The Digital Decade Policy Programme\(^1\) sets up a monitoring and cooperation mechanism to achieve the common objectives and targets for the EU’s digital transformation, based on values and technological leadership as well as a concrete governance structure for Member States and the Commission to cooperate on delivering the Digital Decade targets, objectives and principles by 2030. These targets address, inter alia, progress to be made on connectivity, skills, technology, and digital infrastructure. Once in force, the Commission will continuously monitor progress made on the objectives and targets throughout the EU, based on EU trajectories and Member States’ national strategic roadmaps. Furthermore, the Commission would annually publish a State of the Digital Decade Report on the progress made and where challenges remain. A role for private and public stakeholders within the governance structure is also proposed.

Under the proposal, Member States are free to decide which tools and mechanisms they use to reach the set targets and objectives, taking into account the principles put forward through the Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles\(^2\). They would do so in a national roadmap, where appropriate complimented by regional roadmaps. The proposal allows the Commission to recommend policies, measures and actions to Member States.

Additionally, reaching some of the targets requires a joint effort from multiple Member States, which is why the Decision establishing the Digital Decade Policy Programme proposes multi-Country Projects. The Decision, once in force, would create a new legal structure, the European Digital Infrastructure Consortium, to implement these projects, next to existing implementation mechanisms.

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\(^1\) COM/2021/574 final, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021PC0574