

# ICTskills4All

Empowering old adult citizens for a digital world

# **Intellectual Output 5**

Piloting and analysis of results learning programs



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#### Abstract

This report aims to demonstrate the results about the evaluation of the effect on the ICT skills between Peer to peer, intergenerational and online group approaches, participating in the educational program ICTskills4All, as well as a pilot evaluation of the online platform and learning tools.

# 1. Introduction

The use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) by older adults has been considered necessary to expand the knowledge and skills of this population and to reduce the digital divide, notably present in this age group (Midão et al., 2020). Educational programs for the 55+ population showed to be benefic and effective, increasing access to information and services, making this population feel more adapted for nowadays society (Garcia, 2017; Hinojo-Lucena, Aznar-Díaz, Cáceres-Reche, & Romero-Rodríguez, 2019; Zadworna, 2020; Zielińska-Więczkowska, 2017).

In this intellectual output, pilot's studies ware run in order to evaluate and compare two in-person approaches to improve digital skills in older adults, intergenerational and peerto-peer. As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, which prevented face-to-face meetings during 2020, another approach occurred online. These pilots were run in 4 partnership countries - Portugal, Poland, Latvia and UK. The impact of these pilots on digital skills, as well as in attitudes towards ICT were evaluated in older adults' participants, at the beginning and at the final stage of pilots and during the sessions. Qualitative evaluation of pilots was also performed in all pilot participant groups, in order to collect information that was helpful to improve educational material and schedule of the in-person approaches. Moreover, a pilot evaluation of online platform and tools were also run in the 4 countries in order to evaluate its impact/satisfaction in terms of ICT skills in order adults.

#### 2. Methods

This is a quasi-experimental study, with comparison between the intervention group from four European Countries, partners in the ICTskills4all project. ICTskills4all is an international and intergenerational project, supported by the Erasmus+ program, which is part of the European research line regarding lifelong learning. The main objectives of the project were to contribute to "Empowering old citizens for a digital world". The experiment took place in four European countries (Portugal, United Kingdom, Poland, and Latvia).

The development of the ICTskills4all program had several phases for its construction, as specified on the website program (https://www.up.pt/ictskills4all). The present report is limited to exposing data related to the application of the experiment in loco, where were observed three different groups of adults over 50 years of age, which had participated (experimental group) in the proposed educational program. This report also has a pilot evaluation about the website ictskills4all and its learning tools, the methodology used to do so, was in part the usability tests done along the Product Development Cycle (User Centered Design) and a survey where participants from the four countries completed a questionnaire consisting of 5 open responses and 10 closed responses.

The eight sessions were individually evaluated by the participants using the session evaluation questionnaire, in which the participants were asked to answer, "what they enjoyed most", "what would they change", "what was most difficult" and "what was easier" during the session that occurred, as well as classifying the quality of the session from 1 (very poor) to 5 (excellent). We also used the Digital Skills Self-Assessment Questionnaire, applied before the beginning of the first session (pre) and after the end of the eighth session (post), based on four areas of competencies presented in "The Digital Competence Framework for Citizens - DigComp 2.1<sup>1</sup> (2017), namely "Information and data literacy - I&DL"; "Communication and collaboration - C&C"; "Digital content creation - DCC" and "Safety - S". The area of "Problem

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Carretero, S., Vuorikari, R., & Punie, Y. (2017). DigComp 2.1: The Digital Competence Framework for Citizens. Publications Office of the European Union. Retrieved from <u>http://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC106281/web-digcomp2.1pdf</u> (online).pdf

solving" was excluded from this analysis because it is a competency that requires more digital skills than those recommended by the initial Curriculum of the ICTskills4All proposal.

Categorical variables are described using absolute frequencies (n) and relative frequencies (%). The questions that compose the questionnaires are described using the median (50th percentile), 25th percentile and 75th percentile.

Variables were created for the differences between pre-intervention and postintervention values for all items in the questionnaire.

Significant differences between post and pre-test responses were verified using the Wilcoxon test. Hypotheses about differences between groups (intergenerational and peer-to-peer) were tested, using the non-parametric Mann-Whitney tests.

In all hypothesis tests, a significance level of  $\alpha$  = 5% was considered.

The analysis was performed using the statistical data analysis program SPSS® v.26.0 (*Statistical Package for Social Sciences*).

Qualitative data were analyzed according to the content analysis proposed by Minayo (2004), with the following steps: (A) Ordering of data to map the material obtained, re-reading the material and organizing the reports; (B) Classification of the data with exhaustive and repeated reading of the texts by a research team, for the next constitution of a corpus of communication, followed by the transversal reading of each body as a cut-out of the registration unit and, finally, the cutting of the most relevant data; (C) Final analysis and elaboration of the analytical categories, phase in which the research objectives and the themes that emerge from the observations are taken into account and the data is articulated with the theoretical framework, defining the analytical categories.

Following the steps, regarding the content analysis of the speeches referring to "what they liked the most" and "what would change" in the sessions, the word cloud presentation method was used, a tool that consists of a form of graphic visualization based on frequency of words written in the session evaluation questionnaires, which were categorized and released using the free *Word it out* software. The categories have colors and sizes relative to their repetitions. Connectors and words that had no meaning for the study were excluded. As for the content analysis of the speeches about "what was more difficult" and "what was easier", semi-integral speeches (with adaptations for categorization) were presented, tabled in their appropriate categories and with the number of repetitions. Five categories were predetermined regarding the five competence areas presented in "The Digital Competence Framework for Citizens - DigComp 2.1 (2017)", namely "Information and data literacy"; "Communication and collaboration"; "Digital content creation"; "Safety"; and "Problem solving"; as well as four more categories that emerged from data exhaustion, being "Class Design"; "Physical adaptation"; "Complexity of tasks"; and "Cognitive domain".

#### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Description of the sample

Of the 39 participants in this study, an analysis was made of their demographic characteristics as participants in the program, subdividing by different type of approach.

