



# Digital and media literacy for active citizenship at EU level

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In January, ECAS echoed a call put forward by **Values Unite** for the establishment of a **European agency / platform for citizenship education**

## Europe Citizen Action Service (ECAS)

Our **mission** is to empower citizens in order to create a more inclusive and stronger European Union by

- Developing and supporting mechanisms to increase citizens and citizen organisations' democratic participation in, and engagement with, the EU
- Promoting citizens' rights.

EU Democracy Focus Area – Three Pillars

- Digital Democracy
- Civic Engagement
- Understanding Populism



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- Digital Skills can play an active role to empower learners to become active citizens
- In order to foster citizens active participation in a new evolving society we have the necessity of empowering citizens with digital skills





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There are already a number of ideas and projects out there. It would be good to connect them better (NeXus Project). This call of connecting is also echoed by our DEMOS [working paper](#).

- These debates as constructive platform on how to move forward. → ECAS together with Value Unite hosted a conference on 'Enhancing Citizenship Competences in the EU' on April 20.
- Media Literacy it is absolutely important → It is necessary to support the role of actors in the field





## NeXus: Promoting the nexus of migrants through active citizenship (NEXUS)

Aim: The [NEXUS project](#) aims to empower students (with special attention to newly arrived migrant students and under-served students) so that they can enjoy their rights, uphold human rights values, and contribute positively to their society and the global community.

- NeXus Mooc: merging new ways of learning to stimulate young people. Understand the concept of active digital citizenship and civic engagement

