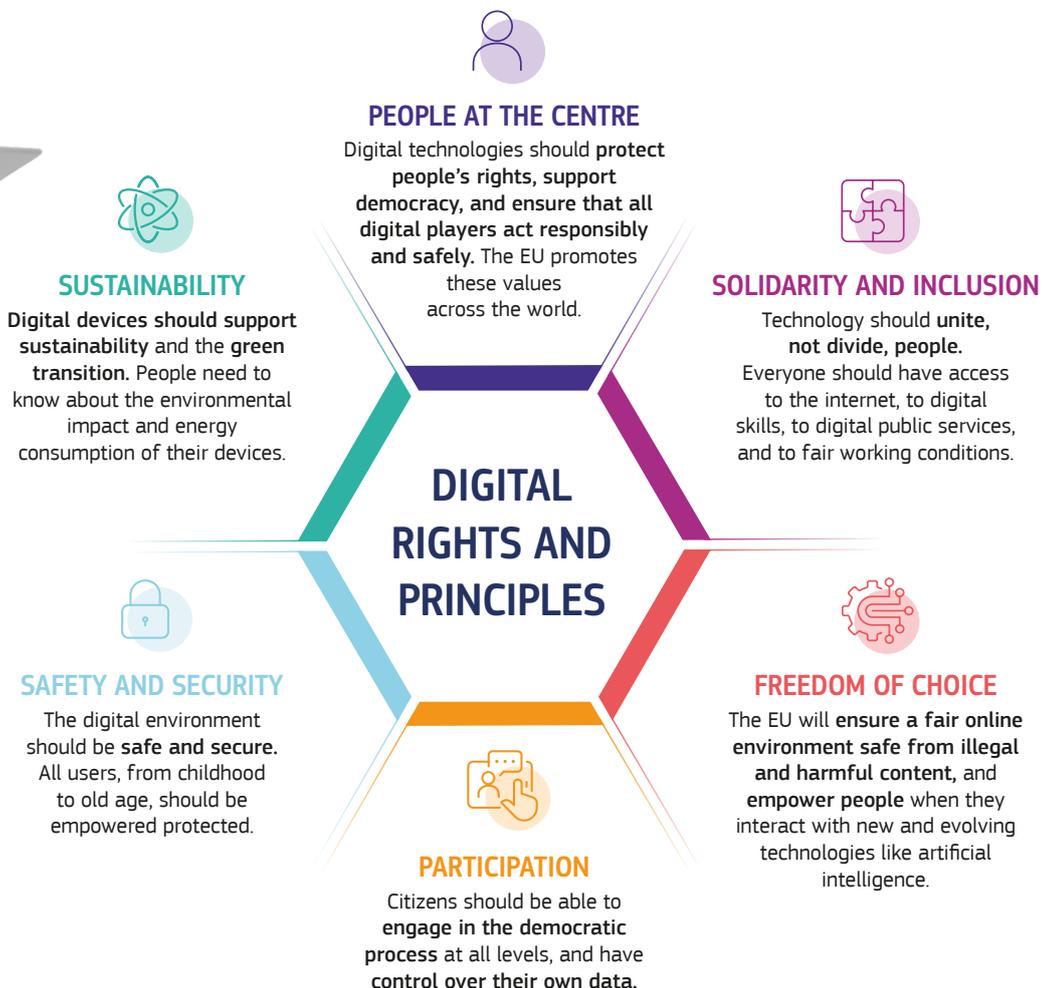


# DIGITAL RIGHTS AND PRINCIPLES

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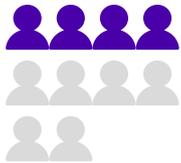
**“We aim to promote a European way for the digital transition, putting people at the centre. It shall be based on European values and benefiting all individuals and businesses.”**

**All people in the EU** should get the most out of the digital transformation. The digital rights and principles will guide the EU in promoting an **inclusive, prosperous and sustainable society**. The declaration is the first of its kind in the world. It will be a **reference point for citizens** and a **guide for policy makers and companies developing digital technologies**. The digital rights and principles will be reflected in the EU's actions, future work, and engagement with global partners.



## KEY FIGURES

### 1. PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE



**4 OUT OF 10 EUROPEANS** are not aware that their rights such as the **freedom of expression, privacy, or non-discrimination** should also be respected online

### 2. SOLIDARITY AND INCLUSION



**2 OUT OF 3 EUROPEANS** used **e-government** solutions in 2019

### 3. FREEDOM OF CHOICE



**88% OF BUSINESSES** and business users encountered **unfair trading conditions** on large platforms

### 4. PARTICIPATION



**72% OF USERS** want to know **how their data is processed** when they use **social media**

### 5. SAFETY AND SECURITY

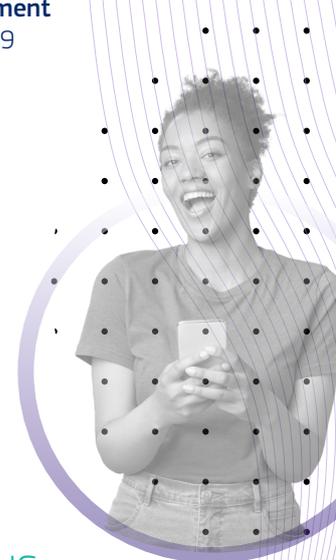


**HALF OF EU INTERNET USERS** in 2019 reported that **security concerns** limit their online activities

### 6. SUSTAINABILITY



**8 IN 10 EUROPEANS** would like to oblige manufacturers to make **digital devices easier to repair**



## TIMELINE

**9 MARCH 2021**

2030 Digital Compass: Commission presents vision and targets for the digital transformation, guided by digital rights and principles.

**1 JUNE 2021**

Speech of Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in Sines, Portugal: *"We embrace new technologies. But we stand by our values."*

**DECEMBER 2021**

Publication of results of the Eurobarometer on digital principles: 8 Europeans out of 10 consider it useful that the EU defines and promotes digital rights and principles.

**BY SUMMER 2022**

European Parliament, Council and Commission will sign declaration of digital rights and principles.

**MAY-SEPTEMBER 2021**

Commission gathers feedback on digital principles from citizens and all interested parties.

**15 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Commission proposes governance framework to achieve the 2030 digital targets, the Digital Decade Policy Programme.

**26 JANUARY 2022**

**The Commission proposes draft declaration of digital rights and principles.**

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