	Τe	otal	Peer-	to-Peer	Intergenerational		0	nline
	(n:	=39)	(n	(n=18) (n=12)		=12)	(r	n=9)
_	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
Gender								
Female	25	(64.1)	13	(72.2)	7	(58.3)	5	(55.6)
Male	14	(35.9)	5	(27.8)	5	(41.7)	4	(44.4)
Age								
50-64	9	(23.1)	2	(11.1)	4	(33.3)	3	(33.3)
65-74	16	(41.0)	4	(22.2)	6	(50.0)	6	(66.7)
75-84	13	(33.3)	11	(61.1)	2	(16.7)	0	(0.0)
85+	1	(2.6)	1	(5.6)	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
Country								
Portugal	3	(7.7)	0	(0.0)	3	(25.0)	0	(0.0)
Latvia	19	(48.7)	10	(55.6)	9	(75.0)	0	(0.0)
Poland	8	(20.5)	8	(44.4)	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
UK	9	(23.1)	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)	9	(100.0)

Table 1 Description of the characterization variables of the peer-to-peer, intergenerational and online

#### 3.2 Peer-to-peer and intergenerational

#### 3.2.1 Impact of the programme

Before realizing which of the approaches (peer-to-peer or intergenerational) was more effective, the impact of the program on 30 participants was studied, using the responses of the participants before and after the intervention, looking for significant differences.

Table 2 Comparison for each item of pre- and post-intervention values (paired) for program participants in the peer-to-peer (P2P) and intergenerational format (IG).

			P2P ·	+ IG		
Q		P25	P50	P75	n	р
1	I know the difference between digital media like laptop, desktop computer, tablet, and smartphone PRE	1.8	3.0	4.0	30	0.002
	I know the difference between digital media like laptop, desktop computer, tablet, and smartphone POS	3.8	4.0	5.0	30	
2	I know what is the screen. keys the layout of letters on the keyboard and function keys (important Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar). _ PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	30	<0.001
2	I know what is the screen. keys the layout of letters on the keyboard and function keys (important Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar). _ POS	4.0	4.0	5.0	30	
3	I know what is e-learning. or interactive learning through the Internet. _ PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	30	0.001
5	I know what is e-learning. or interactive learning through the Internet. _ POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	30	
4	I am able to switch on/off all medias (laptop. desktop computer. tablet and smartphone) PRE	1.8	3.0	4.0	30	0.001
	I am able to switch on/off all medias (laptop. desktop computer. tablet and smartphone) POS	4.0	4.0	5.0	30	
5	I am able to use the mouse. double click. right-left button. scrolling. and sliding PRE	3.0	3.5	4.3	30	<0.001
	I am able to use the mouse. double click. right-left button. scrolling. and sliding POS	4.0	4.0	5.0	30	
6	I am able to find on the keyboard the basic function keys like Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar PRE	1.8	3.5	4.0	30	0.001
0	I am able to find on the keyboard the basic function keys like Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar POS	4.0	4.5	5.0	30	
7	I am aware of basic principles of safe use of digital media at the level of switching on and checking security (programs. security applications - icons) PRE	2.0	2.0	3.0	29	<0.001
,	I am aware of basic principles of safe use of digital media at the level of switching on and checking security (programs. security applications - icons) POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	30	
0	I am aware of possibilities and consequences of sharing information about myself PRE	3.0	4.0	5.0	30	0.121
8	I am aware of possibilities and consequences of sharing information about myself POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	30	0.121
0	I know what browsers are for. how to identify it (icons). their basic differences and usefulness regarding to the purpose PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	30	<0.001
9	I know what browsers are for. how to identify it (icons). their basic differences and usefulness regarding to the purpose POS	4.0	4.0	5.0	30	\$0.001

10	I know how to identify secure websites and advertising pages. $\_$ PRE	1.0	1.0	3.0	30	<0.001	
10	I know how to identify secure websites and advertising pages. $\_$ POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	30	<0.001	
11	I am able to use the browser by myself - choose and connect to/disconnect from the Internet PRE	1.0	2.0	4.0	30	<0.001	
	I am able to use the browser by myself - choose and connect to/disconnect from the Internet POS	3.8	4.0	5.0	30		
10	I am able to open the secure side. search for information and open it. _ PRE	1.0	2.5	3.3	30	0.001	
12	I am able to open the secure side. search for information and open it. _ POS	3.0	4.0	4.3	30	0.001	
13	I know how to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding bookmarks to pages you want to follow PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	30	<0.001	
10	I know how to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding bookmarks to pages you want to follow POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	30		
14	I am able to create. make an account. login. read and send an email. _ PRE	1.0	1.0	3.0	30	<0.001	
	I am able to create. make an account. login. read and send an email. _ POS	2.0	3.0	4.0	30		
15	I am aware of consequences of safe/dangerous use of search engines and websites PRE	1.0	1.5	3.0	30	<0.001	
CI	I am aware of consequences of safe/dangerous use of search engines and websites POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	30		
16	I am aware of consequences of opening advertising pages PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	30	<0.001	
16	I am aware of consequences of opening advertising pages POS	3.0	4.0	4.3	30	10.001	
17	I know how to create an account on a social network PRE	1.0	1.0	3.0	30	0.001	
17	I know how to create an account on a social network POS	2.0	3.0	4.0	30	0.001	
18	I know which benefits I can take from being part of a social network PRE	1.0	2.5	3.3	30	<0.001	
10	I know which benefits I can take from being part of a social network POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	30		
10	I know how to share my localization using my cellphone PRE	1.0	1.5	3.0	30	<0.001	
19	I know how to share my localization using my cellphone POS	3.0	3.0	4.0	30	10.001	
20	I am able to scroll the web page - different ways (keyboard. roller mouse. touchpad. sliders. arrows. etc) _ PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	30	<0.001	
20	I am able to scroll the web page - different ways (keyboard. roller mouse. touchpad. sliders. arrows. etc) _ POS	3.8	4.0	5.0	30		
21	I am able to add friends to the social network PRE	1.0	1.5	3.0	30	<0.001	
21	I am able to add friends to the social network POS	2.0	3.0	3.3	30		
22	I am able to use skype and WhatsApp PRE	1.0	1.5	3.0	30	<0.001	
22	I am able to use skype and WhatsApp POS	2.0	3.0	4.0	30		
23	I am able to make video and phone calls using skype and WhatsApp. _ PRE	1.0	1.5	3.0	30	0.001	
	I am able to make video and phone calls using skype and WhatsApp. _ POS	2.0	3.0	4.0	30		
	I am aware of several social networks and their differences - interactive ways to create entries in Wikipedia (rules for creating an entry.	1.0	2.0	3.3	30		
24	checking. validating. data approval. publishing an entry) PRE I am aware of several social networks and their differences - interactive ways to create entries in Wikipedia (rules for creating an entry.	3.0	4.0	4.0	30	<0.001	
	checking. validating. data approval. publishing an entry) POS						

