

**Question for written answer E-006272/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: COVID-19 and digitalisation

The COVID-19 pandemic has accentuated society's dependence on digitalisation. An internet connection is required for working, studying and keeping in touch with loved ones.

Studies reveal that not all of the EU has been able to adapt in the same way to this new challenge: thousands of people in the EU still have no access to these tools that are vital for their day-to-day lives.

The digital divide has widened as a result. Research has shown that the levels of basic digital skills in Spain are lower than the EU average.

1. Does the Commission have data on the impact of digitalisation, based on age, gender, disability and poverty?
2. Is the Commission intending to implement projects to allow people in the EU to acquire the basic digital skills they need?
3. Will it provide Member States with funds they need to give everyone in the EU access to these tools, which are so vital in enabling people to adapt to digitalisation?