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What can the public and private sector do to support digitalization of cultural tourism?

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Public Sector

Policies and Action Plans to enhance technology application in cultural tourism including preservation, promotion of heritage, etc.

Skills and Education for existing and potential tourism sector professionals around various technologies and their application

Funding for R and D to create and enhance approaches for technology application in cultural tourism

Digitisation of heritage institutions for operations as well as audience engagement

Awareness raising on opportunities for digitalisation of tourism

Incentives to promote technology application
Private Sector

- Innovation and customisation of product offerings using data and insight
- Support for R and D including through linkages with academia
- Investment in emerging technologies
- Support for skills development e.g., through apprenticeships and placements