	I know what keywords are. search terms PRE	1.0	1.5	3.0	30	<0.001		
25	I know what keywords are. search terms POS	3.0	3.5	4.0	30	<0.001		
	I know what and why to "ask" the search engine PRE	1.0	1.0	3.0	30	<0.001		
26	I know what and why to "ask" the search engine POS	3.0	4.0	<0.001				
	I am able to navigate using search engines PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	30	<0.001		
27	I am able to navigate using search engines POS	3.0	4.0					
	I am able to identify the symbols. images and buttons PRE	1.0	3.0	3.0	30	<0.001		
28	I am able to identify the symbols. images and buttons POS	3.0	4.0	4.3	30	<0.001		
	I am able to search for information and open it PRE	1.0	2.0	3.3	30	<0.001		
29	I am able to search for information and open it POS	3.8	4.0	4.3	30	<0.001		
	I am able to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding	1.0	1.5	3.0	30			
30	bookmarks to pages you want to follow PRE I am able to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding	3.0	4.0	4.0	30	<0.001		
	bookmarks to pages you want to follow POS	5.0	4.0	4.0	30			
	I am aware of consequences of building knowledge about reality only based on one source on the Internet – one information portal	1.0	2.0	3.0	30			
31	(comparison of content) PRE					<0.001		
	I am aware of consequences of building knowledge about reality only based on one source on the Internet – one information portal	3.0	4.0	4.3	30			
	(comparison of content) POS							
22	I know how to distinguish information from advertising. text information from photo gallery or video account PRE	1.0	2.0	3.3	30	<0.001		
32	I know how to distinguish information from advertising. text information from photo gallery or video account POS	3.8	4.0	4.0	30			
	I know how to identify potential online threats PRE	1.0	1.0	3.0	30			
33	I know how to identify potential online threats POS	2.0	3.5	4.0	30	<0.001		
	I know how to create a secure password PRE	1.0	1.0	3.0	30			
34	I know how to create a secure password POS	3.0	3.5	4.0	30	<0.001		
	I know how to identify a secure website to make payments PRE	1.0	1.0	2.3	30	0.001		
35	I know how to identify a secure website to make payments POS	2.8	4.0	4.0	30	<0.001		
	I know how to identify a trick or scam PRE	1.0	1.0	2.0	30	10.001		
36	I know how to identify a trick or scam POS	3.0	3.5	4.0	30	<0.001		
	I am able to verify the credibility of the websites PRE	1.0	1.0	2.0	30	<0 001		
37	I am able to verify the credibility of the websites POS	2.8	3.0	4.0	30	<0.001		
	I am able to identify where I can use personal information and which	1.0	1.0	3.0	30			
38	information I can share PRE I am able to identify where I can use personal information and which	3.0	4.0	4.3	30	<0.001		
	information I can share POS							
39	I am able to avoid insecure websites PRE	1.0	1.0	3.0	30	<0.001		
	I am able to avoid insecure websites POS	3.0	3.0	4.0	30			
40	I am able to download and keep my documents PRE	1.0	1.5	2.3	30	<0.001		
	I am able to download and keep my documents POS	2.0	3.0	4.0	30			
41	I know how to use antivirus tools and avoid potential virus contamination PRE	1.0	1.0	2.0	30	<0.001		

	I know how to use antivirus tools and avoid potential virus contamination POS	2.0	3.0	4.0	30	
42	I am aware of consequences of submitting my personal data during registration PRE	1.0	2.0	4.0	30	0.001
42	I am aware of consequences of submitting my personal data during registration POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	30	0.001
42	I know what e-learning is and how to use it to develop and improve my own skills PRE	1.0	1.5	3.0	30	<0.001
43	I know what e-learning is and how to use it to develop and improve my own skills POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	30	10.001
	I know what the YouTube service is and how to use it PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	30	<0.001
44	I know what the YouTube service is and how to use it POS	3.0	4.0	4.3	30	<0.001
	I am able to search videos on selected topics. listen to or play a song on YouTube PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	30	<0.001
45	I am able to search videos on selected topics. listen to or play a song on YouTube POS		3.0	4.0	30	\$0.001
	I am able to use the tools in the movie window: volume. full screen. stop and start from the selected sequence PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	30	
46	I am able to use the tools in the movie window: volume. full screen. stop and start from the selected sequence POS	3.0	4.0	4.3	30	0.003
47	I am motivated to continually develop and update my skills and competences PRE	2.8	4.0	5.0	30	0.164
47	I am motivated to continually develop and update my skills and competences POS	4.0	4.0	5.0	30	0.101
48	I am aware of thematic diversity and differences in the level of content posted PRE	2.8	4.0	4.0	30	0.509
48	I am aware of thematic diversity and differences in the level of content posted POS	3.0	4.0	4.3	30	0.000
	I am aware of the existence of copyright regarding content posted on websites PRE	2.0	4.0	4.0	30	0.261
49	I am aware of the existence of copyright regarding content posted on websites POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	30	0.261
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Wilcoxon Test; P25 – percentile 25; P50 – percentile 50 or median; P75 – percentile 75; 1 – Strongly disagree; 2

- Disagree; 3 - Neutral; 4 - Agree; 5 - Strongly agree

In the peer-to-peer and intergenerational formats, the course proved to be effective in improving the skills assessed in 45 (91.8%) questions (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46), while in 4 questions there were no significant changes (questions 8, 47, 48 and 49). By dividing the questions by the 4 identified domains (in annex), the peer-to-peer and intergenerational programs were effective in improving: all 23 competences in information and data literacy, all 9 competencies in communication and collaboration and 13 of the 14 competences (93%) in safety. There were no significant changes in any of the 2 competencies assessed in digital content creation or in the question on motivation (question 47).

#### 3.2.2 Differences between the different approaches of the program

To understand the most effective approach, a new variable was created, resulting from the difference in the responses of the participants after and before the intervention. Values equal to "0", mean that there was no change; values below 0, mean that there was a negative change; values greater than 0, mean that there was a positive change.

