Aims

The final aim of this project has been to provide an updated, clear and detailed forecast of the sector future development due to the digitalization impact for:

▪ Social dialogue actors of the European furniture sector to improve the content and results of their work.
▪ Companies, workers, VET providers and regulatory entities to better plan their adjustments to the sector expected changes.

Overall, these results, by urging a refinement of furniture sectors VET provision, will hopefully improve workers readiness for the sector digital transformation in safer working environments, and support European furniture companies' competitiveness within the global market. Project results can have positive spillovers on other manufacturing sectors.

Occupational profiles analysed

▪ Cabinet-makers and related workers
▪ Factory hand
▪ Furniture assembler
▪ Furniture designers
▪ Industrial production manager
▪ Maintenance & repair engineer (machinery maintenance and repair workers)
▪ Sales and marketing manager
▪ Supply chain manager (Supply, distribution and related managers)
▪ Upholsterers and related workers
▪ Wood processing plant operators
▪Woodworking-machine tool setters and operators

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Publications

① The **project key report**, presenting all project results, is available in **10 European languages**. Together with the specific detailed reports, it can be found on the project website at: www.digit-fur.eu/documents

Results

- An EU furniture sector **state-of-the-art** report: updated summarized information on the furniture sector structural situation, processes and technologies, occupations, employment, OHS risks, sector VET and main drivers of change. Dispobible online.
- **②** A **mapping** of the 19 EU national and other initiatives to boost the industry digitalization across Europe.
- A **forecast** of the furniture sector scenario in 2025 due to the digitization impact.

Based on this forecast, the DIGIT-FUR project forecasted the changes for 11 ESCO (European classification of skills/competences, qualifications and occupations) revised occupational profiles in 2025 due to the digitization impact:

③ A forecast of the **task changes** (blue tables), based on the impact of McKinsey levers and Industry 4.0 technologies.

④ A forecast of **occupational health and safety (OHS)** risks (yellow tables).

⑤ A forecast of new or **updated skills, knowledge and competencies (VET)** needs (green tables).