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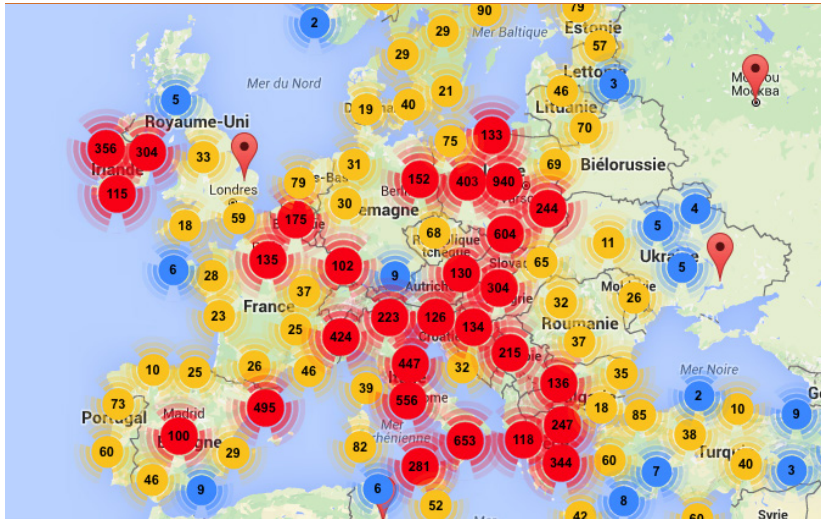
Bringing ideas to life
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Code Week - a celebration of creating with code

Who is behind Code Week?

EU Code Week is a grass-root movement run by volunteers who promote coding in their countries as Code Week Ambassadors. All code event organisers – schools, teachers, code clubs, libraries, businesses, public authorities – are encouraged to add their event to the codeweek.eu map.

EU Code Week is supported by coding movements such as CoderDojo and RailsGirls and many companies, especially in the Grand Coalition for Digital Jobs.



Purpose of Code Week?

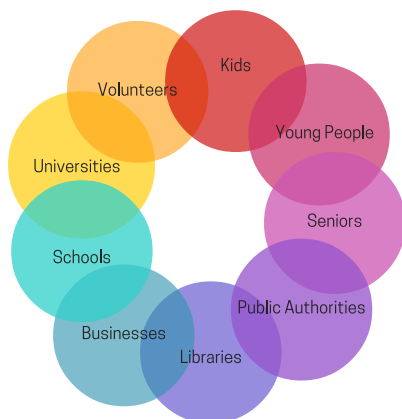
- Celebrate creating with code
- Empower people
- Connect people
- Get more people interested in science, technology, engineering and maths

What is in it for me?

- Coding is **fun!**
- Coding is **creative!** Mankind has created since its first days with clay, stone, bricks, paper and wood. Today we also create with code.
- Coding is **empowering!** You can do more than consume digital content, you can make things with code and make them accessible to millions. You can make websites, games or control a computer or a robot with code.

- **Understand the world.** More and more things are connected. Grasping what is going on behind the screen enables us to understand the world!
- Coding teaches **problem solving** as well as critical and analytical thinking skills
- Many **jobs** need people with digital skills, including coding.

How do I join EU Code Week?



- **Coders** can organise workshops in local schools, hack spaces, community centres or libraries.
- **Teachers who code** can hold coding classes, share their lessons plans, organise workshops for colleagues.
- **Teachers who don't code** can organise seminars or invite parents, students or coders to teach each other coding.
- **Parents** can encourage their kids to participate in a coding workshop.
- **Businesses and non-profit organisations** can host coding workshops, lend their staff as coaches in a “back-to-coach” action, organise fun coding challenges for students or offer sponsorship for coding events.
- **Public institutions** may organise coding workshops or round table discussions at their premises.
- **Everyone** who participates in a coding activity can share their experience on EU Code Week website and inspire others!

Digital Single Market

As part of its strategy for a Digital Single Market, the European Commission supports EU Code Week and other independent initiatives which aim to boost digital skills, including programming, for different target groups. The Commission will also address digital skills and expertise in future initiatives on skills and training and will develop a skills strategy.

Results 2015

- **570,000 people**, from children to seniors
- **7,600 events**
- **48 countries** in the EU and beyond including United States and Australia as well as countries in Africa and Asia.

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