	P25	P50	P75	Ν	U	p
Q1_POS_PRE	0	1.5	2	30	67	0.071
Q2_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	89.5	0.419
Q3_POS_PRE	0	1.5	3	30	82.5	0.271
Q4_POS_PRE	0	1	3	30	100	0.729
Q5_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	90	0.429
Q6_POS_PRE	0	1	3	30	96.5	0.619
Q7_POS_PRE	0.5	2	2	29	99	0.885
Q8_POS_PRE	-0.25	0	2	30	98.5	0.676
Q9_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	104.5	0.878
Q10_POS_PRE	1	1.5	3	30	96	0.601
Q11_POS_PRE	0	2	3	30	102.5	0.811
Q12_POS_PRE	0.75	1	3	30	83.5	0.287
Q13_POS_PRE	1	2	2	30	88.5	0.385
Q14_POS_PRE	0.75	1	2	30	104.5	0.879
Q15_POS_PRE	0	2	2	30	91.5	0.474
Q16_POS_PRE	0	1	3	30	81	0.243
Q17_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	84	0.289
Q18_POS_PRE	0	1	3	30	100.5	0.744
Q19_POS_PRE	0	1.5	2	30	74.5	0.142
Q20_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	96.5	0.616
Q21_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	94	0.531
Q22_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	105.5	0.911
Q23_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	96.5	0.614

Table 3 Comparison for each item of pre-intervention values with post-intervention (paired).

Q24_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	104.5	0.879
Q25_POS_PRE	1	2	2	30	76.5	0.166
Q26_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	84.5	0.305
Q27_POS_PRE	0.75	2	3	30	99	0.694
Q28_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	81	0.238
Q29_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	79.5	0.211
Q30_POS_PRE	0.75	2	3	30	93.5	0.525
Q31_POS_PRE	0	1.5	2	30	94.5	0.556
Q32_POS_PRE	0	2	3	30	108	1.000
Q33_POS_PRE	0	1	3	30	102.5	0.811
Q34_POS_PRE	0	1	2.25	30	77	0.178
Q35_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	89	0.411
Q36_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	95	0.570
Q37_POS_PRE	0	2	2.25	30	105	0.895
Q38_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	103.5	0.846
Q39_POS_PRE	0	2	3	30	99	0.694
Q40_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	88.5	0.396
Q41_POS_PRE	0	1	2.25	30	106.5	0.948
Q42_POS_PRE	0	1	2	30	80.5	0.235
Q43_POS_PRE	1	2	3	30	76	0.161
Q44_POS_PRE	0.75	2	3	30	94	0.545
Q45_POS_PRE	0.75	1	2	30	107	0.965
Q46_POS_PRE	0	1.5	3	30	83	0.280
Q47_POS_PRE	-1	0	1	30	100.5	0.742
Q48_POS_PRE	-1	0	1	30	85.5	0.319
Q49_POS_PRE	0	0	1	30	94.5	0.534

Mann-Whitney Test; P25 – percentile 25; P50 – percentile 50 or median; P75 – percentile 75

Of the 49 questions analysed, none showed significant differences between the different approaches.

# 3.2.3 Qualitative analyses

In order to understand the main perceptions of the participants about the sessions and seek to contribute to the understanding of the quantitative data was carried out the content analysis of the participants' speeches, presented in Table 4 and Figure 1.

Category	Description	Most difficult	Most easy
Category		"discuss" (number of citations)	"discuss" (number of citations)
Information and data literacy	Browsing, searching, and filtering data, information and digital content; Evaluating data, information and digital content; Managing data, information and digital content; Using the equipment; mouse and keyboard; screen.	<ul> <li>"Coordination between the mouse and screen" (4)</li> <li>"Hard to find the mouse pointer" (4)</li> <li>"The technical terms." (1)</li> <li>"Typing and navigation with the mouse was challenging, especially with special characters such as Ā, Ņ, Š, Ļ, Ū, Ž" (7)</li> <li>"Understand details, apply" (25)</li> <li>"Using the computer keyboard." (1)</li> <li>"To use the commands." (1)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Activities with the mouse" (2); "Creating an email."</li> <li>(1); "Doing internet research." (1); "e learning to write."</li> <li>(2); "Formulate and saving passwords." (2);</li> <li>"Interactive training tools (planting flowers, placing apples in a basket)"(2); "Learning how to draw." (1);</li> <li>"Making folders" (1); "Managing excel work" (3);</li> <li>"Opening up excel"(2); "practical application of new skills." (3); ); "start the computer." (5); "Switching outlook calendar on and off." (2); "The interaction with the subject." (1); "To use the computer again." (1);</li> <li>"Turning on/off"(8); "Typing"(3); "Unpinning icons."</li> <li>(2); "Using excel" (1); Using the keyboard." (2)</li> <li>"Windows updates." (2); "Working with the mouse"(1).</li> </ul>
Communication and collaboration	Interacting through digital technologies; Sharing through digital technologies; Engaging in citizenship through digital technologies; Collaborating through digital technologies; Netiquette; Managing digital identity	"Dealing with multiple email accounts"(2) "How to do electronic signatures." (2) "The email subject." (1) "Understanding how to use microphone and camera options on zoom." (2)	"Emailing." (5) "Finding greeting cards on the Internet"(1) "Talking on Zoom." (2)

### Table 4 Categorization of the participants' discourse regarding the main difficulties and facilities related to the presential sessions.

Digital content creation	Developing digital content; Integrating and re- elaborating digital content; Copyright and licenses; Programming	"Spreadsheets, readers and PDFs." (4) "Spreadsheet discussion, there was a lot of information to digest." (2)	"To elaborate the drawings"(1)
Safety	Protecting devices; Protecting personal data and privacy; Protecting health and well-being; Protecting the environment.	"Session on security." (4) "Realizing how many ways we could be hacked." (2) "Learning how exposed I was to risks and scams." (2) "Security issues." (2) "Understanding anti-viruses." (2) "Password security." (2) "Recognizing spam emails." (2) "Saving information on excel securely." (2) "The discussion about the types of cybercrime." (1)	"Checking website authenticity." (2) "Information about getting rid of old hard drives." (2) "Sessions on scams." (4) "Learning some of the tools to help me avoid risks and scams."(2) "Shredding for security"(2)
Problem solving	Solving technical problems; Identifying needs and technological responses; Creatively using digital Technologies; Identifying digital competence gaps.	"Learning to do the same tasks in different ways." (4) "Talking about your own set-up." (2) "Updating software." (2)	"Having confidence to be able to do things correctly." (2)
Class Design	Session time; Pedagogical approach; Content; Group interaction; Assistant support	"adapt to the pace of work of others" (36) "Differences between the learners" (4) "Could be more coordination training tasks"(4) "Could be more typing tasks"(3)	"All explained if I had any problems." (2); "Confidence that I could always ask other delegates." (2); "Friendly atmosphere." (2); "Learning from other comments." (4); "Surprising how much we have covered in such a short time." (2); "The dialogue with the assistants." (2);

