





Future Internet specialists.
Where will we find or wait for them?

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# Future Internet specialists. Where will we find or wait for them?

- 1. Investments in (new) technology = investments in training/learning
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### Future Internet specialists



## 1. Investments in (new) technology = investments in training/learning

Future Internet = ?

Internet of THINGS
Internet of EVERYTHING
Next Generation Internet
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## **Quantum Internet**

**Smart Cities** 

Future Internet ... X (new) Social Media

People?

Investments include Trainings?

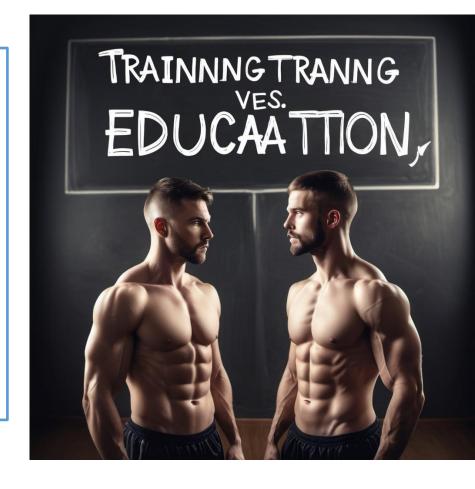
When you buy new technology for your company do you invest also in people/trainings?

Do you invest in Trainings as in R&D or Innovation?

Do you invest in Education as CSR or for your employees' families?

Do you have in your company Mentors or Practice Tutor?

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## 2. Where will we find or wait for them?

HR – interviews – head-hunting
Waiting for them to come to our office
Running for them in Social Media
Al support
Schools/Universities

Where from can come to us the future internet specialists?
High-schools/VET schools?
Secondary schools?
Primary schools?

Trainings versus Education

Adults versus Youngs

Age of future internet specialists?

Work contracts will be the same?



HR Recruitment = 1 - 6 months process Education for new jobs = 5 years at least







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We, adults, are waiting for youth to come to our open jobs?
Relationship in the companies between the generations



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## 3. Future Adults internet specialists

Some examples from my experience in Fiber Optic Networks:

- ✓ Fiber Optic Courses
- ✓ Fiber Optic Infrastructure Courses
  - ✓ Creativity in Business
  - ✓ 5 days / 3 days / 1 day courses
    - √ Workshops online/offline
- ✓ Competitions? Do you grow in your skill?
  - ✓ Standards time for new standards
    - ✓ Education (VET) learning by teaching/mentoring/tutoring





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4. Future Youth internet specialists



Some examples for preparing the future Internet specialists as Youth:

- ✓ HR Recruitment / Talent Search
  - ✓ VET Education
- ✓ Youth Competitions / Olympic Games
  - ✓ Professional Camps
  - ✓ Practice / Internship
    - ✓ Hackathons



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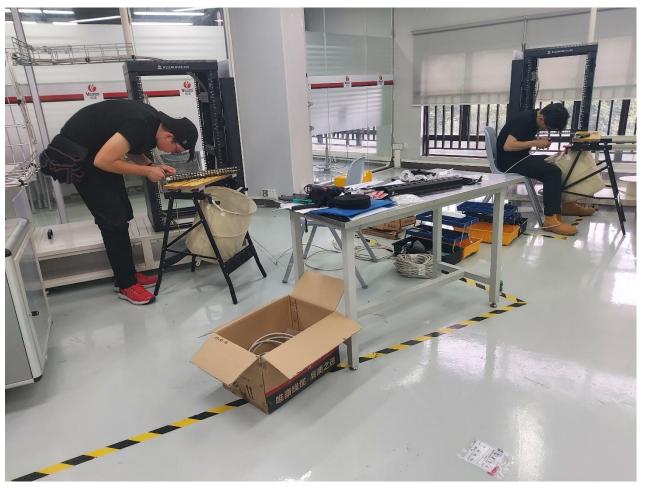


## 4. Future Youth internet specialists

## Competitions for Internet for youth



- 2. Information Network Cabling
- 8. Mobile Applications Development
- 9. IT Software Solutions for Business
  - 17. Web Technologies
  - 23. Autonomous Mobile Robotics
- 39. IT Network Systems Administration
  - 40. Graphic Design Technology
    - 48. Industry 4.0
    - 53. Cloud computing
      - 54. Cyber Security
  - 63. Robot Systems Integration





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## 4. Future Youth internet specialists

## Competitions for Internet for youth

**Information Network Cabling Competition** 

Performance in Education

**Learning Journey for Experts & Students** 













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## 5. Skills required for future internet specialists

In 2030 the jobs will require 90% new skills Which skills do you think will be required for future internet specialists?







