



**Enhancing  
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# Boosting digital transformation in HEIs: EDTL - a national approach

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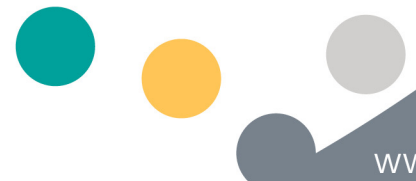
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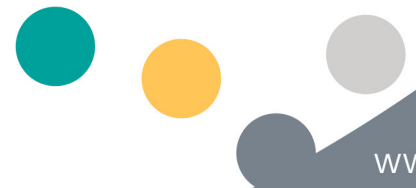


# Enhancing Digital Teaching & Learning - Aims

- Enhance the **digital attributes** of Irish university graduates
- Enhance the **digital learning experiences** of Irish university students
- Develop, pilot, review and roll out an ambitious staff development programme to **enhance the digital confidence, skills and competences** of those who teach in Irish universities

# Project Vision

This project aims to **mainstream digital** in teaching and learning activities in Irish Universities, by addressing the **professional development** of all who teach or support teaching and learning.





# How it works



# 4 Underpinning Principles



Not  
starting  
from zero



Pedagogy  
first



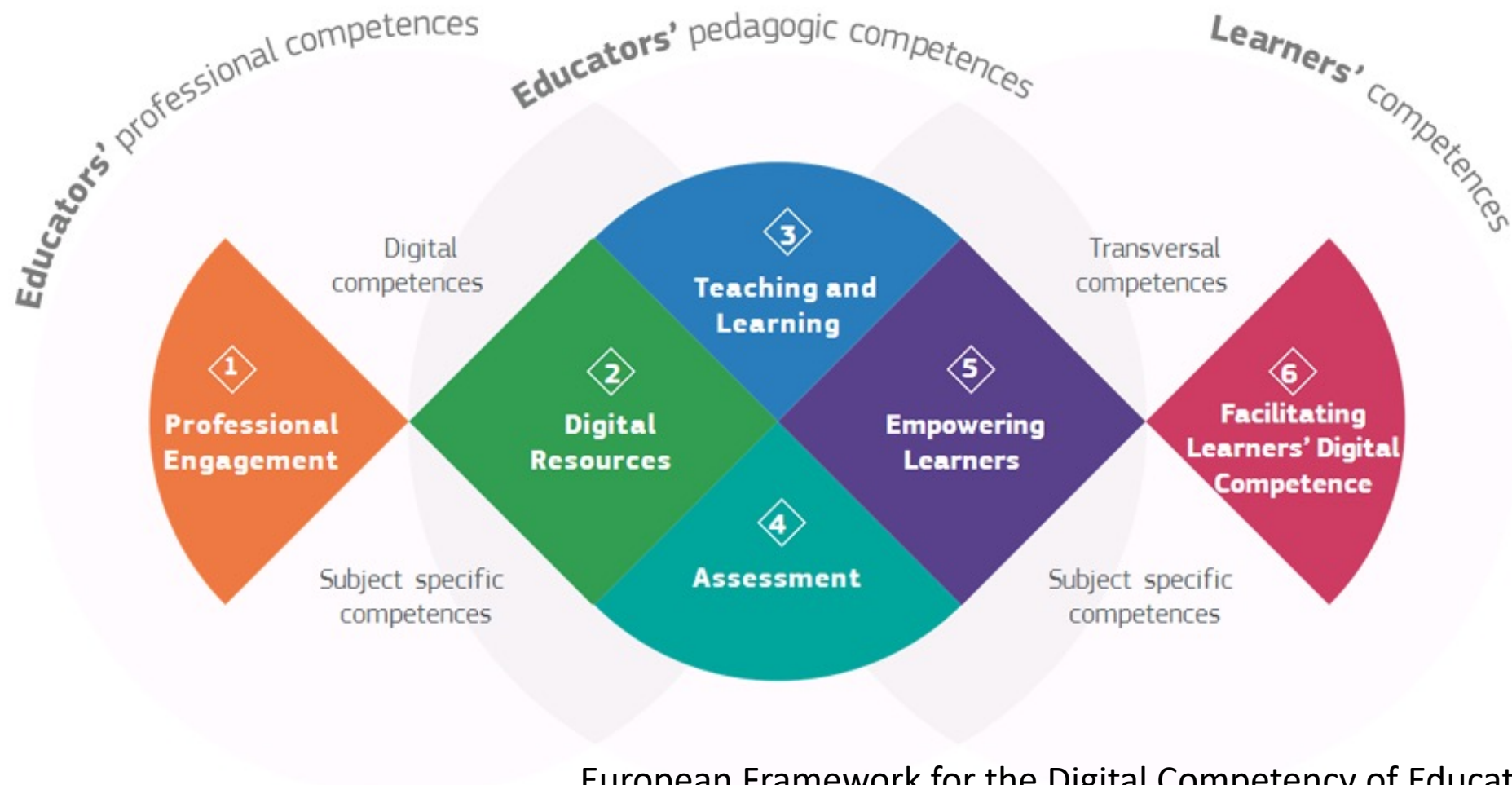
Discipline  
focus



Students  
as Partners



# Unifying Framework



European Framework for the Digital Competency of Educators (DigCompEdu)