		"Difficulties in explaining specific functions and actions" (4) "It was a harder class for me because the time of it was short." (1) "Mistakes in English classes" (1) "New information and too little time" (4) "Questionnaires are tiring" (1) "The subject of the class was a little difficult for me to	"The didactic method." (6); "The session on email." (2); "The teacher's clear explanation"(2); "The way it was presented, was easy to follow" (2); "Verbal explanations" (2); "Verbal guidance"(2); "Visual examples" (2); "when starting work, work after the presentation with the support of an assistant." (55); "Working with the assistant"(1).
		learn." (1) "The teacher's explanation." (1)	
Physical adaptation	Adapt the eyes to the screen; hear the computer noises; adapt to the posture using mouse and keyboards.	"Poor vision, found it difficult to see everything on the screen." (2) "Poor eyesight and small screen." (2) "Coordination with the hands and fingers" (4)	
Complexity of tasks	Perform simple tasks	"Each new topic was difficult at first, but then proved to be understandable." (24) "It was a little bit difficult, but I was able to learn." (1)	
Cognitive domain	Remembering the content; assimilate the symbols.	"Difficulties to switch to new topics" (4) "Concentration, understanding" (4) "Realize how much I had forgotten"(2) "Remembering all content that had already been covered." (6) "Remembering the images"(1) "To hear the sound of the video." (1) "To recognize the symbols" (1)	"Feeling positive about what I had remembered." (2) "Recapping previous lessons and the reinforcement of messages." (2)

	"To remember the explanation of the previous class."		
	(1)		
Nothing or	"Nothing" (46)	"Nothing" (6)	
Everything	"Everything" (5)	"Everything" (20)	

In order to understand what would need to be modified and what was most enjoyable in the sessions for the participants, the speeches were analyzed and categorized, being presented in figure 1.

# 2

Practical class Managing and saving documents Search engines Google tools Real life situations Watching videos Problem solving Word tools Meeting app Drawing interaction Group **Class Content** Everything Internet use Creating an e-mail Improvement Knowledge Security Class Use the Keyboard Class Design Assistant Support

Class Design More individual attention Nothing More practical class My way of learning Class duration Class Content

Legend: 1. What was most enjoyable; 2. What to change.

Figure 2. Word cloud about "what was most enjoyable" and "what to change" about the sessions, mentioned by the participants.

# 3.3 Online

# 3.3.1 Impact of the program

To understand if the online approach was effective, the impact of the program on the 9 participants was studied, using the pre- and post-responses of the participants.

Table 5 Comparison for each item of pre- and post-intervention values (paired) for program participants in online format.

		Online				
Q		P25	P25	P50	n	р
1	I know the difference between digital media like laptop. desktop computer. tablet and smartphone PRE	1.8	4.0	5.0	9	0.046
I	I know the difference between digital media like laptop. desktop computer. tablet and smartphone POS	3.8	5.0	5.0	9	
2	I know what is the screen. keys the layout of letters on the keyboard and function keys (important Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar) PRE	1.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.102
2	I know what is the screen. keys the layout of letters on the keyboard and function keys (important Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar) POS	4.0	5.0	5.0	9	0.102
_	I know what is e-learning. or interactive learning through the Internet PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	9	0 121
3	I know what is e-learning. or interactive learning through the Internet POS	3.0	4.5	5.0	9	0.131
4	I am able to switch on/off all medias (laptop. desktop computer. tablet and smartphone) PRE	1.8	4.0	5.0	9	9 <b>0.046</b> 9 0.317
4	I am able to switch on/off all medias (laptop. desktop computer. tablet and smartphone) POS	4.0	5.0	5.0	9	
5	I am able to use the mouse. double click. right-left button. scrolling. and sliding. _ PRE	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.317
	I am able to use the mouse. double click. right-left button. scrolling. and sliding. _ POS	4.0	4.5	5.0	9	
C	I am able to find on the keyboard the basic function keys like Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar PRE	1.8	4.0	5.0	9	0.046
6	I am able to find on the keyboard the basic function keys like Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar POS	4.0	5.0	5.0	9	
7	I am aware of basic principles of safe use of digital media at the level of switching on and checking security (programs. security applications - icons) PRE	2.0	3.0	3.0	9	0.008
/	I am aware of basic principles of safe use of digital media at the level of switching on and checking security (programs. security applications - icons) POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.008
0	I am aware of possibilities and consequences of sharing information about myself PRE	3.0	4.0	4.0	9	0.034
8	I am aware of possibilities and consequences of sharing information about myself POS	3.0	5.0	5.0	9	0.00 T
-	I know what browsers are for. how to identify it (icons). their basic differences and usefulness regarding to the purpose PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	9	0.380
9	I know what browsers are for. how to identify it (icons). their basic differences and usefulness regarding to the purpose POS	4.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.000
45	I know how to identify secure websites and advertising pages PRE	1.0	3.0	3.0	9	0.027
10	I know how to identify secure websites and advertising pages POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.027
11	I am able to use the browser by myself - choose and connect to/disconnect from the Internet PRE	1.0	4.0	5.0	9	1.000

