

## Summary

According to OECD studies, Poland belongs to countries of the very poor indicators regarding **skills necessary for the use of modern information technologies**. OECD studies are confirmed in the results of the Digital Economy and Society Index 2016 which is applied by the European Commission for the monitoring of the progress of the member states in the implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy (previously Digital Agenda for Europe). Poland is in 22<sup>nd</sup> place among 28 EU countries and it belongs to a group of the states lagging behind. A low level of digital competences of the citizens has a significant impact on Poland's result.

Digital Poland Programme (OP DP) is an innovative programme not only in Poland but also on an EU scale. So far no other country has decided to create a thematic programme focusing only on ICT related projects. Setting as the main objective of the programme the use of digital potential for the improvement of the quality of life, all efforts should be made to fully use the potential of modern technologies. It requires not only construction of infrastructure and services but also supporting digital competences of Polish citizens. Due to OP DP over 726 thousand Polish households will acquire possibility to use fast broadband connection, it will contribute to establishment of more modern public e-services and increase of the percentage of people using the internet on a regular basis.

Digital Poland Programme which will enable access to fast internet, modern e-services as well as development of e-competences of citizens is a milestone towards digital economy and solving socio-economic inequalities in the country and at the same time achieving sustainable development of Poland

Since 5th December 2014 when EC accepted OP DP as the first programme for the period 2014-2020, EUR 160 mln has been contracted which amounts to 8% of the programme allocation. The agreements signed concern mostly measure 2.1 *High availability and quality of public e-services*, as a result the number of public services provided to citizens and entrepreneurs will increase. Moreover, by the end of 2015 calls for proposals were announced for the total amount of EUR 872 mln that is about 40% of the allocation.