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ECIU Micro-credential Journey: A Story of 2 Ms

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PAVING THE ROAD FOR THE MICRO-CREDENTIALS MOVEMENT

ECIU UNIVERSITY WHITE PAPER ON MICRO-CREDENTIALS

Access our 1st Micro-Credential white paper: https://www.eciu.org/news/micro-learning-varies-from-online-courses-to-study-packages

Access our 2nd Micro-Credential white paper: https://www.eciu.org/news/paving-the-road-for-the-micro-credentials-movement

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https://www.eciu.org/news/presentation-of-the-third-eciu-university-micro-credentials-paper-a-vision-for-european-learners-values-and-priorities



Key Assumptions 2025... Micro-Credentials

- ECIU University will exist
- Micro-credentials will be commonplace throughout Europe
- Micro-credentials will feature in most EU qualification frameworks
- ECIU partner universities will be offering their own micro-credentials
- ECIU micro-credentials will complement and extend those offered by partners
- ECIU micro-credentials will be distinctive and enjoyed by students
- ECIU micro-credentials will be well regarded and highly valued by employers & societal stakeholders



Micro-credentials ECIU University

Learning Experience



Credential





Council of Europe, 2022, available at https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022H06 27(02)



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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council			
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council			
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability			
	- Adoption			



Micro-credential means the record of the learning outcomes that a learner has achieved following a small volume of learning. These learning outcomes will have been assessed against transparent and clearly defined criteria.

Learning experiences leading to micro-credentials are designed to provide the learner with specific knowledge, skills and competences that respond to societal, personal, cultural or labour market needs. Micro-credentials are owned by the learner, can be shared and are portable. They may be stand-alone or combined into larger credentials. They are underpinned by quality assurance following agreed standards in the relevant sector or area of activity.

(Council of Europe, 2022)



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Stackability	V	√	√	V	V	√	V	√		V	√			J		V	V		√	V	y	76.2
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European standard elements to describe a micro-credential (Annex I)

idatory elements:	Identification of the learner							
	Title of the micro-credential							
	Country(ies)/Region(s) of the issuer Awarding body(ies) Date of issuing Learning outcomes							
	Notional workload needed to achieve the learning outcomes (in ECTS							
	credits, where possible)							
	Level (and cycle, if applicable) of the learning experience leading to the							
	micro-credential (EQF, QF-EHEA), if applicable							
	Type of assessment							
	Form of participation in the learning activity							
	Type of quality assurance used to underpin the micro-credential							
ional elements,	Prerequisites needed to enrol in the learning activity							
re relevant (non-	Supervision and identity verification during assessment (unsupervised							
austive list)	with no identity verification, supervised with no identity verification,							
	supervised online, or onsite with identity verification)							
	Grade achieved							
	Integration/stackability options (stand-alone, independent micro-							
	credential/integrated, stackable towards another credential)							
	Further information							



European design and issuance principles for micro-credential (Annex II)

Ten Principles: Quality, transparency, relevance, valid assessment, learning pathways, recognition, portability, being learner-centred, authentic, and providing information and guidance (Council of Europe, 2022)

ANNEX II

Union principles for the design and issuance of micro-credentials

The 10 principles presented below specify the nature of micro-credentials and offer guidance to Member States, public authorities and providers on the design and issuance of micro-credentials and systems for micro-credentials. The principles highlight the key characteristics of the European approach to micro-credentials that can enable the trust and quality of micro-credentials. The principles are universal and may be applied in any area or sector.

1	Quality	Micro-credentials are subject to internal and external quality assurance								
		by the system producing them (e.g. the education, training or labour								
		market context in which the micro-credential is developed and								
		delivered). Quality assurance processes must be fit-for-purpose, be								
		clearly documented and accessible and meet the needs and expectations								
		of learners and stakeholders.								
		Providers: External quality assurance is based primarily on the								

Providers: External quality assurance is based primarily on the assessment of providers (rather than individual courses) and the effectiveness of their internal quality assurance procedures.