	I am able to use the browser by myself - choose and connect to/disconnect from the Internet POS	3.8	4.0	5.0	9	
	I am able to open the secure side. search for information and open it. $\_$ PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	9	0.059
12	I am able to open the secure side. search for information and open it. $\_$ POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.039
13	I know how to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding bookmarks to pages you want to follow PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.414
15	I know how to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding bookmarks to pages you want to follow POS	3.0	3.5	4.0	9	
	I am able to create. make an account. login. read and send an email PRE	1.0	2.5	4.0	9	0.102
14	I am able to create. make an account. login. read and send an email. $\_$ POS	2.0	3.5	5.0	9	0.102
15	I am aware of consequences of safe/dangerous use of search engines and websites PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	9	0.008
15	I am aware of consequences of safe/dangerous use of search engines and websites POS	3.0	4.5	5.0	9	
10	I am aware of consequences of opening advertising pages PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.007
16	I am aware of consequences of opening advertising pages POS	3.0	5.0	5.0	9	0.007
47	I know how to create an account on a social network PRE	1.0	2.0	4.0	9	0.024
17	I know how to create an account on a social network POS	2.0	3.5	5.0	9	9 9 9 9 9
	I know which benefits I can take from being part of a social network PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.034
18	I know which benefits I can take from being part of a social network POS	3.0	4.5	5.0	9	
	I know how to share my localization using my cellphone PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	9	0.054
19	I know how to share my localization using my cellphone POS	3.0	2.5	4.0	9	
20	I am able to scroll the web page - different ways (keyboard. roller mouse. touchpad. sliders. arrows. etc) _ PRE	1.0	4.0	4.0	9	0 014
20	I am able to scroll the web page - different ways (keyboard. roller mouse. touchpad. sliders. arrows. etc) _ POS	3.8	5.0	5.0	9	0.014
	I am able to add friends to the social network PRE	1.0	4.0	4.0	9	0.020
21	I am able to add friends to the social network POS	2.0	5.0	5.0	9	0.020
	I am able to use skype and WhatsApp PRE	1.0	4.0	4.0	9	0.014
22	I am able to use skype and WhatsApp POS	2.0	5.0	5.0	9	0.014
	I am able to make video and phone calls using skype and WhatsApp. $\_$ PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.005
23	I am able to make video and phone calls using skype and WhatsApp. $\_$ POS	2.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.025
	I am aware of several social networks and their differences - interactive ways to create entries in Wikipedia (rules for creating an entry. checking. validating. data approval. publishing an entry) PRE	1.0	1.5	2.0	9	0.008
24	I am aware of several social networks and their differences - interactive ways to create entries in Wikipedia (rules for creating an entry. checking. validating. data approval. publishing an entry) POS	3.0	3.0	3.0	9	0.000
_	I know what keywords are. search terms PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	9	0 020
25	I know what keywords are. search terms POS	3.0	5.0	5.0	9	0.038
	I know what and why to "ask" the search engine PRE	1.0	4.0	4.0	9	0.005
26	I know what and why to "ask" the search engine POS	3.0	5.0	5.0	9	0.005
27	I am able to navigate using search engines PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.023

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	I am able to navigate using search engines POS	3.0	4.5	5.0	9	
28	I am able to identify the symbols. images and buttons PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	9	0.020
20	I am able to identify the symbols. images and buttons POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	
29	I am able to search for information and open it PRE	1.0	4.0	4.0	9	0.025
29	I am able to search for information and open it POS	3.8	5.0	5.0	9	0.020
30	I am able to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding bookmarks to pages you want to follow PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.025
50	I am able to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding bookmarks to pages you want to follow POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	9	
31	I am aware of consequences of building knowledge about reality only based on one source on the Internet – one information portal (comparison of content) PRE	1.0	3.0	3.0	9	0.024
51	I am aware of consequences of building knowledge about reality only based on one source on the Internet – one information portal (comparison of content) POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.024
32	I know how to distinguish information from advertising. text information from photo gallery or video account PRE	1.0	2.5	4.0	9	0.084
52	I know how to distinguish information from advertising. text information from photo gallery or video account POS	3.8	3.5	4.0	9	
33	I know how to identify potential online threats PRE	1.0	2.5	3.0	9	0.020
55	I know how to identify potential online threats POS	2.0	4.0	4.0	9	
34	I know how to create a secure password PRE	1.0	2.0	4.0	9	0.047
	I know how to create a secure password POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	
35	I know how to identify a secure website to make payments PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.020
	I know how to identify a secure website to make payments POS	2.8	4.0	5.0	9	
36	I know how to identify a trick or scam PRE	1.0	3.0	3.0	9	0.016
	I know how to identify a trick or scam POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	
37	I am able to verify the credibility of the websites PRE	1.0	2.5	3.0	9	0.006
	I am able to verify the credibility of the websites POS	2.8	4.0	5.0	9	
38	I am able to identify where I can use personal information and which information I can share PRE	1.0	3.0	3.0	9	0.010
50	I am able to identify where I can use personal information and which information I can share POS	3.0	4.5	5.0	9	
	I am able to avoid insecure websites PRE	1.0	2.5	3.0	9	0.016
39	I am able to avoid insecure websites POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.010
10	I am able to download and keep my documents PRE	1.0	4.0	4.0	9	0.014
40	I am able to download and keep my documents POS	2.0	4.5	5.0	9	0.017
41	I know how to use antivirus tools and avoid potential virus contamination PRE	1.0	2.0	3.0	9	0.030
41	I know how to use antivirus tools and avoid potential virus contamination POS	2.0	3.5	4.0	9	
42	I am aware of consequences of submitting my personal data during registration. _ PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	9	0.009
-TL	I am aware of consequences of submitting my personal data during registration. _ POS	3.0	4.5	5.0	9	

43	I know what e-learning is and how to use it to develop and improve my own skills PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.059	
43	I know what e-learning is and how to use it to develop and improve my own skills POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9		
	I know what the YouTube service is and how to use it PRE	1.0	3.0	4.0	9	0.131	
44	I know what the YouTube service is and how to use it POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9	0.131	
45	I am able to search videos on selected topics. listen to or play a song on YouTube PRE	1.0	2.5	4.0	9	0.039	
45	I am able to search videos on selected topics. listen to or play a song on YouTube POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9		
46	I am able to use the tools in the movie window: volume. full screen. stop and start from the selected sequence PRE	1.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.096	
40	I am able to use the tools in the movie window: volume. full screen. stop and start from the selected sequence POS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9		
47	I am motivated to continually develop and update my skills and competences PRE	2.8	3.5	4.0	9	0.257	
4/	I am motivated to continually develop and update my skills and competences. $\_$ POS	4.0	4.0	5.0	9		
40	I am aware of thematic diversity and differences in the level of content posted PRE	2.8	2.0	3.0	9	0.037	
48	I am aware of thematic diversity and differences in the level of content posted. $\_$ POS	3.0	3.5	4.0	9	0.037	
49	I am aware of the existence of copyright regarding content posted on websites. _ PRE	2.0	2.0	3.0	9	0.009	
49	I am aware of the existence of copyright regarding content posted on websites. _ POS	3.0	4.0	4.0	9	0.000	
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Wilcoxon Test; P25 – percentile 25; P50 – percentile 50 or median; P75 – percentile 75; 1 – Strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Neutral; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly agree

In the online format, the course proved to be effective in improving the skills evaluated in 35 (71.4%) questions (1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 45, 48, 49) vs. (questions 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 32, 43, 44, 46, 47). Dividing the questions by the 4 identified domains (attached), the online program proved to be effective in improving: 14 out of 23 (61%) information and data literacy skills, 5 out of 9 (56%) communication and collaboration skills, all 14 skills (93%) in safety and all 2 skills in digital content creation. There was no significant change in the question on motivation (question 47).

