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I am a digital education expert at the Digital Poland Project Center - Digital Development Clubs Project (Projekt Kluby Rozwoju Cyfrowego), a member of the Superbelfrzy RP network. I design and deliver educational programs and support educators working with diverse groups — including young people — helping them navigate digital environments shaped by algorithms, disinformation, and online harm. I combine user experience design with educational practice to build critical awareness, resilience, and agency, particularly in contexts affected by digital inequalities. I am also involved in promoting the Council of Europe's Digital Citizenship Education framework (Kompas Cyfrowego Obywatela), supporting its use in educational practice. I believe that if education relies on the same systems that expose people to harm, it cannot build resilience — it risks normalising dependency instead. I advocate for human-centered, transparent digital systems that strengthen democratic participation and ensure the digital sovereignty of every citizen.



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Giulia Cerutti is a Project Manager at ThinkYoung, where she supports and leads initiatives focused on digital literacy, AI, tech4good, STEM education, and cultural innovation. Prior to this role, she gained experience in multilateral relations and international cooperation through positions at the European Commission's DG INTPA and the Italian Ministry of Culture, as well as through project management roles at prestigious academic institutions. Giulia holds a Double Master's Degree in International Relations from LUISS Guido Carli and the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and a Master in Cultural Diplomacy from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. Driven by a passion for education and culture, Giulia is dedicated to empowering young people and contributing to meaningful, positive change.

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