Providers should make sure that internal quality assurance covers all the following elements:

(Council of Europe, 2022)

Individualized &
Scaffolded Life-Long,
Flexible Learning
Pathways through
Challenges, Micromodules and MicroCredentials

- Real-life challenges come from industry, society and university on SDGs
- Teams of diverse learners and researchers are formed engaging in an active pedagogy
- Al with scaffolded engagement with experts assign micro-modules to the challenges for skills and competence development for learners
- Gained skills, competences and knowledge are stored in a digital competence passport
- Micro-credentials accumulate into competence passport or can be stacked into a qualification





Stackable, credit-bearing and quality assured micro-credentials

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY UNDERPINNED BY MICRO-CREDENTIALS



Platform solutions for the storage, sharing and portability of micro-credentials

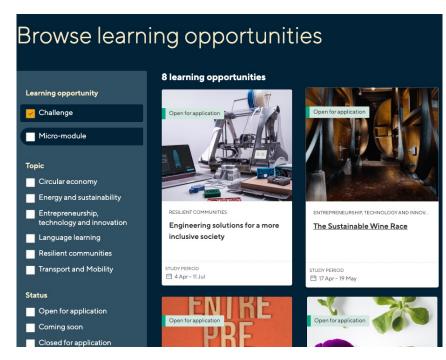


An open co-creation model and challenge-based learning approach



Skills and competence recognition









Micro-Credentialing – ECIU Learning offerings

- Challenges
 - May have ECTS
 - Hackathons and workshops that don't carry ECTS
- Micro-modules
 - Include learning offerings from partners
 - Co-created by partners for ECIU
 - Micro 1-3 ECTS, standard up to 8ECTS
 - Online or hybrid setting
 - Instruction in English

https://engage.eciu.eu/browse



Micro-Modules

"A micro-module is a short learning experience that formally assessed and supports learners to fill their knowledge gaps and boost their capabilities in order to successfully engage in ECIU University challenge-based activities."

Characteristics (2021-2022):

- Provided by an accredited institution or program (currently via ECIU network)
- Preferably 1-3 ECTS (or unbundled from a larger module)
- Is preferably master's level, but can be also bachelor's level
- Priority for **online** provision, offline possible
- Provided in English







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Challenges

- SDG themes
- Collaboration with
 - Industry
 - Cities
- ECTS based
- May include short non-formal opportunities (No ECTS)



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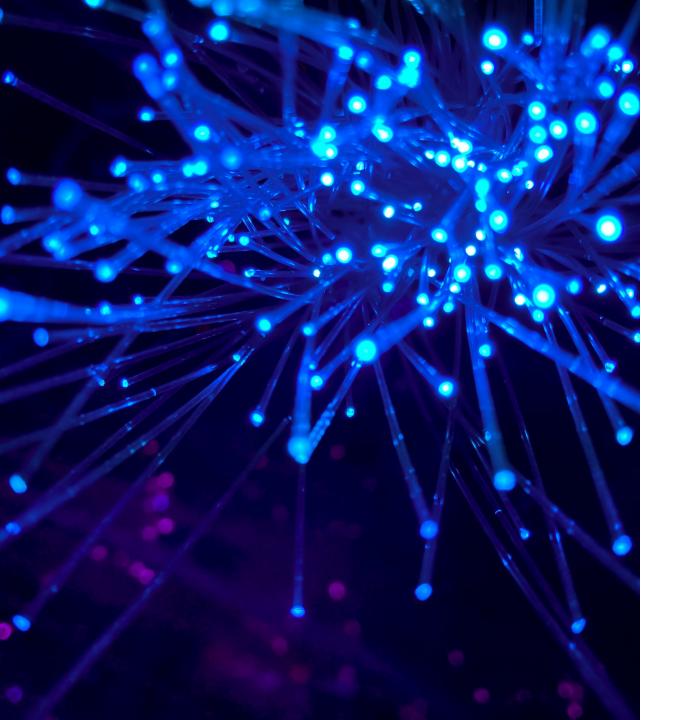


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European Values for European Micro-Credentials

Principle of social good and learner development v market-driven forms of commodified, atomised learning

Active pedagogical approaches, emphasis on real-world, authentic co-constructed learning v passive learning based on predicted needs

