

PRESS REVIEW ON DIGITALISATION

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Next2Met is an innovative interregional exchange project which aims at increasing attractiveness - for knowledge, opportunities, and capital - of territories located close to metropolitan areas by introducing soft digitalisation measures. These measures apply to a variety of sectors, from public governance and health to tourism and agriculture, and foster the development of next-to-metropolitan areas.

This press review gathers initiatives and relevant news on digitalisation in Europe, looking with attention to the partner regions of the project, and aims at providing a useful insight into current trends on this topic.

Initiatives & Projects

[*Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces 24 landmark rural regeneration projects nationwide*](#)

19/04/2021 – gov.ie

[*In Schleswig-Holstein, art is digitally shown and marketed*](#)

16/04/2021 – TheMayor.eu

[*Cortina Digital Forum, the international debate on digital policy “made in Italy”*](#)

14/04/2021 - Euractive

[*Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: Experimentieren erwünscht*](#)

12/04/2021 – Kommune21

[*EUSALP: policy recommendations from the “Smart Villages” project*](#)

29/03/2021 – European Commission

[*Virtuell durch das Haus der Digitalisierung*](#)

28/03/2021 – noe.ORF.at

[*Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: Die Digitalisierung kann Leben retten*](#)

26/03/2021 - Vorwaerts

[*Digitalisierung: Wie Kommunen Künstliche Intelligenz voranbringen*](#)

18/03/2021 - Vorwaerts

[*Urban Case Study #6: Reducing the digital divide through face-to-face digital centres - Helsingborg, Sweden*](#)

11/03/2021 – European Commission

[*Barcelona Provincial Council: this is how a smart region works*](#)

03/03/2021 – Tomorrow.City

[*The most famous Austrian library sets a new digital platform*](#)

02/03/2021 – TheMayor.eu

[*BayernApp - new digital service introduced to the citizens in Bavaria*](#)

01/03/2021 – TheMayor.eu

[*Visually impaired people will have the opportunity to participate in online art exhibitions in Vienna*](#)

25/02/2021 – TheMayor.eu

[*Nordic cities seek green infrastructure and sustainable food solutions*](#)

23/02/2021 - CitiesToday

[*Aprobadas las bases de las ayudas a la digitalización industrial con un límite de 150.000 euros por proyecto*](#)

15/02/2021 – elEconomista.es

[*Pledge Viewer integrates new function for Pact for Skills*](#)

11/02/2021 – European Commission

[*New European project looks into digitizing healthcare in rural areas*](#)

10/02/2021 – TheMayor.eu

[*Wirtschaftspark Wolkersdorf setzt auf Digitalisierung*](#)

10/02/2021 – APA OTS

[*Coworking auf dem Land – Deutscher Städte und Gemeindebund*](#)

10/02/2021 – CO

[*Mikl-Leitner: „Wirtschaftswachstum in NÖ 2021 über Österreich-Prognose“*](#)

08/02/2021 – APA OTS

[*Regionale digitale Innovation für heimische KMUs*](#)

02/02/2021 – economy

Analyses and Reports

[*Coronavirus pandemic has exposed 'long-standing inequalities' in rural Wales, report finds*](#)

30/03/2021 - ITV

[*Digital is here, but are we ready?*](#)

26/03/2021 – Eurocities

[**EU official: Road digitalisation will lead to safer and greener highways**](#)

18/03/2021 – Euractive

[**Digitalización: los cuatro retos que plantea al sector turístico**](#)

10/03/2021 - Osteltur

[**Remote work needs to be regulated 'quickly', EU presidency says**](#)

10/03/2021 - Euractive

[**Network Governance Arrangements and Rural-Urban Synergy**](#)

09/03/2021 – ROBUST

[**Pandemic sends almost half EU employees into remote working**](#)

08/03/2021 - Euractive

[**Digitalización para un uso inteligente de la energía**](#)

05/03/2021 – La Vanguardia

[**La aceleración de la digitalización con la pandemia evidencia la necesidad de formación**](#)

18/02/2021 – ORH Observatorio de Recursos Humanos

[**Borislav Gorov: Every smart city solution stems from or leads to more sustainable living**](#)

17/02/2021 – TheMayor.eu

[**Sustainability should be 'underlying principle' of digital policy: German minister**](#)

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[**Making Europe fit for the digital age**](#)

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[**El futuro del turismo: inteligente, digital y sostenible**](#)

02/02/2021 – The Conversation

[**Europe's top 5 priorities to kick-start the digital decade**](#)

02/02/2021 – Euractive

EU Legislation

[**Europe's Digital Decade: Commission sets the course towards a digitally empowered Europe by 2030**](#)

09/03/2021 – European Commission

[**Europe's Digital Decade – guide**](#)

09/03/2021 - EUbusiness

[*DIGITALEUROPE welcomes the Commission's "Digital Decade" strategy*](#)

09/03/2021 - DIGITALEUROPE

[*Artigas: "Habrá 11.000 millones de inversión pública para digitalización"*](#)

26/02/2021 – elEconomista.es

[*New 5G goals to feature in upcoming EU 'Digital Decade' targets*](#)

24/02/2021 - Euractive

[*Warsaw adopts a digital transformation policy*](#)

24/02/2021 – TheMayor.eu

[*French government presents roadmap to bridge digital and environmental transitions*](#)

23/02/2021 – Euractive

[*Spain aims to become Europe's biggest multimedia 'hub'*](#)

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[*Don't ignore platforms 'combining services' in Digital Markets Act, Netherlands says*](#)

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[*The future for next-generation AI in the EU*](#)

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