#### 3.4 Pilot evaluation of the Platform

#### 3.4.1 Satisfaction about the platform

There was a total of 44 participants in this survey, 8 from the United Kingdom, 14 from Poland, 12 from Latvia and 10 from Portugal. The questionnaire had a total of 15 questions, consisting of 5

open responses and 10 closed responses. In order, to answer the questionnaire all the participants had to access and use the platform and learning tools. The link to the respective questionnaire/survey <a href="https://forms.gle/zK3KN7xDW8QSFPzB6">https://forms.gle/zK3KN7xDW8QSFPzB6</a>.

				Cour	ntry	
			England	Portugal	Latvia	Poland
Que	stion	Answer	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
		Many		2 (20)	1 (8.3)	4 (30.8)
	How much experience do you	Reasonable	2 (25)	7 (70)	3 (25)	1 (7.7)
1	have taking on-line	Few	3 (37.5)	1 (10)	2 (16.7)	2 (15.4)
	training courses?	None	3 (37.5)		6 (50)	6 (46.2
		Very good			5 (41.7)	
	What were your	Good	4 (50)	4 (40)	3 (25)	4 (30.8
2	ICT skills before testing this course?	Fair	2 (25)	6 (60)	2 (16.7)	2 (15.4) 6 (46.2) 4 (30.8) 5 (38.5) 4 (30.8) 5 (38.5) 5 (38.5) 5 (38.5) 3 (23.1) 7 (53.8) 2 (15.4) 2 (15.4) 1 (7.7) 1 (7.7)
		Basic	2 (25)		2 (16.7)	4 (30.8
		Strongly agree	2 (25)	2 (20)	3 (25)	
		Agree	5 (62.5)	5 (50)	3 (25)	5 (38.5)
	It was easy to find my way through	Neither agree nor disagree	1 (12.5)	2 (20)	5 (41.7)	
3.1	the Learning Topic	Disagree		1 (10)	1 (8.3)	5 (38.5) 3 (23.1)
	Basics	Strongly Disagree				
		No opinion				
		Strongly agree	2 (25)	2 (20)	2 (16.7)	
		Agree	5 (62.5)	8 (80)	5 (41.7)	7 (53.8
	I like the way this	Neither agree nor disagree	1 (12.5)		2 (16.7)	2 (15.4)
3.2	Learning Topic was designed	Disagree			3 (25)	6 (46.2) 4 (30.8) 5 (38.5) 4 (30.8) 5 (38.5) 5 (38.5) 3 (23.1) 7 (53.8) 2 (15.4) 2 (15.4) 2 (15.4) 1 (7.7) 5 (38.5) 6 (46.2) 1 (7.7) 1 (7.7)
		Strongly Disagree				1 (7.7)
		No opinion				1 (7.7)
		Strongly agree	3 (37.5)	2 (20)	2 (16.7)	5 (38.5
		Agree	5 (62.5)	8 (80)	8 (66.7)	6 (46.2
	The Learning Topic	Neither agree nor disagree			2 (16.7)	
4	kept my attention	Disagree				1 (7.7)
		Strongly Disagree				
		No opinion				1 (7.7)
5		Strongly agree	3 (37.5)	2 (20)	6 (50)	4 (30.8

Table 6 Comparison of data about satisfaction with the website from the 4 countries

		Agree	4 (50)	8 (80)	6 (50)	5 (38.5)
		Neither agree nor disagree	1 (12.5)			1 (7.7)
	The content made	Disagree				
	sense for me	Strongly Disagree				2 (15.4)
		No opinion				1 (7.7)
		Strongly agree	4 (50)	1 (10)	4 (33.3)	1 (7.7)
		Agree	3 (37.5)	8 (80)	4 (33.3)	5 (38.5)
	The interactive elements of the	Neither agree nor disagree		1 (10)	3 (25)	1 (7.7)
6	Learning Topic	Disagree			1 (8.3)	3 (23.1)
	were effective	Strongly Disagree				
		No opinion	1 (12.5)			3 (23.1)
		Strongly agree	1 (12.5)	4 (40)	5 (41.7)	1 (7.7)
	The use of mixed	Agree	4 (50)	6 (60)	6 (50)	5 (38.5)
	media (graphics,	Neither agree nor disagree	1 (12.5)		1 (8.3)	1 (7.7)
7	animation, audio, and video) was	Disagree				2 (15.4)
	effective?	Strongly Disagree				1 (7.7)
		No opinion	2 (25)			3 (23.1)
	l got lost in this Learning Topic	Strongly agree			2 (16.7)	5 (38.5)
		Agree			1 (8.3)	3 (23.1)
		Neither agree nor disagree		1 (10)	4 (33.3)	2 (15.4)
8		Disagree	4 (50)	2 (20)	3 (25)	2 (15.4)
		Strongly Disagree	3 (37.5)	7 (70)	1 (8.3)	1 (7.7)
		No opinion	1 (12.5)		1 (8.3)	
	What did you like	Content		4 (50)	6 (66.7)	3 (27.3)
9	best about the way this Learning Topic was presented?	Didactics	8 (100)	4 (50)	2 (33.3)	8 (72.7)
	Did anything about	No	5 (100)	7 (77.8)		2 (16.7)
	the way the Learning Topic was	Too much complicated		1 (11.1)	4 (57.1)	7 (58.3)
10	structured	Inconsistency				
	confused or frustrated you? If yes, please describe it.			1 (11.1)	3 (42.9)	3 (25)
	Is there anything	No	5 (100)	4 (66.7)		2 (18.2)
	about the Learning	Expand topics				2 (18.2)
11	Topic Basics that you would change	Less steps within the site		1 (16.7)		2 (18.2)
	to improve it?	Unclear terminology		1 (16.7)		5 (45.4)
12		0-29 minutes		7 (70)	4 (66.6)	

