

European Movement International

Conference on the Future of Europe: The European Movement International's recommendations for the Working Group on Digital Transformation

[European citizens' recommendations](#) from the panel “Stronger economy, social justice and jobs / Education, culture, youth and sport / Digital transformation” call for a safe and ethical digital transformation. Based on the [Policy Positions](#) adopted by a diverse set of organisations that comprise the European Movement International network¹, we urge the Conference to make Europe ready for a digital age that achieves greater well-being, equality and a healthier natural world.

These are our recommendations:

- Further **investments** are necessary to build and maintain a robust digital infrastructure across the EU and without exceptions. In order to achieve **digital sovereignty**, the EU must have **independent European cloud capacity and expanded broadband connectivity** to regions and rural areas that have often had less access (Recommendation 40).
- Citizens should be given the opportunity to **opt out and revoke data** (Recommendation 43).
- Investments in **digital education** must be made at all levels to **ensure equality and reduce digital disparities** (Recommendation 47).
- The EU needs to **ensure the right to digital training** for all EU citizens (Recommendations 8).
- The EU should actively foster “**reskilling**” and “**upskilling**” programmes and training (Recommendation 8).

¹ The European Movement is the largest pan-European network of pro-European organisations. It is present in over 30 countries and encompasses 38 pan-European networks, bringing together European civil society, employers, trade unions, NGOs, political parties, local authorities and academia.

- Utilising the power and potential of tools such as **data, artificial intelligence (AI), and the Internet of Things** can foster **innovation, growth and competition** in existing and emerging sectors.
- The EU should develop regulations that **protect citizens' fundamental rights** while promoting fair competition and innovation.
- It is necessary to establish clear **guidelines for accountability from online platforms** for combating hate speech, fake news, illegal content and disinformation with an emphasis on factual and safe content.
- The EU must optimise the digital transition **to improve environmental standards** and **foster long-term sustainability**.