

The European Digital Agenda

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Task 1 – Taking notes while listening

Watch the video. Take notes as you listen. You will need to focus your attention on the language used by the speaker, so try to write down the words/expressions as you hear them.

Proficiency level: **B1 and above**

With the help of this short video, you will practice:

NUMBERS

PREPOSITIONS & VOCABULARY

ACTIVE LISTENING

EU TERMS

Task 2 – agenda – calendar – schedule – Synonyms?



Which is which? Complete the sentences with the correct word from the chart above.

- a) At our university delivering high quality courses is top priority, in other words, it's high on the
- b) We have lots to do before the conference week and we are way behind, so I'm afraid we'll need to put in some long days.
- c) All right. That's a date! I'll put it right into my to make sure I won't forget it.
- d) I used to keep a as a child – I wish I knew where it's at.

Task 3 – Numbers

Write out the following numbers.

- e) one hundred thousand
- f) ten million
- g) two billion
- h) one hundred trillion

Task 4 – Listen for detail - Numbers and percentages

Before watching the video a second time, try to remember what the following numbers referred to.

- i) 110 million -
- j) 246 million -
- k) 50% of the population -
- l) 900,000 -

GOOD TO KNOW



With figures of four or more digits, use commas in English. E.g., 1,000 = one thousand.



Decimal points are used when writing out fractions (less than 1). E.g., 1.5 = one point five (in other words one and a half).

Now watch the video again and check your answers.

Task 5 – Practice prepositions

Complete the expressions from the video with the missing prepositions when necessary.

- m) The European single digital agenda might become the driver EU economy.
- n) We use billions devices to stay connected.

- o) This is the centerpiece the EU 2020 strategy.
- p) We need to get 28 member states an equal footing.
- q) The necessary infrastructure is not yet place for everyone to have access to the internet.
- r) Stricter measures need to be taken to beefcyber security.

Task 6 – EU term – What’s the EU 2020 strategy?

Europe 2020 is the European Union’s ten-year jobs and growth strategy. It was launched in 2010 to create the conditions for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The Europe 2020 strategy is about delivering growth that is: smart, through more effective investments in education, research and innovation; sustainable, thanks to a decisive move towards a low-carbon economy; and inclusive, with a strong emphasis on job creation and poverty reduction. The strategy is focused on five ambitious goals in the areas of employment, innovation, education, poverty reduction and climate/energy.

Source: European Commission

To read more follow the links in the text or go to: www.ec.europa.eu/europe2020/

Check out our book: EU English – Using English in EU Contexts for more information about EU terms and the language of EU institutions. For sample pages of the book go to: <http://www.klett.de/produkt/isbn/978-3-12-534640-6>

ANSWER KEY

- a. agenda
- b. schedule
- c. calendar/datebook/planner
- d. journal/diary
- e. 100,000
- f. 10,000,000
- g. 2,000,000,000
- h. 100,000,000,000,000
- i. 110 million people have never used the internet.
- j. 246 million people have no or low digital skills
- k. almost 50% of the population have low or no digital skills
- l. 900,000 IT jobs may be unfilled due to a lack of skilled people
- m. for
- n. of
- o. of
- p. on
- q. in
- r. up