

# The European dimension to future Internet skills

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# European Digital Agenda

- Successor to the i2010 programme
- Europe's strategy for a flourishing digital economy by 2020.
- the Commission will work closely with national governments, concerned organisations and companies.
- [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/digital-agenda/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/index_en.htm)

# Seven pillars – 100 actions

- Digital Single Market
- Interoperability and Standards
- Trust and Security
- Very Fast Internet
- Research and innovation
- Enhancing e-skills
- ICT for Social Challenges
- (International)

# Enhancing e-skills

- Over 50% of Europeans use the internet daily
- 30% have never used it at all



## In the UK ...

- 10 million digitally excluded when Race Online manifesto launched.
- Today, 9 million yet to be included.
- E-skills key to addressing this – but getting harder!
- Europe looks to UK for lead.

# This is important!

- The Internet will be the principal social and economic engine of the mid 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- Exclusion cannot be an option.
- Excellent work to date...but
  
- We must redouble our efforts – against a backdrop of diminishing resources.

## To conclude...

- The Internet will be the principal social and economic engine of the mid 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- Not a question of e-Inclusion, just inclusion.
  
- We cannot fail!

# Thank you

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