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# Planning for effective remote teaching during Covid-19: **The EDTL Approach for Modules**



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# Planning for effective remote teaching during Covid-19: The EDTL Approach

The EDTL Approach has been developed to support effective remote teaching in the context of COVID-19 and outlines a pathway with key

considerations for those who are adapting a module that is normally taught, wholly or partly, face-to-face.

## Reflect on the Emergency Pivot:

- What worked well?
- What didn't?
- What was the student feedback?

## Consider your Students:

- Is online learning new to your students?
- Who are your students?
- What digital access do they have?
- What digital skills do they have?
- What size is the student group?

## Consider Communication & Engagement:

- Set and communicate clear, unambiguous expectations
- Make module information clear and easy to find
- Select appropriate tools for class communications
- Plan for engagement and community building

## Consider Content & Activities:

- Review learning outcomes
- Identify existing content that is reusable
- Balance asynchronous and synchronous activities
- How will students engage with content and activities?
- Make sure content is accessible
- Use and adapt VLE templates to provide consistent structure

## Consider Assessment & Feedback:

- Consider alternative assessment activities to allow students meet learning outcomes
- Consider a variety of continuous assessment formats
- Provide opportunities to practice online assessment
- Consider opportunities for peer and self-assessment

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# Planning for effective remote learning during Covid-19: **The EDTL Approach for Students by Students**

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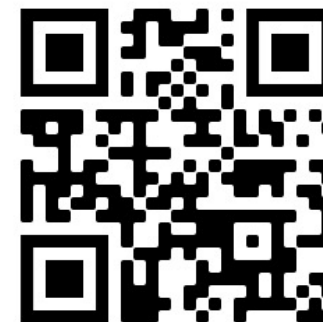


## Upcoming Webinars

**Join the Conversation:** *Inclusivity in Digital Learning: Student Perspectives*, with the EDTL project team, Monday 29 March 2021.

*Future of Teaching & Learning post-Covid*, discussion with the EDTL project team, Monday 12 April 2021.

*Your Education, Your Voice, Your Vision*, launch of the student voice campaign, Monday 19 April 2021.



## Sign up for #IUADigEd webinars

Sign up to the [IUADigEd Webinar list](#) to be notified of upcoming webinars related to the IUA-led Enhancing Digital Capacity in Teaching and Learning (EDTL) in Irish Universities project. We welcome suggestions for future topics and would love your contributions.





## The Accessibility of Online Learning Diversity in Education Webinar

Ability.co.uk

**Inclusivity in Digital Learning:  
Student Perspectives | 22nd March  
2021**

## IUADigEd Webinar: Student Collaboration & Groupwork Online

Featuring contributions from  
EDTL Student Interns

**Student Collaboration | 8th March  
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Ruth Ní Bheoláin, Hibernia College  
Fiona O'Riordan, DCU  
Rob Lowney, DCU

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Enhancing Interaction in Live  
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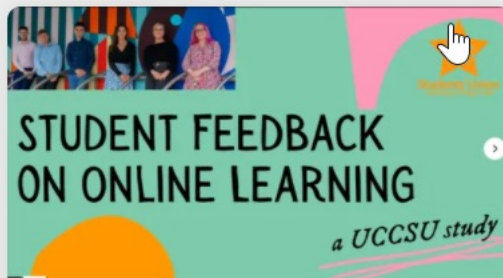
What works for students?



Dr Julie Byrne

IUADigEd Webinar Series, Jan 25, 2021

**Enhancing Interaction in Live Online  
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a UCCSU study

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Building stories of care  
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Clare Thomson, Ulster University

**Building stories of care | 7th  
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## Course Description

The Enhancing Digital Teaching and Learning (EDTL) project aims to mainstream digital in teaching and learning activities in Irish higher education, by addressing the professional development of all who teach or support teaching and learning.

The student population is increasing in diversity and there are demands for increased flexibility in when and how learning opportunities are provided. Digital devices and applications are ubiquitous. To respond to the changes in student population and the increasingly digital environment, educators have to develop their digital skills and adapt to more innovative teaching approaches.

This badge is designed to place you on your digital development pathway, by supporting you to reflect on



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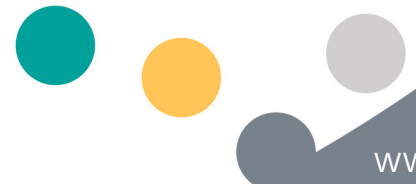
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