		30-59 minutes		3 (30)	1 (16.7)	9 (75)
	How much time did you spent	1-4 hours			1 (16.7)	3 (25)
	taking the Learning Topic?	4-6 hours	2 (33.3)			
		6-9 hours	4 (66.7)			
		Strongly agree	1 (12.5)	6 (60)	4 (33.3)	
	Do you like having	Agree	2 (25)	4 (40)	2 (16.7)	
40	printable short	Neither agree nor disagree	1 (12.5)		4 (33.3)	1 (7.7)
13	guides? Do they have adequate	Disagree			1 (8.3)	1 (7.7)
	information?	Strongly Disagree			1 (8.3)	1 (7.7)
		No opinion	4 (50)			6 (69.2)
	Do you like the videos?	Strongly agree	1 (14.3)	5 (50)	2 (16.7)	
		Agree	1 (14.3)	5 (50)	7 (58.3)	4 (30.8)
		Neither agree nor disagree	1 (14.3)		2 (16.7)	2 (15.4)
14		Disagree			1 (8.3)	3 (23.1)
		Strongly Disagree			2 (16.7)	
		No opinion	4 (57.1)			4 (30.8)
		Nothing	3 (100)	3 (60)		6 (60)
		Uniformize languages		1 (20)	2 (50)	
	What would you	Videos not working				1 (10)
15	change in the	Better explanations				3 (30)
	videos?	Decrease video pace			2 (50)	
		Explain how to do a print screen		1 (20)		

The results show that the majority of participants from different countries had little or no experience in online courses, with the exception of Portugal, where the participants reasonably claimed to have some experience. Most participants declare to have facility to find their way through the Learning Topic Basics, with the exception of participants from Poland who revealed difficulties in the process. Most of the participants declared that they enjoyed how the website was designed and that the content made sense to them, as well as the learning topic kept their attention. Once participants declared not being confused or frustrated by how Learning Topic was structured and would not change anything about the videos and contents, the results show satisfaction with the content and design of the website.

# 4. Conclusion

The programmatic content of the courses proved to be effective in improving the skills of its participants: in the peer-to-peer and intergenerational formats, the course proved to be effective in improving the skills assessed in 45 (91.8%) questions, while in the format online, the course proved to be effective in improving the skills assessed in 35 (71.4%) questions.

Peer-to-peer and intergenerational courses were more effective in improving information and data literacy and communication and collaboration skills (100% effective in both domains, compared to 61% and 56% effective in online courses). The online course was more effective in improving safety skills (100% effectiveness compared to 93% in peer-to-peer and intergenerational courses) and was the only one capable of improving digital content creation skills. None of the formats was effective in improving participants' motivation.

Comparing the peer-to-peer and intergenerational courses, no significant changes were found in improving skills.

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# Annex

Table 5 Division of issues by domains of *Digital competence framework for citizens*.

Q	Question	Dimension			
47	I am motivated to continually develop and update my skills and competences.	ND			
1	I know the difference between digital media like laptop, desktop computer, tablet and smartphone.	I&DL			
2	I know what is the screen, keys, the layout of letters on the keyboard and function keys (important Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar).	I&DL			
4	I am able to switch on/off all medias (laptop. desktop computer. tablet and smartphone).	I&DL			
5	I am able to use the mouse. double click. right-left button. scrolling. and sliding.				
6	I am able to find on the keyboard the basic function keys like Enter. Delete. Shift. Backspace. Spacebar.	I&DL			
9	I know what browsers are for. how to identify it (icons). their basic differences and usefulness regarding to the purpose.	I&DL			
11	I am able to use the browser by myself - choose and connect to/disconnect from the Internet.	I&DL			
12	I am able to open the secure side. search for information and open it.	I&DL			
13	I know how to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding bookmarks to pages you want to follow.	I&DL			
18	I know which benefits I can take from being part of a social network.	I&DL			
20	I am able to scroll the web page - different ways (keyboard. roller mouse. touchpad. sliders. arrows. etc)	I&DL			
25	I know what keywords are. search terms.	I&DL			
26	I know what and why to "ask" the search engine.	I&DL			
27	I am able to navigate using search engines.	I&DL			
28	I am able to identify the symbols. images and buttons.	I&DL			
29	I am able to search for information and open it.	I&DL			
30	I am able to use the search toolbar: a new window. a new tab. adding bookmarks to pages you want to follow.	I&DL			
31	I am aware of consequences of building knowledge about reality only based on one source on the Internet – one information portal (comparison of content).	I&DL			
32	I know how to distinguish information from advertising. text information from photo gallery or video account.	I&DL			
40	I am able to download and keep my documents.	I&DL			
44	I know what the YouTube service is and how to use it.	I&DL			
45	I am able to search videos on selected topics. listen to or play a song on YouTube.	I&DL			
46	I am able to use the tools in the movie window: volume. full screen. stop and start from the selected sequence.	I&DL			
3	I know what is e-learning. or interactive learning through the Internet.	C&C			
14	I am able to create. make an account. login. read and send an email.	C&C			
17	I know how to create an account on a social network.	C&C			

19	I know how to share my localization using my cellphone.	C&C
21	I am able to add friends to the social network.	C&C
22	I am able to use skype and WhatsApp.	C&C
23	I am able to make video and phone calls using skype and WhatsApp.	C&C
24	I am aware of several social networks and their differences - interactive ways to create entries in Wikipedia (rules for creating an entry. checking. validating. data approval. publishing an entry).	C&C
43	I know what e-learning is and how to use it to develop and improve my own skills.	C&C
48	I am aware of thematic diversity and differences in the level of content posted.	DCC
49	I am aware of the existence of copyright regarding content posted on websites.	DCC
7	I am aware of basic principles of safe use of digital media at the level of switching on and checking security (programs. security applications - icons).	S
8	I am aware of possibilities and consequences of sharing information about myself.	S
10	I know how to identify secure websites and advertising pages.	S
15	I am aware of consequences of safe/dangerous use of search engines and websites.	S
16	I am aware of consequences of opening advertising pages.	S
33	I know how to identify potential online threats.	S
34	I know how to create a secure password.	S
35	I know how to identify a secure website to make payments.	S
36	I know how to identify a trick or scam.	S
37	I am able to verify the credibility of the websites.	S
38	I am able to identify where I can use personal information and which information I can share.	S
39	I am able to avoid insecure websites.	S
41	I know how to use antivirus tools and avoid potential virus contamination.	S
42	I am aware of consequences of submitting my personal data during registration.	S

ND- non defined; I&DL – information and data literacy; C&C – communication and collaboration; DCC – digital content creation; S – safety





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