

# Literacy in the Digital Age: a key point to prepare our children for the future

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"The school and the family share the responsibility of preparing the young person for living in a world of powerful images, words and sounds." (UNESCO, 1982)

1982

UNESCO

Grunwald Declaration on Media Education

2007

EU

A European approach to media literacy in the digital environment

"Media literacy is defined as the ability to access, understand, critically evaluate and create media Content." (A European approach to media literacy in the digital environment [COM(2007) 833)

1982

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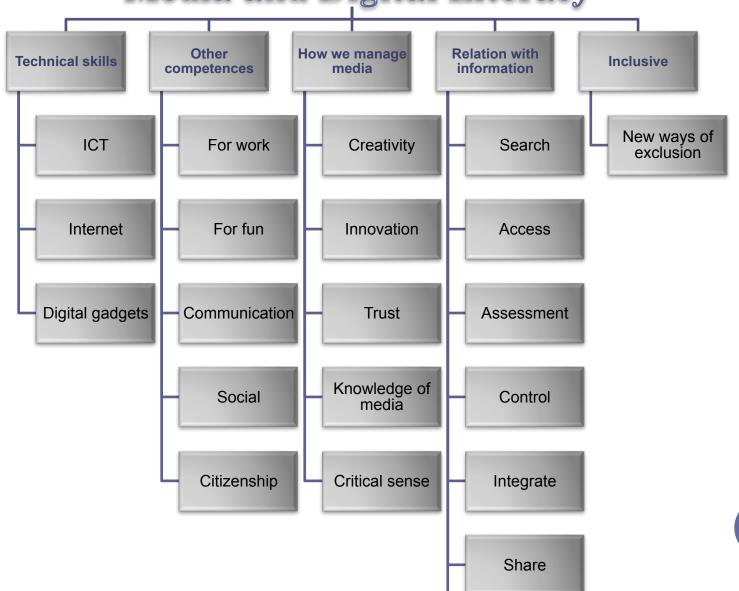
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Media and Digital Literacy



# Digital Skills: Why?

International institutions

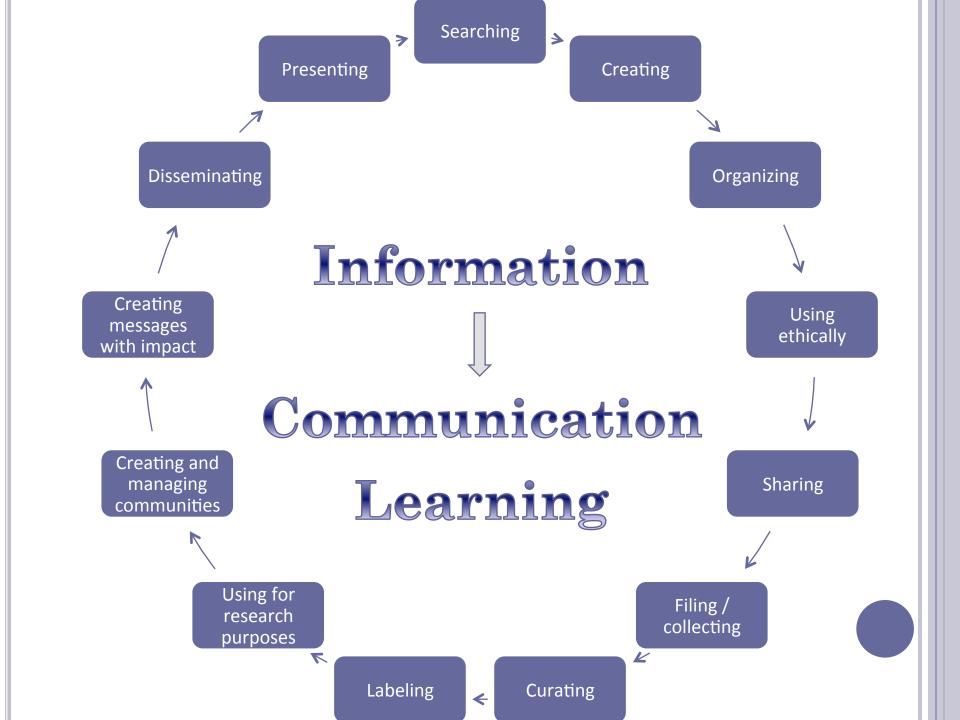
 UNESCO, European Commission, Council of Europe, governments have been underlining the importance of digital skills

