

## EU DID IT

Digital Citizenship, my passport is written in STEM  
Science, Technology, Engineering & Math.  
Finger prints hidden within a code, instead of ink from the pen

All these applications got my admiration,  
I dance on the algorithm, but never step back when it comes to my education  
Not everybody has access to the same information  
the innovation will come to fruition in the essence of participation

Share your experience, so we can adapt and improve,  
Your voice needs to be heard as an example, never on mute  
The message is 'truth' can we get this message approved?  
It is not always loud and clear when we share it with you

A disadvantage can also come with advantage, but never ride it with glory.  
Because it may seem 'cool' at first sight, but there is always another side to the story  
Not everybody likes to ask for help in this modern Day  
If the elevator and escalator are not working, it is not okay

All these questions about my situation, every day, what is the difference?  
Honestly, it is inappropriate and none of your business,  
- My apologies, I'm programmed like THAT so I'm working THIS way -  
But you don't need to navigate through my personal space

Ask about me, my passion, my vision, my dreams and my goals  
Those are the actual things for a friendship, that you need to know  
I'm a full human being and not a deviate show,  
I'll plant seeds in the unknown, because we need to grow

Digital inclusion or is it illusion?

Make room for diversity within our community  
If these tools are more accessible, it creates opportunities,  
Drive and ambition, is my assistance  
We try to stay connected, but we are wired different

The Dutch language can be very difficult, every syllable  
Food for Thought is hard to digest, especially when the text is political, very subliminal  
Not every disability can be seen from the outside  
Many people keep their pain on the inside, you will never see the outcry

So, the challenge goes further than the development of a digital app  
This is more about building, living labs and bridging the digital gap.  
Every citizen is stuck in traffic within this digital land, scape  
We can only connect with the system, when the system connects

There is no need to explain  
What is the usage of subtitles when it doesn't even translate?  
My apologies, I got lost in translation and haven't found my words  
It is part of my image, but this picture says more than a thousand words

Acknowledge that every benefit, comes with its necessary challenges  
Who gets the short end of the stick? it is difficult to measure it.  
The digital progress by itself is very accurate  
You all deserve a spot, because your insight is immaculate

Time weights for no men, this is the part where we're tipping the scale  
Every word touches you, like it was written in braille  
I can write multiple perspectives, personally I'm not visually impaired  
But I can make you see every line double, that is visually in pair

We went from more civilized to more digitized  
Let's transform from more ill-advised to more in advice.  
From digital divided to a digital device  
Only when no one is LEFT behind we can say: "We did it RIGHT.

Basic human rights are a part of the law  
But the mother of social justice has a father of flaws  
The frame work of every project is like art that we draw  
It puts more hands together than round of applause

From interaction, in to action, we make changes.  
Create more safe spaces instead of trying to save spaces.  
So, we can say: "Eudigit, you did it!"  
We move through criticism, but it will take a few digits

And to be quite honest it is not about the quantity  
Because without quality, you can't spell equality  
Provide services and platforms that thrive on progression  
Create a network to fight isolation and Inspire connection

You may have a disability, and less accessibility  
but you'll always have the ability to use creativity as an entity,  
Life is a puzzle, every piece that gets to me is a mystery  
The only way to build a solid future is by learning from history

Let's Embrace the fact that we are actually different,  
You are special, but that has nothing to do with all the special equipment  
I want to thank you. These two days gave me insights I hadn't found yet  
And if you came from rock bottom, your story can move mountains

- Darryl, IkBenWij 2022