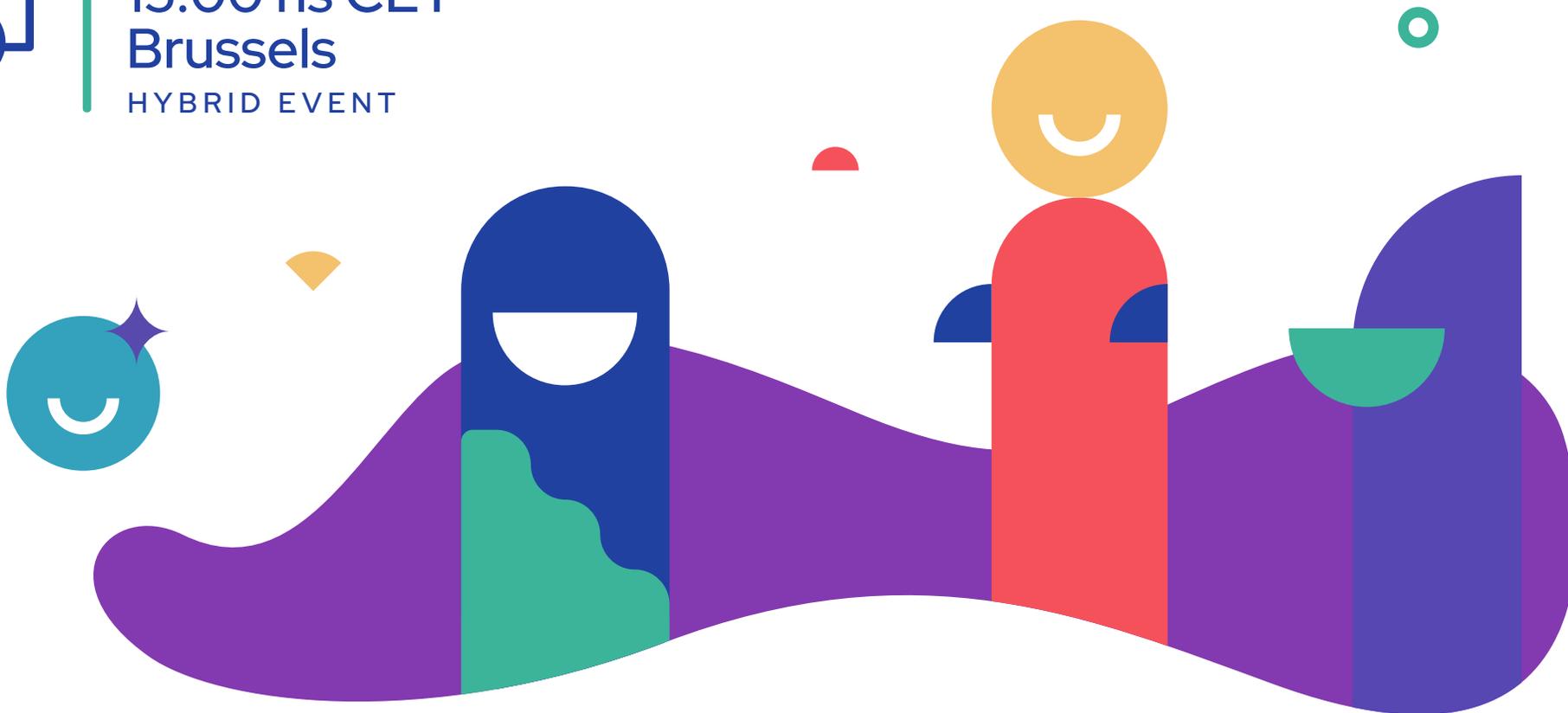# Powering digital inclusion through a European collective

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Brussels
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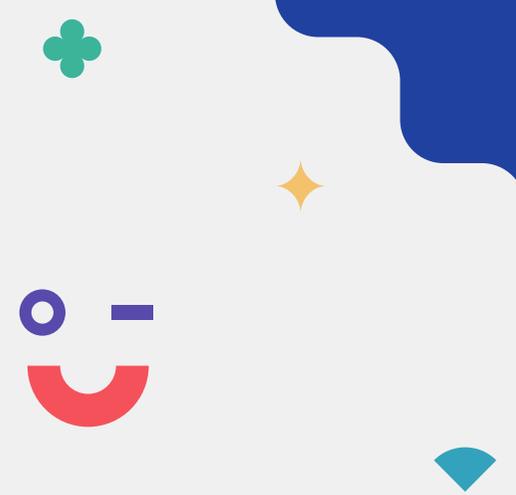
WHAT IS THE DIGITAL COLLECTIVE?

