





Future Internet specialists. Where will we find or wait for them?

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- 1. Investments in (new) technology = investments in training/learning
- 2. Where will we find or wait for them?
- 3. Future Adults internet specialists
- 4. Future Youth internet specialists
- 5. Skills required for future internet specialists
- 6. Potential ways for preparing future internet specialists
- 7. Conclusions





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1. Investments in (new) technology = investments in training/learning

Future Internet = ?	Investments include Trainings?	
Internet of THINGS Internet of EVERYTHING Next Generation Internet	When you buy new technology for your company do you invest also in people/trainings?	TRAINING TRANING VES. EDUCAATTION,
AI	Do you invest in Trainings as in R&D or Innovation?	
Smart Cities Quantum Internet	Do you invest in Education as CSR or for your employees' families?	
X (new) Social Media People ?	Do you have in your company Mentors or Practice Tutor?	



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2. Where will we find or wait for them?

HR – interviews – head-hunting Waiting for them to come to our office Running for them in Social Media Al support Schools/Universities

Where from can come to us the future internet specialists?
High-schools/VET schools?
Secondary schools ?
Primary schools ?

Trainings versus Education Adults versus Youngs Age of future internet specialists? Work contracts will be the same?





HR Recruitment = 1 – 6 months process Education for new jobs = 5 years at least



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We, adults, are waiting for youth to come to our open jobs? Relationship in the companies between the generations

COMPANY



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3. Future Adults internet specialists

- Some examples from my experience in Fiber Optic Networks:
 - ✓ Fiber Optic Courses
 - ✓ Fiber Optic Infrastructure Courses
 - ✓ Creativity in Business
 - ✓ 5 days / 3 days / 1 day courses
 - ✓ Workshops online/offline
- ✓ Competitions ? Do you grow in your skill?
 - ✓ Standards time for new standards
 - ✓ Education (VET) learning by teaching/mentoring/tutoring







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4. Future Youth internet specialists



Some examples for preparing the future Internet specialists as Youth:

- ✓ HR Recruitment / Talent Search
 ✓ VET Education
- ✓ Youth Competitions / Olympic Games
 - ✓ Professional Camps
 - ✓ Practice / Internship
 - ✓ Hackathons



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4. Future Youth internet specialists Competitions for Internet for youth



2. Information Network Cabling 8. Mobile Applications Development 9. IT Software Solutions for Business 17. Web Technologies 23. Autonomous Mobile Robotics 39. IT Network Systems Administration 40. Graphic Design Technology 48. Industry 4.0 53. Cloud computing 54. Cyber Security 63. Robot Systems Integration





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Information Network Cabling Competition

Performance in Education

Learning Journey for Experts & Students







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5. <u>Skills required for future internet specialists</u>

In 2030 the jobs will require 90% new skills

Which skills do you think will be required for future internet specialists?







WEF Future of Jobs Report 2025:

- 1. Analytical/Creative Thinking
- 2. Resilience
- 3. Flexibility
- 4. Agility
- 5. Curiosity
- 6. Lifelong learning

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computing, and digital economies.

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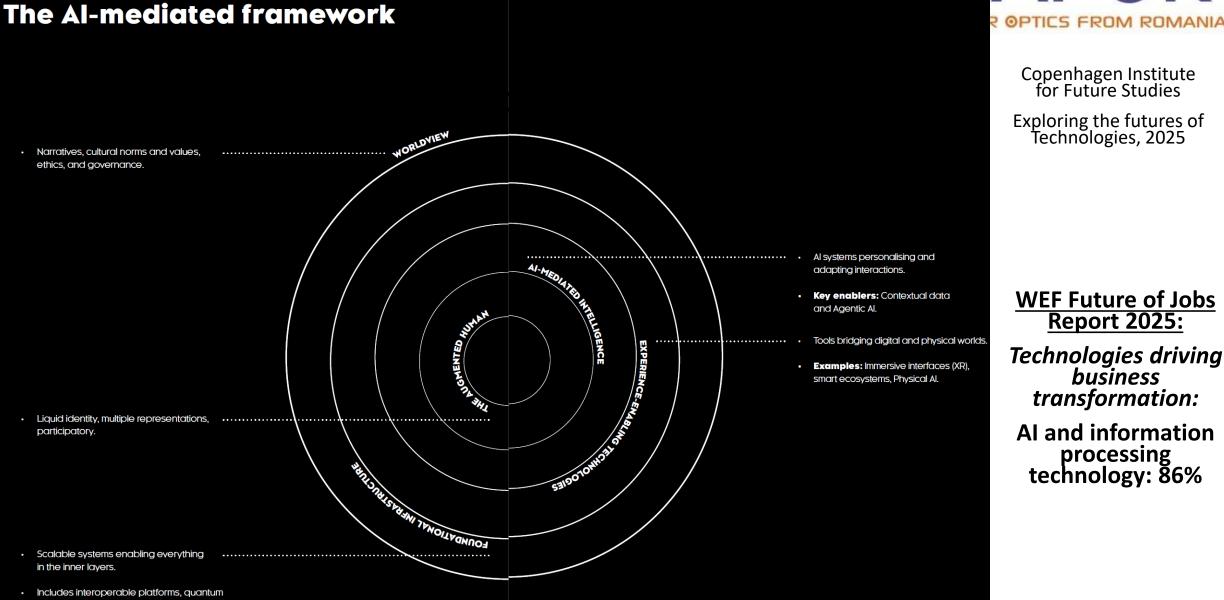
WEF Future of Jobs Report 2025:

business

transformation:

AI and information

processing technology: 86%





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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF

Quantum Science

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5. Skills required for future internet specialists **Skills for Quantum Technologies**

European Competence Framework for QT

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WEF Future of Jobs Report

Technologies driving business transformation:

2025:

Quantum and encryption: 12%



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5. Skills required for future internet specialists Skills Development in Europe

EAAL - European Agenda for Adult Learning 2021 – 2030: **10% in 2020** NEAAL 2030 – New European Agenda for Adult Learning 2030: 60% in 2030 The Reskilling Revolution by World Economic Forum (transforming education, skills and learning) – Education 4.0 Open Education/Open Internet/Open Access/ **VET Education VET Campus** Centers of (Vocational) Excellences



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6. Potential ways for preparing future internet specialists

YOUTH: Learning / Micro-Learning Trainings Students >18 Al framework status – Practice VET schools >15 Knowledge/Speaking abut/ Apprenticeship **ADULTS:** Implementation/Learning **Employees** Education Open Education/Open Internet/Open New/Future Employees Coaching Access/ Jobless SENIORS Mental Training VET Education **VET Campus**

Centers of Excellences

Creativity Workshops **Team Buildings**



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All present internet specialists are invited to think and involve in preparation of future specialists. Where to find them? How to prepare them? What skills do they need?

- Some proposals for your fast consideration:
 Fiber Optic / Internet Competition in Bulgaria & Balkans in VET schools
 In 2026 first European Competition on Information Network Cabling for youth <25 years
 Center of Excellence in Fiber Optic Technology/Photonics in Bucharest need for partners
 Involve yourself in Learning, Education and Training for future jobs in your companies



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