



# CYPRUS

RANK IN EU-27

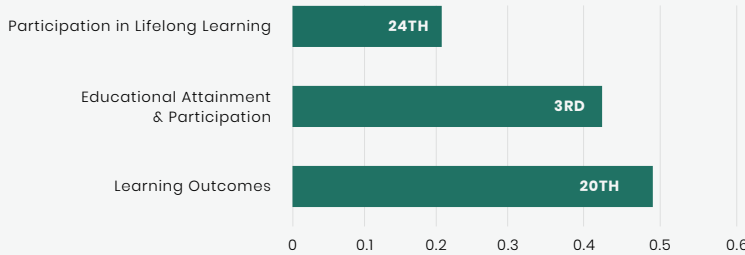
**6TH**

OVERALL SCORE

**0.641**

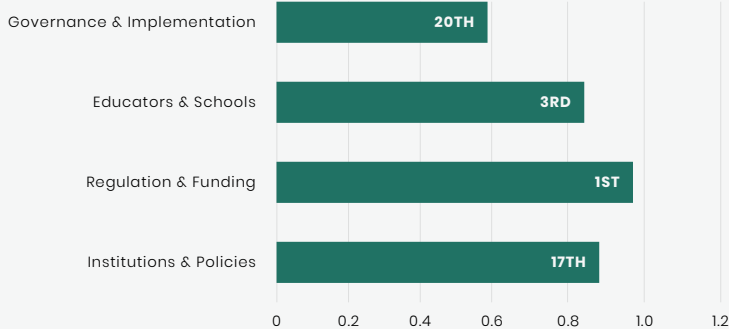
## LEARNING PARTICIPATION AND OUTCOMES

RANK  
**17TH**



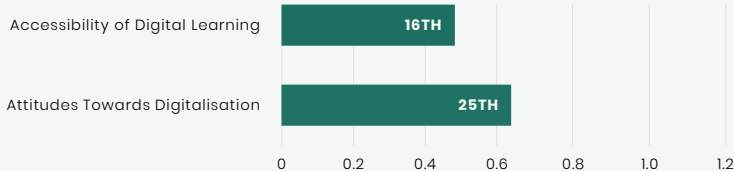
## INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES FOR DIGITAL LEARNING

RANK  
**1ST**



## AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL LEARNING

RANK  
**15TH**



## MAIN OBSERVATIONS

- Cyprus has a relatively good ranking in digital learning readiness, which is well above the EU-27 average. The main reason is the extensive emphasis put on institutions and policies for digital learning (Cyprus is ranked 1st in terms of regulation and funding).
- Digitalisation of learning is one of the main policies of the government and is part of the Government Digital Agenda. Several ministries are involved in managing and implementing the digital agenda.
- Despite the high ranks in institutional environment in digital learning readiness, the country scores low in Participation in lifelong learning (24th) or Attitudes towards digitalisation (25th).

## TAKEAWAYS:

### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS COUNTRY?

- One of the strategic objectives within the Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Education and Culture is the full integration of ICT in teaching and learning. This involves developing modern infrastructure in schools to provide adequate equipment and software to make effective use of ICT in teaching.
- There is also a strong emphasis placed on continuous training of teachers in ICT skills for personal use and for use in the educational process.
- Even though the regulatory setting and proactive digital strategies are in place, most of the efforts still remain on a voluntary basis.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Given the relatively low score in learning outcomes (20th), the quality of digital learning should be reconsidered.
- The positive developments in digital learning policies in place should be accompanied by oversight bodies ensuring the quality of governance and policy implementation.
- Further efforts need to be made in order to enhance digitalisation of learning in the adult education sector, in terms of curriculum development, infrastructure, in-service training of adult educators, and other means of support.

## KEY REFERENCES

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