The **Digital Collective** (DigiCo) is a Brussels-based not-for-profit organisation advocating for radical digital inclusion at the European level to **close the growing digital skills divide**.

DigiCo is **driving the digital inclusion movement** by uniting and aligning multi stakeholders around common goals. It provides organisations with the financial, technical and collaborative resources they need to scale up their social impact. DigiCo built its own **digital skills self-assessment platform Skillify**, aligned with the Digital Competence Framework for Citizens (DigComp) developed by the European Commission. DigiCo also created its own **Community of Practice** which reunites non-profit organisations, policy makers, researchers, and labour market intermediaries in a dedicated space to collaborate, share knowledge, and promote good practices on digital inclusion.

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EVENT PURPOSE

As we approach the **2023 European Year of Skills**, DigiCo is reuniting its Community of digital inclusion stakeholders, to launch our next year's agenda under the premise of **"Powering digital inclusion through a European collective"**. Through this event, DigiCo will address the urgent need to empower the most marginalized groups with the skills, confidence, and pathways to meaningful jobs.

This Launch Event marks the **Official Launch of the organisation, together with the announcement of the Google.org grant support**. This event will reunite multiple stakeholders working on digital upskilling for the inclusion of migrants in society and the labour market, a topic that is increasingly relevant with the current influx of Ukrainian refugees and the announcement of 2023 as the European Year of Skills.

AUDIENCE

> **European digital skills training providers**

> **Researchers in digital inclusion**

> **Labour market intermediaries (workforce inclusion advocates, Public Employment Services etc)**

> **European Policy makers**

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TIME	TOPIC			SPEAKERS
15:00	Welcome			Léa Ichikawa DigiCo
15:05	Key Note	Introduction		Gori Yahaya & Lisa Varga DigiCo
15:15		Google.org		Rowan Barnett Google.org
15:25		Policy		Commissioner Nicolas Schmit Cabinet Member (TBC)
15:40	Panel 1			Sophie Jonke, Didier Van Der Meeren & Dana Pavlychko
16:35	Panel 2			Tiina Polo, Maria do Carmo Gomes, Karine Sonigo & Amadou Sako
17:30	General Discussion and Q&A			Léa Ichikawa DigiCo
17:50	Closing Remarks			Gori Yahaya & Lisa Varga DigiCo
18:00	Networking Reception			

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KEY NOTES

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**Gori Yahaya &
Lisa Varga**
Co-founders and Co-directors
The Digital Collective

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Rowan Barnett
EMEA Director
Google.org
(TBC)

Cabinet Member

**Commissioner
Nicolas Schmit
Cabinet Member**
(TBC)

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PANEL #1
Digital upskilling for the integration of migrants: 3 European case studies

European learning providers at the forefront of digital inclusion will share their comprehensive methods of integrating migrants by combining digital upskilling with the provision of language learning and career workshops.

Key Points:

> Combining digital upskilling with language and career skills for the labour integration of migrants

> Digital skills as a catalyser of other skills

> Recognition of prior skills and prior learning

15:40 – 16:30

SPEAKERS

Sophie Jonke
Director
REDI School of Digital Integration
Germany

Didier Van Der Meeren
Director
Le Monde des Possibles
Belgium

Dana Pavlychko
CEO
United for Ukraine
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PANEL #2

Pathways for a comprehension labour integration of migrants: the role of digital

Stakeholders from the European Commission, Private Sector and International Organisations will ensure a diverse dialogue on the current strategies and mechanisms in place at the EU level to allow this social and labour inclusion.

Key Points:

> What mechanisms allow the recognition of prior learning for migrants?

> What are the mechanisms in place to align migrants skills to labour market needs?

> What are the biggest failings in these alignment mechanisms, and what should be changed?

> Key examples: Fast-tracks for migrants in Sweden, EU Skills profile for third country nationals

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16:35 - 17:25

SPEAKERS

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