

## EU Digital Ecosystem (EUDE). The Weakest Links

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**Abstract:** After more than 10 years from the first solid EU digital strategies meant to generate cohesion among member states, significant digital divide still persists.

In terms of Human capital, Connectivity, Integration of digital technology, Digital public services several countries among which Romania, register historical backwardness, turning them into the weakest links in the EU Digital Ecosystem with substantial impact on social and economic development. The present comparative paper analyses the case of Romania, best-practice models, with an emphasis on the causes, the effects and the threats of the digital delays, as well as possible solutions drawn from best practices analyzed and from longitudinal data analysis.

The research paradigm is multi method and the main methods are document analysis, secondary data analysis and the interview.

The results and the conclusions can be used by EU Commission and governmental officials to fundament further legislation and actions in order to upgrade the EU Digital Ecosystem.