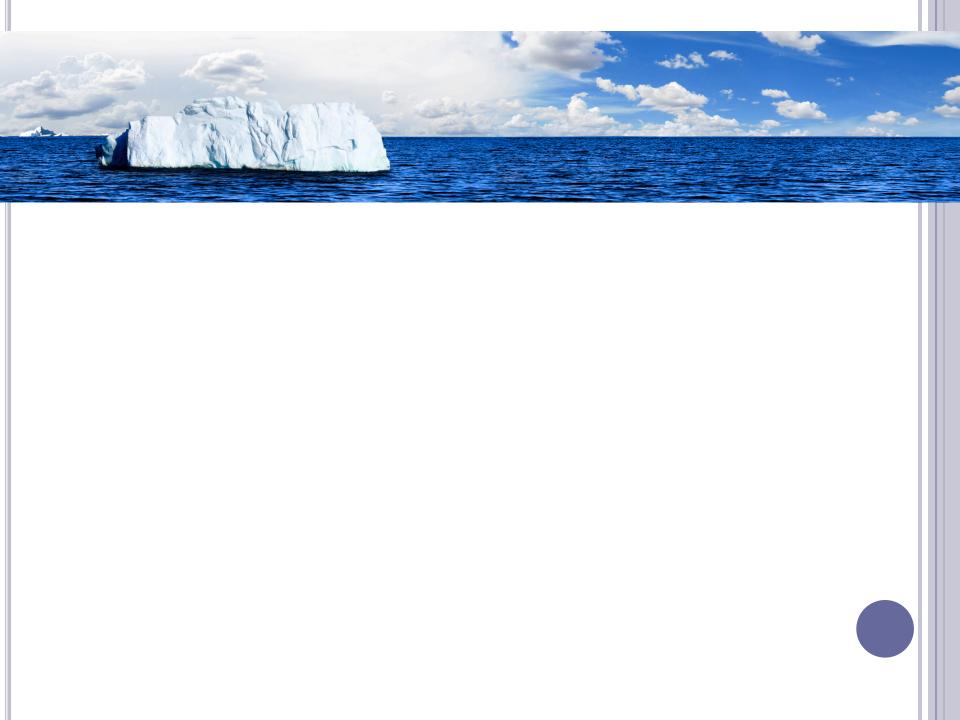
Jobs

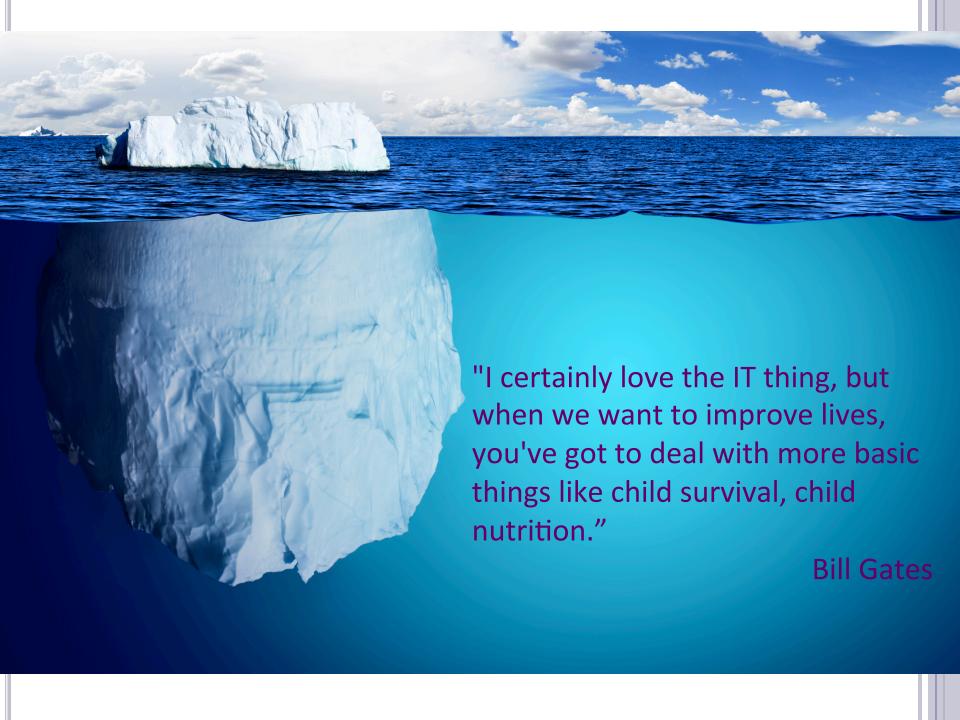
 We need to prepare students for real life; employers are looking for highly skilled people

