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Dear Minister ZALEWSKA,

As you know, the digital transformation is bringing important economic and social benefits to our society, but also major challenges. All citizens in Europe will need to develop the right skills to thrive in a world which is increasingly digital. To achieve this we need to work together to ensure that European education and training systems respond and adapt to these changes.

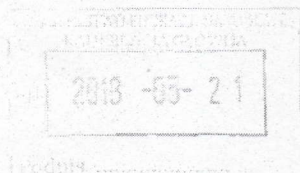
The European Council conclusions of 14 December 2017 called on Member States, the Council and the Commission to take forward the agenda discussed at the Gothenburg Social Summit. In January 2018, the Commission adopted the Digital Education Action Plan which sets out 11 specific actions supporting the better use of digital technologies in education; the development of digital skills and competences; and the better use of foresight and data in education.

Amongst others, the Digital Education Action Plan pledges to make young people active digital creators and leaders and encourages participation in EU Code Week. Our target is that at least 50% of all primary and secondary schools, including vocational and education training schools, participate in EU Code Week by 2020. EU Code Week is a grass-root movement run by volunteers who promote programming, computational thinking and related activities in their countries as Code Week Ambassadors. In 2017, 1.2 million people participated in Code Week, out of which an impressive 46% were girls or women.

The Commission is supporting schools participation in this initiative in a number of ways including with free materials for teachers in all European languages on the Code Week website and offering an auto-evaluation tool – Selfie – which indicates the digital readiness of schools.

In full respect of your competences and the principle of subsidiarity, we intensify efforts to adapt education systems for the digital age and to support digital training for teachers and school leaders. We also invite you to encourage all primary and secondary schools in your country to get involved in EU Code Week, which will take place from 6-21 October 2018. For more information please contact your local Code Week ambassador(s) or the colleagues at the Commission working with Code Week (see attached contacts).

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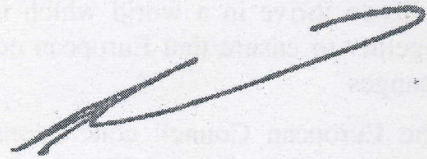
We further encourage you to share your learning materials related to computational thinking and coding at CodeWeek.eu and to share your experiences with introducing digital skills in schools at the forthcoming Educational Council meeting.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to help ensure that all children will have the necessary skills to live and work positively and successfully in our increasingly digital European society.

Yours sincerely,



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EU Commissioner for the  
Digital Economy and Society



Tibor Navraicsics  
EU Commissioner for  
Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

Useful information:

- Website: CodeWeek.eu
- Find your Code week ambassador: [events.codeweek.eu/ambassadors](https://events.codeweek.eu/ambassadors)
- EU Code Week contact at the Commission: [Annika.ostergren@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Annika.ostergren@ec.europa.eu)