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The presentation will focus on the situation of schools regarding the use of digital technologies, the development of digital teaching methods in core subjects, the issues related to teacher skills and training.

More particularly, the first part of the presentation will focus on school environments, the use of ICT in education and the relation between pedagogy and technology. It will also focus on the complex process of innovation in education, taking into account the three major pillars of educational systems (teaching, curriculum and assessment).

The second part will present the strategic activities of European Schoolnet as a network of ministries of education, whose mission is to support ministries of education, schools, teachers, and relevant education stakeholders in Europe in the transformation of education processes for the digitalised society of the 21st century. The major areas of work, including the evidence-based activities, the support for schools and teachers, as well as the development of innovative teaching and learning approaches will be presented in this section.

The presentation will further list the 10 key areas of education identified by European Schoolnet as key areas to be investigated in the current period and in the next period to come. It will be organised around four major elements:

(1) Life and work skills for today and tomorrow;

(2) New teaching practices

(3) Schools as evolving organisations

(4) Innovation at scale

The presentation will mention the four priorities for European Schoolnet and its ministries of education, organised around:

(1) Supporting learners to become active and responsible citizens in the digital society;

(2) Capacity-building of teachers;

(3) New learning environments;

(4) Scaling innovation.

The last part of the presentation will conclude on the need to change positions at all levels, the opportunity to review professional practices linked to the development and implementation of digital technology and will propose a certain number of key recommendations.