

	digital skills/literacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	digital services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Connectivity @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	digital connectivity	YES	NO	
	energy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
education and research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Migration @	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reduction of Inequalities @	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line (article, item): 14 02 01 21 Total estimated cost: EUR 35 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 35 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Indirect management with an entrusted entity to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.1			

1.2 Summary of the Action

The Action is to be considered part of the envisaged 360 degree approach to digital transformation in Ethiopia, aimed at narrowing the digital divide, contributing to the digital transformation of traditional industries, further developing the country's digital ecosystem, attracting private investments in Ethiopia's digital economy and fostering global digital socioeconomic growth and sustainable development. While a comprehensive strategy for the bilateral EU-Ethiopia digital cooperation will be drafted in the course of 2024, this action will already serve as an important building block for supporting Ethiopia's digital transformation.

Foreseen support to digital skills development to enhance (macro-) economic competitiveness and digital transformation will be coordinated, inter alia, with efforts aimed at enhancing business environment, enabling private sector initiatives in key value chains and supporting green and circular business development for sustainable agri-food systems, where digital solutions are key to both technological advances in farming and processing practices, as well as in financing models. In this regard, and considering the above-mentioned 360° approach, the activities and results of the Action will – to the extent possible – be linked to the other two Actions of Annual Action Plan 2024 Part 2, namely 1) Green Business Development for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems in Ethiopia and 2) Enabling Private Sector in Key Value Chains.

Despite considerable investments in the past, both the TVET and higher education systems in Ethiopia are still lacking sufficient market orientation and practical elements in teaching and learning, and miss crucial linkages with the private sector, which certainly includes private sector actors of the digital economy. Students often do not obtain critical skills and their chances to be employed, to build their own business, and/or to participate in Ethiopia's emerging digital economy are heavily constrained.

The Action will focus on the constantly changing needs of learners, the private sector and Ethiopia's developing digital economy and enhancing the quality, relevance and effectiveness of vocational training to contribute to the creation of a competent, motivated, adaptable and innovative workforce in Ethiopia, able to participate in said digital economy. It will enhance the use of digital technologies in training and administration across the TVET system, while also increasing the understanding and digital know-how of TVET teachers and equipping students with market-relevant digital and entrepreneurship skills, which play an essential role in the recovery and