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## Latest from CEPIS

Welcome to the first CEPIS member update in 2025. We hope your year has started productively and positively. We're excited to continue our excellent collaboration with our Member Societies and their members this year! To start the year, join us in welcoming a new CEPIS member - Spanish General Council of Colleges of Computer Engineering, access ICODSIP proceedings, browse the CEPIS AI Ethics survey results, and find out the latest policy news. Discover all this and more below!

## News from CEPIS



### CEPIS Welcomes New Member Society from Spain

We are very pleased to announce that the Spanish General Council of Colleges of Computer Engineering (Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Ingeniería en Informática - CCII) has officially joined CEPIS as an Ordinary Member. This marks an important milestone in fostering closer collaboration within Europe's professional IT community.

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### CEPIS Survey Highlights Ethical Concerns in AI Development

The CEPIS Information Society Expert Group has conducted a survey on the ethical dimensions of artificial intelligence (AI), revealing both optimism about AI's potential and significant concerns over its ethical implications.

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### Proceedings of ICODSIP Now Freely Available

The Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Digital Skills and IT Professionalism (ICODSIP) have been made freely accessible via Zenodo, the open-access repository developed by CERN under the European OpenAIRE program.

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## News from our community



### **Professor Levente Kovács Appointed President of the Neumann Society**

The John von Neumann Society (NJSzT), Hungary's premier organization for computer science and information technology and CEPIS member in Hungary, has announced the appointment of Professor Levente Kovács as its new President.

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### **Female Computing Students in UK Closed the Gap on Men in 2024 – New Data Shows**

The gap between women and men choosing Computing degrees is the smallest it has ever been, analysis by the professional body has found. A record 6,310 UK women started Computing at UK universities in 2024. They are a growing portion of the 32,710 total of UK-based entrants, according to BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT.

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## Policy news



### **EU Study Highlights Challenges for a European Digital Skills Certificate**

A new feasibility study by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) has highlighted limited readiness among EU Member States for implementing a European Digital Skills Certificate (EDSC). The study underscores the need for significant efforts to establish a certification system, with stakeholders suggesting an enhanced focus on the Digital Competence Framework for Citizens (DigComp) to better support digital skills certification across Europe.

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## **EU Commission Unveils Competitiveness Compass to Drive Innovation and Growth**

The European Commission has launched the Competitiveness Compass, a strategic framework to enhance Europe's global standing in innovation, sustainable industries, and economic resilience. This initiative responds to slowing productivity growth and aims to make Europe a hub for future technologies.

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## **New Study Highlights Importance of Digital Skills in Job Matching Across Europe**

A new working paper by the Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies examines the growing role of digital skills in the job matching process, revealing how technological competencies impact hiring decisions in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom.

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## **OECD Report Highlights Lessons for Effective National Skills Strategies in the EU**

The OECD has published a landmark report, National Skills Strategies across the EU: Lessons Learnt, offering valuable insights into the development and implementation of skills strategies over the past decade.

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## **DIGITAL SME Launches Consultation and Guide to Help SMEs Navigate NIS2 Cybersecurity Requirements**

DIGITAL SME is stepping up to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as the updated Network and Information Systems Directive (NIS2) is being transposed into national laws across Europe.

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## **EU Mandates Interoperability Assessments for Digital Public Services**

As of 12 January 2025, public administrations across the European Union must conduct interoperability assessments when introducing new or revised requirements for trans-European digital public services.

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