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European Youth Week 2026: 5G-DiGITs — Powering European Industry through 5G Innovation and Digital Transformation

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5G-DiGITs

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• Carolina Massara, Finnova Foundation
• Juan Besari, Blockchain Work Labs
• Juan Viesca, Finnova Foundation

• Milagros Vázquez, Finnova Foundation
- moderator
• Carolina Massara, Finnova Foundation
- Opening and Closing

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The Erasmus+-funded 5G-DiGITs project took part in the event “Digital & Green Skills for Europe: Innovation in 5G, digital skills and cybersecurity”

- Member of the European Parliament Antonio López-Istúriz delivered a keynote speech on “New skills for a new world”.

Brussels, 30 of April 2026. [European Youth Week 2026](#) set the stage for a timely conversation. Last Monday, Brussels brought together policymakers, technology experts and young Europeans to explore how initiatives like [5G-DiGITs](#) is bridging the gap between **education, vocational training and industry** through next-generation connectivity.

The policy dimension came from **Antonio López-Istúriz, Member of the European Parliament**, who addressed the room with a clear message for young Europeans: adaptability and critical thinking are the competencies that will define this era. Drawing a parallel with the industrial revolution, he warned against becoming prisoners of unchecked technological change. “These technologies are positive developments, but they must be regulated”.

5G-DiGITs is an **Erasmus+ Key Action 220 project**, a partnership for cooperation designed to develop advanced 5G skills, learning platforms and industry-aligned training pathways. During the event, **Juan Viesca**, EU Project Manager at **Finnova Foundation**, highlighted the remarkable reach of the programme that makes it possible: open to almost every country in the world and with over 300,000 projects funded to date. "Erasmus+ is not just mobility," he said, "it is a very big programme in education and vocational training."

Europe's digital transformation took centre stage with **Carolina Massara**, EU Project Manager at **Finnova Foundation** and partner of the 5G-DiGITs project, who presented the project's objectives, [learning platform](#) and activities aimed at connecting education, vocational training and industry through advanced 5G skills. She emphasised how 5G innovation is reshaping the European industry and why reskilling the workforce is essential to remain competitive in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

The industrial application of 5G technologies was the focus of **Juan Besari Jiménez**, Cofounder and CEO of **Blockchain Work Labs** and 5G expert, who shared concrete use cases of 5G applications in industry and SMEs, including projects related to drone technologies and new digital platforms for accessing resources and funding. His message went beyond the technology itself: "5G is not only about faster connectivity, it is what we need to build a more resilient, innovative and interconnected European industry."

The session was moderated by Milagros Vásquez, Communication Trainee at Finnova. **Carolina Massara**, EU Project Manager at **Finnova Foundation**, opened the event by framing European Youth Week 2026 as a moment to actively reflect on how Europe can empower young people in a rapidly evolving digital and green world. She set the tone for the day, positioning 5G-DiGITs alongside the other featured projects as part of a shared European commitment to bridging the skills gap. In her closing, she brought the same conviction full circle, encouraged the audience to keep following the progress of the projects, a reminder that the conversation started that Monday in Brussels was far from over.

For more information about the 5G-DiGITs project and upcoming activities, visit

<https://5g-digits.eu>