

Digital Republic (Dominican Republic)

Good practice: Leveraging technology to improve educational outcomes

Relevant DFI commitment: Support digital literacy, skills acquisition, and development so that individuals can overcome the digital divide, participate in the Internet safely, and realise the economic and social potential of the digital economy.

Type of the initiative: Strategy

Stakeholder Group: Government

Launch/adoption: 2016 - Now

Goals

The ‘Republica Digital’ strategy of the Dominican Republic aims to promote the inclusion of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in productive, educational, and governmental service processes for citizens. Its primary goals include designing and promoting inclusive strategies to incorporate ICT into teaching and learning processes across all educational subsystems, reducing the digital divide to promote universal access to ICT, encouraging the use of ICT in production processes of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), promoting reforms to make public sector procedures more efficient through technology, and fostering the use of ICT in public policy.

Description

The Republica Digital initiative, coordinated by the Ministry of the Presidency, is a comprehensive national digital transformation program aligned with the Dominican Republic's National Development Strategy (END 2030) and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The program is structured around several axes, including education, with specific projects implemented by various government entities. For instance, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MESCYT) is leading projects such as Digital Competences for Quality Learning, which provides online training for education career students, and BECASOFT, which offers online courses in software development, artificial intelligence, big data, and cybersecurity. Additionally, the program includes the development of a Web Portal for Scientific, Technological, and Humanistic Information and the provision of virtual education platforms for Higher Education Institutions.

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