



DIGI4WEARABLES: EMPOWERING ALBANIA'S FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY WITH DIGITAL INNOVATION

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On October 3rd –4th, 2024, project partners met in Athens for the fourth Digi4Wearables meeting, discussing progress, refining methodologies, and planning upcoming tasks and training events in Portugal, Romania, and Albania.



The Digi4Wearables project is set to develop the Albanian footwear industry by equipping its workforce with advanced digital skills and innovative methodologies.

Currently, Albania's footwear needs are largely met through imports. However, the growing number of local companies adopting Full Package models underscores the urgent need for qualified professionals proficient in digital design and manufacturing. Surveys reveal a critical skills gap within the workforce, emphasising the necessity for digital training initiatives.

The Digi4Wearables project responds to these challenges by developing an innovative educational framework to upskill Albania's footwear industry workers. This initiative is focused on bridging the skills gap, promoting sustainability, and enhancing production efficiency.

The key components of the Digi4Wearables Educational Package are:

- **Module-based Curriculum:** Course materials are organised into specific modules
- **Online Learning Platform** <https://e-learning.digi4wearables.eu>: A dedicated educational platform offering thematic sections with comprehensive online materials.
- **Multimedia Resources:** Videos, guidelines, and best practices for footwear design and production.

**Module 1
Performance
and Testing**

**Module 2
Creative
Design**

**Module 3
Design
Engineering**

**Module 4
Customisation
Engineering**

Digi4Wearables promotes sustainable production practices, aligning with global efforts to minimise manufacturing processes' environmental footprint.

The Digi4Wearables consortium includes eight partners from across Europe, each bringing specialised expertise and experience: CTCP (Portugal), TUIASI (Romania), UOWM (Greece), CRETHIDEV (Greece), Polytechnic University of Tirana (Albania), Pro Export Albania (Albania), ATOM Computers (Albania), FITAL Sh.p.k. (Albania).

For more information about the Digi4Wearables project, visit <https://digi4wearables.eu/> or follow Digi4Wearables on social media.

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