Value to the Education

- Innovation and/with creativity
- Pedagogical challenge: how to do that?









#### Some ideas







#### Digital Skills Barometer

 Survey: students' digital literacy levels.

#### **Creative Resources**

 Deck of cards: suggestions and ideas about how to explore social media and web 2.0.

#### **Digital Badges**

 Students will be able to earn Mozilla Badges which will give them a notion of progress and will show a potential employer that they have reached a level of competency in a digital skill.



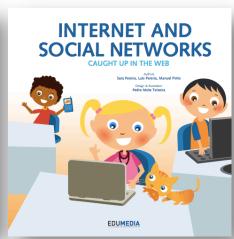


#### **Difficulties:**

it is not easy to engage students, because they think what they know is enough (they are the 'digital natives', as well from the adults' point of view)

### More activities

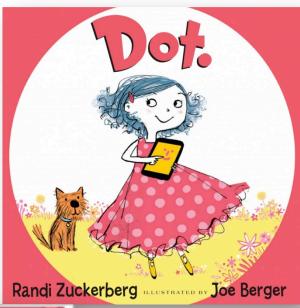


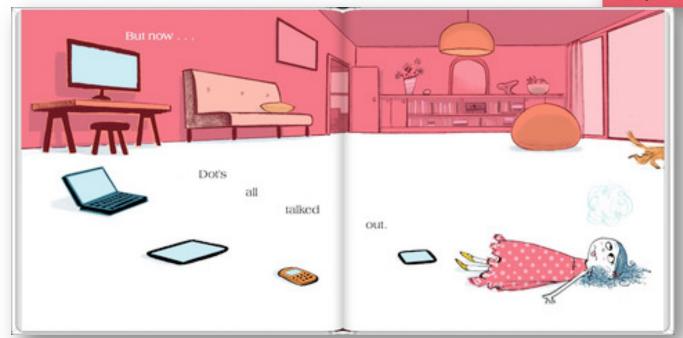




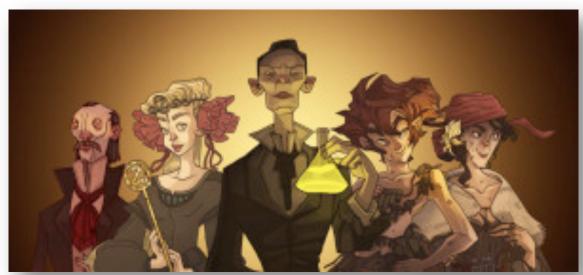
Booklet available <a href="http://bit.ly/1hlOuVh">http://bit.ly/1hlOuVh</a>

# Is reading changing?





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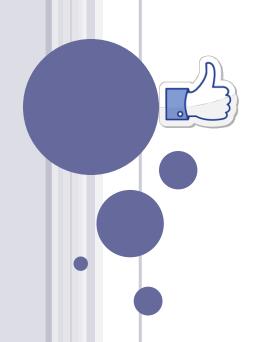


Video: http://vimeo.com/64249658

# IN A CERTAIN WAY, IN THE DIGITAL WORLD WE'RE ALL DISABLED

Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbptb-aj\_tw&feature=youtu.be



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