Guidance and empowerment of learners to build personalised, flexible learning futures complement current macro qualifications v predetermined paths emphasis on being future capable

ECIU Competence Taxonomy





Domain Competence levels

Explorer	The explorer level describes one with a basic understanding and awareness of relevant concepts in the topic area. They have the basic skills and abilities required to investigate the topic. And they have the interest and curiosity for exploring the topic.
Expert	The expert level describes one with a comprehensive understanding of concepts, structures, and mechanisms in the topic area. They have a wide range of skills required operate within relevent topic activities. And they have a deep awareness for the ethical and philosophical considerations for the topic and context.
Pioneer	The pioneer level describes one with rich and varied knowledge of the system of a topic including the foundational principles, relations with other topics, and possible future developments. They have the skills to expand and create new knowledge within topic area. They have the ability to provide wise and well-reasoned approaches to addressing issues in a topic. They have broad and deeply-considered perspectives for challenges and issues in a topic.

Benchmark for the competence dimensions and levels: EdDiCo maturity model, DigCompEdu, CALOHEE

Title	Short description L	ong description	ESCO skills	
2 Circular economy	Seek solutions for resource flows that contribute to a sustainable, biodiverse environment.	resource flow at a regional level while identifying and evaluating potential solu- digitalisation for measuring, monitoring and supporting these resource flow, possibilities for radical virtualisation, de-materialisation and greater transpare At the same time, it creates new ways of operating and participating in the ec- and external conditions, digital technology has the potential to identify the ch	th city and region, utilizing its inherent qualities and strengths. Cities and regions have different t, achieving a circular economy will generally require intergovernmental cooperation, which may erate more independently. across all its functions, establishing a regional system that is regenerative and restorative by alreas. A major challenge for rurban regions will be to identify the quantities and quality of the toins that will combinate to a sustainable, biodivers environment. The involves the essential to the choice by the modern of the distribution of the content of the c	Sourced by SMART-ER R&I Agenda: https://assets-global.website-files.com/562fb917aa38ca2e349b422e/63523c292a93201512041982_D1.2_Co-Created%20R%26i%20Agenda.pdf
Responsible consumption and 2.1 production	Promoting and integrating responsible, sustainable consumption	behaviour. The knowledge of m consumers and of the interconn	stainable consumer consumption nethods for behaviour change in nected nature of production supply change needed to realise changes in	http://data.europa.eu/esco/skill/e1da04bb-4de8-4d17-af8 75ea893fe36a
2.2 Waste management	Manage effective, healthy processes	transport, treat, recycle, and di healthy, hygenic society. The kr	_	http://data.europa.eu/esco/skill/40f65a56-ccbe-4601-9f33
2.3 Financing circular economy	Developing finance schemes for the	considerations when making fir economy. The knowledge abou mindset to develop longer-term		
	Identifying and applying policies, regulations, and activities to promote	environmental sustainability. The enact methods towards the red consumption, the reuse and red engagement in the sharing ecoloric consumption.	· · · · · - · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	http://data.europa.eu/esco/skill/4c3ab565-747c-4db3-8c4

