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## Women4IT introduces Open Educational Resources as a measure to foster accessible digital education for all.

Digital competencies are now more relevant in the labour market than ever before. The [EU Digital Decade targets](#), aspiring to equip min. 80% of the European population with basic digital skills and train at least 20 million ICT specialists by 2030, make for a truly ambitious goal. Moreover, only last week, Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, named 2023 the [European Year of Skills](#). Women4IT shares this vision and is fully committed to taking decisive actions toward these objectives.

Since 2018, [Women4IT](#) – an initiative funded by the [EEA and Norway Grants](#) – has been on a mission to **empower young women** at the risk of exclusion from the labour market and improve their employability prospects. This is done by providing them with **targeted digital skills training** and assistance in securing junior-level jobs in the technological sector – all entirely free of charge. In recent years' piloting efforts, **Women4IT trained more than 900 young women** in Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Romania and Spain, with over 72% success rate in entering the job market following the training. It has also produced an innovative [profiling tool](#) for people looking to enter the labour market or reskill towards a career in digital, replicable [curricula and training roadmaps](#), and a multi-purpose [employment toolkit](#).

Now, a new tool has been added to the Women4IT portfolio: the [Open Educational Resources](#) (OERs). In short, OERs are learning, teaching and research materials carefully curated by the Women4IT partners to foster accessible digital education across Europe. The increasingly growing **library of +300 third-party educational content includes resources such as mini-courses, training syllabi, reports, articles and podcasts** covering a wide range of topics, occupational profiles' competencies and skill levels. It is hosted on the [Women4IT training platform](#) and available in **6 EU languages at zero cost** to everyone who wishes to expand their tech knowledge and boost digital skills at their own pace.

Eager to start learning? Discover the [Women4IT OER library](#) and find out more about the initiative.

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