**WEF Future of Jobs Report 2025:** 

- Analytical/Creative Thinking
- 2. Resilience
- 3. Flexibility
- 4. Agility
- 5. Curiosity
- 6. Lifelong learning



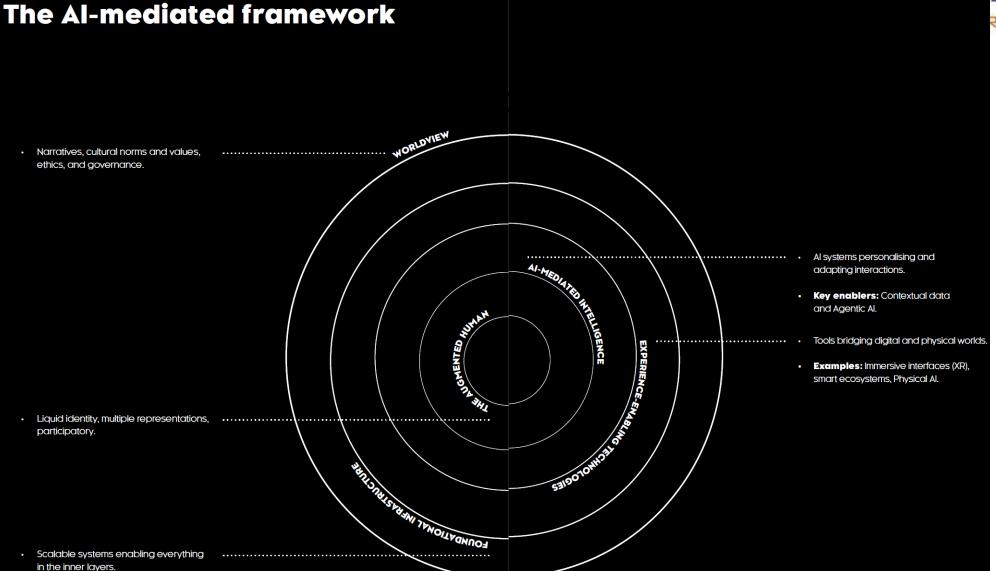
Includes interoperable platforms, quantum computing, and digital economies.

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Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies

Exploring the futures of Technologies, 2025



## WEF Future of Jobs Report 2025:

Technologies driving business transformation:

Al and information processing technology: 86%



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5. Skills required for future internet specialists
Skills for Quantum Technologies

European Competence Framework for QT



















## WEF Future of Jobs Report 2025:

Technologies driving business transformation:

Quantum and encryption: 12%



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# 5. Skills required for future internet specialists Skills Development in Europe

EAAL - European Agenda for Adult Learning 2021 – 2030: 10% in 2020

NEAAL 2030 – New European Agenda for Adult Learning 2030: 60% in 2030

The Reskilling Revolution by World Economic Forum

(transforming education, skills and learning) – Education 4.0

Open Education/Open Internet/Open Access/

**VET Education** 

**VET Campus** 

Centers of (Vocational) Excellences



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## 6. Potential ways for preparing future internet specialists

#### **YOUTH:**

Students >18

VET schools >15

#### **ADULTS:**

**Employees** 

New/Future Employees
Jobless

**SENIORS** 

- Learning / Micro-Learning
  - Al framework status –
     Knowledge/Speaking abut/
     Implementation/Learning
- Open Education/Open Internet/Open Access/Open Caching / Open EDGE
  - VET Education
  - VET Campus
  - Centers of Excellences

**Trainings** 

Practice

Apprenticeship

Education

Coaching

**Mental Training** 

Creativity Workshops

Team Buildings



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## 7. Conclusions

All present internet specialists are invited to think and involve in preparation of future specialists. Where to find them?

How to prepare them?

What skills do they need?

- Some proposals for your fast consideration:

  Fiber Optic / Internet Competition in Bulgaria & Balkans in VET schools
  In 2026 first European Competition on Information Network Cabling for youth <25 years
  Center of Excellence in Fiber Optic Technology/Photonics in Bucharest need for partners
  Involve yourself in Learning, Education and Training for future jobs in your companies



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