Title	Short description	Long description	ESCO skills
7.1 Verbal Communication skills	Expressing and understanding ideas effectively through speech.	The ability to communicate effectively with others. To be able to consider other perspectives, reflect, and clearly communicate one's opinions. The ability to actively listen carefully to others, understand points being made, and formulate appropriate questions, without interrupting at inappropriate times. Patiently listen to the needs of customers, clients, passengers, service users or others, and provide solutions accordingly.	
7.1.1 Active listening	Attentive and engaged listening for effective communication	The ability to actively listen and comprehend the the meaning of other's messages with attentiveness, empathy, and engagement. The ability to paraphrase message to ensure understanding and clarify any points of confusion.	http://data.europa.eu/esco/skill/a17286c5- 238d-4f0b-bc24-29e9121345de
7.1.2 Active discussion	Participation in collaborative dialogue for effective communication	The ability to participate actively in dialogue with others effectively to reach a desired outcome. The ability to listen, consider points, and ask appropriate questions to contribute to a productive, healthy discussion.	http://data.europa.eu/esco/skill/S1.7.3
Non-verbal communication 7.2 skills	Expressing and understanding ideas effectively without speech	The ability and awareness to notice and interpret the non-verbal signals that people send out with their body, including oneself. The active communication with colleagues and others using body language and other non-verbal cues in order to ensure effective and clear working relationships.	http://data.europa.eu/esco/skill/8813bf9b- 86f3-47d1-849d-399121e6d429
7.3 Empathy	Showing empathy and understanding through sensitive communication and emotional awareness	The ability to act in an understanding and supportive manner that is sensitive to others' needs and feelings. The ability to communicate and demonstrate empathy and consideration for others and their perspective. This includes a capacity to understand various verbal and non-verbal communication of sentiment, feeling, and emotions.	http://data.europa.eu/esco/skill/77b636e8-fab3-41a8-8022-1e0a354059dc
7.4 Teamwork	Collaborating with others to achieve goals	The ability to effectively and confidently work within a group. The mindset and ability to cooperate with each other and handle the team dynamics required for everyone to do their part for the whole. The ability to cooperate, negotiate meanings with each other, and build knowledge together to achieve a shared goal. The knowledge of how to structure teams, depending on the context, to effectively work towards cooperation for group goals.	http://data.europa.eu/esco/skill/60c78287- 22eb-4103-9c8c-28deaa460da0
7.5 Conflict resolution	Resolving disputes and disagreements peacefully	The ability to navigate and resolve conflicts or disputes between people or groups. The mindset to understand perspectives and aspects of the conflict, and work to improve the situation. This encompasses reducing the negative aspects of a conflict and increasing the positive outcomes of it by learning from the errors made.	

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Learning Outcomes



Basic principles of data and software business

Student understands the basic principles of data and software business, and the special characteristics of software industry

Related ESCO Skills

identify opportunities, evaluate information, business knowledge

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Monetizing with data and software

He/she can critically analyse how it is possible to monetize with data and software

Related ESCO Skills

think creatively

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Collaboratively develop a data or software concept

He/she can analyze the feasibility of software business models. Student can apply theoretical knowledge and understanding of the data and software business characteristics to collaboratively create a solid lean canvas model for a software start-up.

Related ESCO Skills

work in teams, interact with others, perform business analysis

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ESCO skills

identify opportunities

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identify opportunities >

Description

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Look beyond the current and visualise what the future can bring to those with initiative.

interact with others

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Engage with others face-to-face in a wide range of situations, using strategies appropriate to context and purpose.

Scope note

May include formal or informal conversation, meeting, transactions, information exchange

work in teams

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transversal skills and competences > social and communication skills and competences > collaborating in teams and networks > work in teams >

Description

Description

Work confidently within a group with each doing their part in the service of the whole.

