Call for papers: 21th International Conference

DisCo 2026: Future-Ready Skills: Cultivating Digital Fluency and Opportunity for Youth, Women, and Displaced Communities

About the Conference: DisCo 2026 provides a unique platform for scholars, researchers, pedagogical staff, students, educational startups, NGOs, and experts from the private and public sectors.

CEI Support and Grants: Thanks to the financial support from the **Central European Initiative (CEI)**, 15 selected speakers from CEI member countries* will be eligible for: **Travel Reimbursement:** Up to 290 Euros. **Accommodation:** Free stay at Residence Emmy during the event up to 3 nights. *Eligible countries: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.*

The conference proceedings will be submitted for indexing in the **Web of Science (WoS)** Exceptional papers will be considered for further elaboration and publication in selected international scientific journals.

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Conference subtopics

- **AI-Driven Competencies Development:** Bridging the skill gap in the age of generative AI.
- **Digital Inclusion for Displaced Communities:** Leveraging technology for refugee education and social integration.
- **Future-Ready Skills for the Workforce:** Transitioning from traditional literacy to comprehensive digital fluency.
- **Open Educational Resources (OER) and Accessible Learning Platforms.**
- **The Role of Human Educators in an AI-Enhanced Classroom.**
- **Micro-credentials and Blockchain:** New pathways for certifying skills for marginalized groups.
- **Immersive Learning (VR/AR/XR) for Enhanced Engagement.**
- **Digital Equity:** Policies and practices to close the digital divide.

Submission guidlines

Abstracts: English only, maximum 300 words. Please use the official article template. **Submit your abstracts to:** info@disconference.eu
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Deadlines

Abstract Submission Deadline: April 7, 2026
Notification of Acceptance: April 24, 2026
Full Paper/Poster Deadline: May 22, 2026
Registration Deadline: June 15, 2026