

## Monitoring of digital skills proposed by a new strategy paper

Efficient usage of digital technologies is becoming one of the major factors of success of individuals as well as whole societies. Thus, in June 2015 a new *Strategy of Digital Literacy for 2015-2020* was adopted by the Czech Government. It seeks to reflect social changes in the context of the growing importance of information and knowledge while responding to the consequences of related social processes. Its main ambition is to enable Czech citizens to exploit the potential of digital technologies for their lifelong personal development.

In order to reach this goal, the Strategy adopts a complex approach covering most aspects of how the ICT influence participation of individuals in the society: employment, entrepreneurship, social inclusion, family life, public electronic services and education and training. Within each of these areas variety of measures and initiatives are foreseen.

In the area of education and training, the Strategy seeks to support ICT based learning methods and enhance their availability to be used in a lifelong-learning perspective. Among other measures, also a development of digital literacy monitoring is proposed, as there is a need for relevant comprehensive information not only on the level of digital skills across the society, but especially on the motivational and strategic dimensions of digital literacy, on social inclusion aspects, learning processes, etc. First the available sources of information and their usability should be examined for this purpose. Qualitative and quantitative surveys of digital literacy reflecting the goals of the Strategy should be also conducted. Based on these analyses, a system of regular data collection and processing should be developed and implemented.

This is only one example of variety of measures proposed by the Strategy that should altogether represent a major step forward in the field of digital literacy policy in the Czech Republic. The Strategy is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MŠMT) and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MPSV). It is linked to following European strategies and national programmes:

