

EU Code Week 2026 Launch Event

**Building Resilience, Connecting & Empowering Communities in
the Age of AI**

12 October 2026 – 14h00-16h00 CET

Online from Euractiv studios in the heart of Brussels



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Agenda

14:00

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The event will open with a welcome from JA Europe, followed by remarks from invited speakers representing the European Commission and the wider EU Code Week community.

Opening speakers include:

- **Ms Henna Virkkunen** — Executive Vice-President of the European Commissioner for Technological Sovereignty, Security and Democracy (TBC)
- **Ms Roberta Metsola** — President of the European Parliament (TBC)
- **Mr Salvatore Nigro** — CEO, JA Europe

Welcome to the EU Code Week Community

A short welcome from the EU Code Week Community Council, highlighting the role of the community in bringing coding, digital creativity and computational thinking to learners across Europe.

Speaker: Evgeni Minev — EU Code Week Community Council President

Stories from the Community: The Code4Europe Project Experience

This session will showcase stories and experiences from the Code4Europe project, bringing together perspectives from consortium partners and members of the wider EU Code Week community.

Building Resilience: The Relevance of Coding in the Age of AI

A panel discussion exploring why coding and computational thinking remain essential in an age shaped by artificial intelligence. The discussion will reflect on how digital skills can support resilience, creativity, problem-solving and future readiness.

Connecting and Empowering Communities: The Power of Integrated Digital Ecosystems

This panel will explore how stronger connections between schools, communities, industry, policymakers and digital education initiatives can help create more inclusive and effective digital learning ecosystems across Europe.

Looking Ahead: Code Week 2026

A short session introducing plans and opportunities for Code Week 2026, including campaign highlights and upcoming activities. This will include short video moments promoting Code Week 2026 and Minecraft Education.

Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union

A dedicated session reflecting on the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the role of governments in supporting digital education, skills development and inclusive access to digital opportunities.

Closing Remarks

The event will conclude with closing reflections and a look ahead to the next phase of EU Code Week.

16:00

End of Event

A networking reception will follow for participants attending on site.

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