Competence and skill tagging

Browsing learning opportunities based on the competence areas

Motivation scan is based on the competence areas

Competence passport

Personalized recommendations / Flexible learning pathways

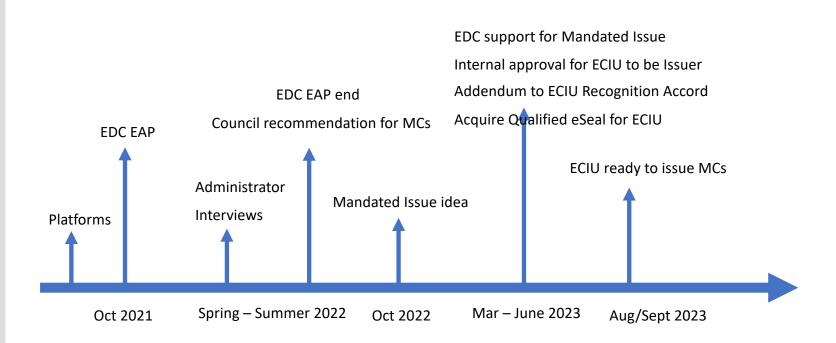


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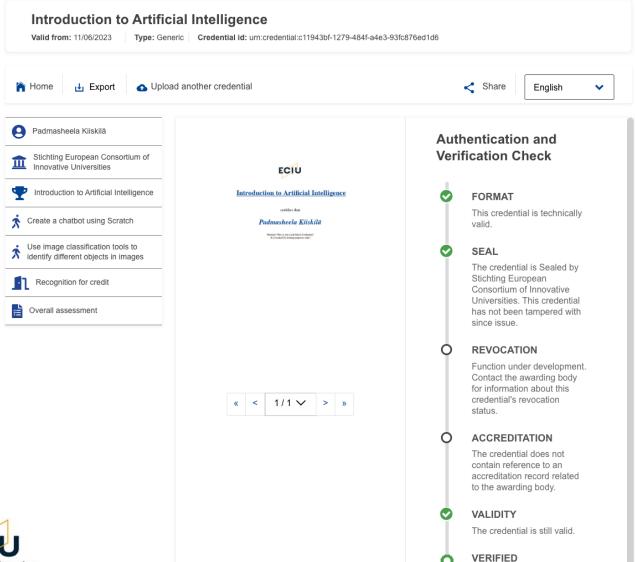
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ECIU EDC Micro-credential journey





European Standards

European Learning Model

European Digital Credential

W3C VC data model

EQF levels

Qualified eSeal

DEQAR for accreditation

ESCO framework



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Evidence statement

Every claim inside this credential is to be construed as having been made by the indicated awarding body, who maintains sole responsibility for said claim. By applying its electronic seal, the signing organisation certifies the correctness of origin of each claim, as having been made by the indicated awarding body.

▲ Identifiers

Legal ID EIDAS Identifier

08164880 NTRNL-08164880



Mandated issue

The European Digital Credentials for Learning Infrastructure allows credential issuers to delegate the sealing role to third parties. Signing a digital credential on behalf of another organisation is called mandated issue, and this is familiar practice in cases where, for example, a national body such as a Ministry of Education or a parent organisation of an awarding body, seals a credential on behalf of the institution that officially issues it. In other cases, it may be a technology provider that, from within its system, formally seals credentials issued by its education and training provider client.

Source: https://europa.eu/europass/en/stakeholders/european-digital-credentials/stakeholder-information-about-european-digital-credentials

eSeal



If an institution wants to issue legally admissible digital credentials that pass the EDC Seal verification check, it must acquire an advanced or qualified electronic seal, and once a credential is sealed with that e-Seal, it cannot be tampered with without detection – the slightest change in the file data will result in the e-Seal verification check failure

Source: https://europa.eu/europass/en/stakeholders/european-digital-credentials/stakeholder-information-about-european-digital-credentials

Qualified eSeal

- Uniquely linked to the creator of the seal
- Capable of identifying the creator of the seal
- Created using electronic seal creation data that the creator of the seal can, with a high level of confidence under its control, use for electronic seal creation, and
- Linked to the data to which it relates in such a way that any subsequent change in the data is detectable.
- Created by a qualified seal creation device (QSCD) and is based on a qualified certificate for electronic seals

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/wikis/display/ESIGKB/What+are+the+levels+simple+-+advanced+and+qualified+of+electronic+seals

Conclusions...next steps

- Evolving ECIU Educational Framework embracing 10 principles
- Focus on piloting for continuous learners outside of ECIU University Ecosystem
- Leverage co-construction
- Embed and extend good practices, stackability!
- Facilitate the change and shaping of the micro-credential agenda
- European Digital Credential platform is flexible and easy to use
- EDC follows European Learning Model paves the way to use European standard frameworks such as DEQAR, EQF, ESCO and more.
- Mandated Issue is a game changer. Now credentials can be issued by individual institutions, or in case of alliances or national level, one organization can issue on behalf of others while the awarding body still have the same responsibilities as a higher education institution.
- Qualified eSeal is the way to go as it gives assurance of the highest level.
- In a micro-credential, content matters and so does the digital credential that accompanies it as proof of learning.
- Excellent team at EDC to provide support and any help needed!



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Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine

It is in each others' shadow that people live – community and interdependence





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