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## NEWS FROM AROUND EUROPE



### Balkan Regional ECDL Forum Held in Belgrade

The Balkan Regional ECDL Forum took place in Belgrade on 10 November, bringing together ECDL National Operators from the Balkan region, representatives of Serbian Accredited Test Centres, ECDL Foundation, and representatives of the governments of Montenegro and Serbia.

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## EU POLICY NEWS

### 2018 Erasmus+ Programme Guide

### 2018 Erasmus+ Programme Guide Published

The latest edition of the Erasmus+ Call and Programme Guide has been published by the European Commission. €2.7 billion is available to fund education, training, youth and sport projects, and the guide offers detailed information on how to apply.

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### EU Skill Gap Factsheet

### Factsheet Spotlights Digital Skills Gaps in Europe

A new factsheet on digital skills gaps in Europe has been published by the European Commission. The factsheet, which summarises existing data on the topic, highlights that, although 9 in 10 jobs in the future will demand digital skills, 44% of Europeans are still lacking even basic digital skills.

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### Fake News Investigation

### Fake News to be Investigated by European Commission Expert Group & Public Consultation

The European Commission has launched a consultation on fake news, to identify how people in Europe's perceptions and concerns about fake news. Alongside the consultation, the Commission has also brought together experts on the topic in a High-Level Expert Group. The results of the work of both are expected to be presented in early 2018.

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### Report on Young Peoples' Digital Skills

### Carnegie UK Trust Report Argues Young People Lack Digital Skills, Too Often Seen as 'Digital Natives'

A new report from Carnegie UK Trust argues that many young people lack basic digital skills that are essential to succeed in our digital world. The 'A Digital World for All?' report considers the problem of digital exclusion, and the risky assumption that all young people are digitally literate. It goes on to make recommendations for measures to build the skills of young people and tackle the challenge.

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## ICDL AROUND THE WORLD



### ICDL Asia signs Agreement with China Vocation Education Innovation Alliance (CVEA) to Promote ICDL to Schools in China

ICDL modules will be promoted on Chinese education platforms and train-the-trainer programmes under a new agreement between ICDL Foundation and the China Vocational Education Innovation Alliance (CVEA).

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### Ugandan Insurance Industry CEO's Endorse ICDL

More than 50 CEOs from the Ugandan insurance industry met at a breakfast meeting in November to discuss digital skills. The event is organised quarterly by the Insurance Institute of Uganda, which recently became an ICDL Accredited Test Centre. A representative of the Insurance Regulatory Authority was also present at the event.

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### Success for ICDL IT Security Competition 2017 in Taiwan

The Computer Skills Foundation Taiwan, which operates ICDL in Taiwan, held its IT Security Competition 2017 earlier this month, in cooperation with Chia Nan University of Pharmacy & Science. The competition for students in high schools and universities who need to develop an understanding of IT security. Through the competition, it is hoped to enhance knowledge and awareness of the importance of information security issues.

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### Partnership Between Saigon University and ICDL Asia to Boost ICT Skills in Ho Chi Minh City

The quality of IT training and education for students in Ho Chi Minh City will be boosted under a new agreement signed between ICDL Asia and Saigon University. The agreement was signed by Dr Pham Hoang Quan, Rector of Saigon University, and Tina Wu, General Manager of ICDL Asia, at a ceremony in late November at the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City Office in Vietnam.

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### New Partnership with India's Haryana Vishwakarma Skill University to Increase Digital Literacy in State of Haryana

ICDL India has signed an agreement with Haryana Vishwakarma Skill University (HVSU) to promote digital skills, entrepreneurship and research in emerging areas. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed at a ceremony at the university's campus by Tina Wu, General Manager of ICDL Asia.

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### First ICDL Train-the-Trainers Program Held in Nanjing, China

ICDL Asia held its first ICDL Train-the-Trainers (TTT) program in China, Nanjing City from 22 to 24 November 2017 at the Jin Ling Science & Technology Institute. The programs were well-received, with participants from many schools and universities, including teachers who are dedicated to enhancing the digital literacy standards of their students.

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### 5 New Strategic Partners Accredited in China to Offer ICDL

ICDL Asia has accredited five new test centres across China to offer ICDL to schools and individuals. The new centres are located in Beijing, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Foshan.

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