

DIGITAL 2021

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Advances on Societal Digital Transformation (DIGITAL 2021), held between November 14 and November 18, 2021, initiated a series of international events covering a large spectrum of topics related to the digital transformation of our society.

The society is continuously changing with a rapid pace under digital transformation. Taking advantage of a solid transformation of digital communications and infrastructures and with great progress in AI (Artificial Intelligence), IoT (Internet of Things), ML (Machine Learning), Deep Learning, Big Data, Knowledge acquisition and Cognitive technologies, almost all societal areas were redefined. Transportation, Buildings, Factories, and Agriculture are now a combination of traditional and advanced technological features. Digital citizen-centric services, including health, well-being, community participation, learning and culture are now well-established and set to advance further on. As counter-effects of digital transformation, notably fake news, digital identity risks and the digital divide are also progressing in a dangerous rhythm, there is a major need for digital education, fake news awareness, and legal aspects mitigating sensitive cases.

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