

European Digital Credentials: Join the Digital Transition!

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Agenda

- 1. An overview of the policy context at a European level
- 2. Why Digital Credentialling?
- 3. Why European Digital Credentials?
- 4. How to get started and demo
- 5. Questions and answers



What is a Digital Credential?

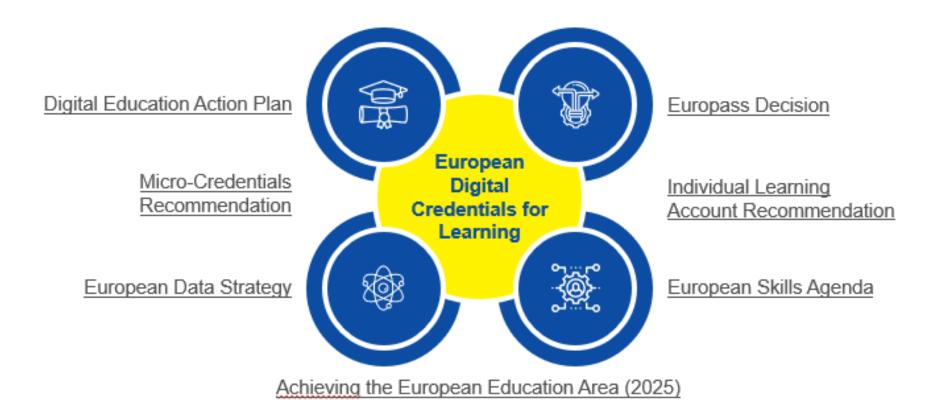
- A credential, in its most essential form, is a **documented statement** containing claims made about a person
- A European Digital Credential for Learning is a claim related to the learning achievement of a person
- A digital signature (e-Seal) guarantees the origin and integrity of the document





Europass & European Digital Credentials: A policy perspective





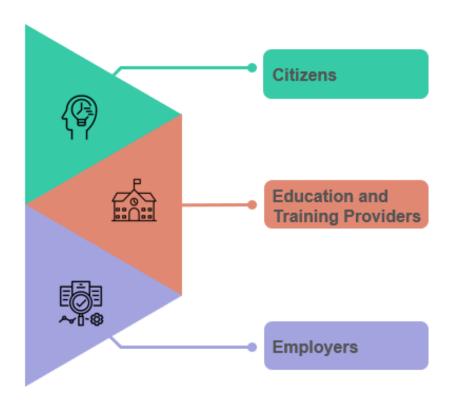
Legal Basis: Part of the Europass Decision





Why Digital Credentials for learning?





- · can build an online portfolio to track their learning
- can easily utilise their credentials to get a job, apply for further education and training across Europe or obtain recognition of their credentials
- can present and have their <u>credentials verified</u> at any point in their career
- · can build EU standard compliant credentials
- can reduce their costs of issuing credentials after an initial investment into transforming from paper to digital
- can better <u>understand credentials from other Member States</u> as EDC utilises standards, and content can be navigated in 29 languages
- · can dramatically reduce the time and cost of processing job applications
- can <u>better understand</u> the credentials of candidates outside of their country
- can immediately see on the instant, automatic <u>authentication and</u> verification check list if a credential has expired or was tampered with

Why a European Approach to Digital Credentials?

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OBJECTIVES

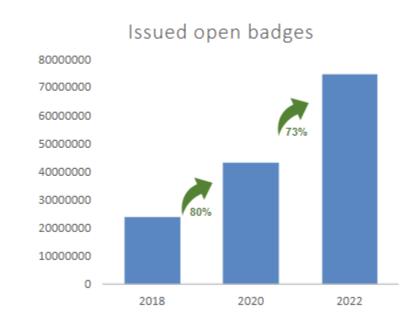
- Empower citizens to own their credentials
- Reduce market fragmentation
- Semantic Standards for Digital Credentials
- Create an EU Skills Data Space
- Make digital credentials multilingual by default
- Remove barriers to recognition
- Provide accreditation & transparency tools

BENEFITS

- Captures formal, non-formal & informal learning
- Addresses all levels of education and training
- Applicable to the whole course lifecycle
- Interoperable credentials
- Aligned with European recognition instruments
- Free & open source

Addressing a market need: digital (micro)-credentials are increasing in popularity

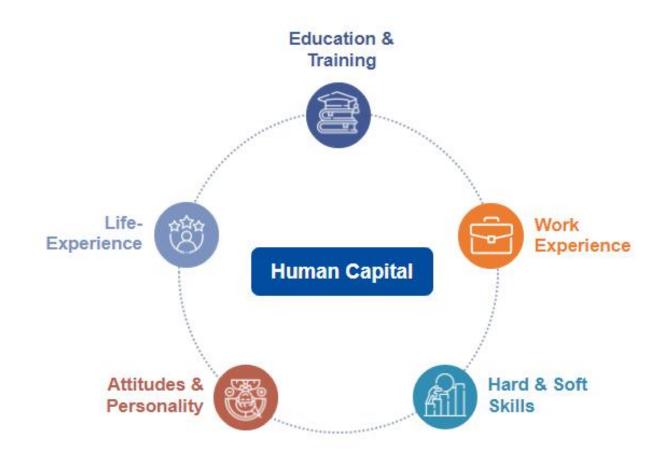
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A framework to understand credentials

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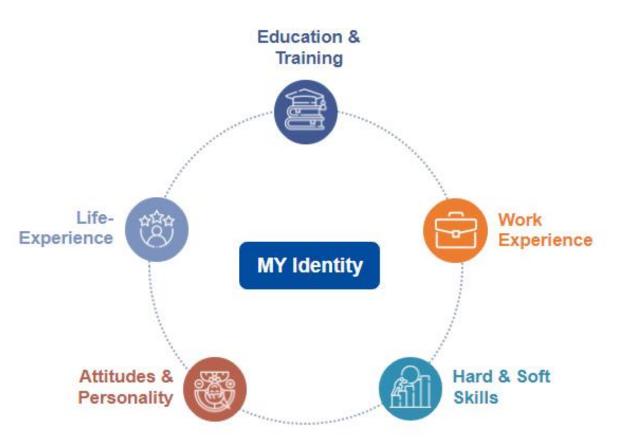






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How can I communicate / optimise what I know to evidence my employability across sectoral and geographic barriers?

The role of skills



Credentials as evidence of skills

Standardised

skill definitions

-Tests of Competence

Personalised learning at scale means a move from

SKILL









Added value of Digital Credentials as EDCs

- European Digital Credentials for Learning are verifiable documented statements about a person's learning (e.g. qualifications, certificates of participation, occupational licenses, letters of recommendation)
- eIDAS seal shall not be denied legal effect and admissibility as evidence in legal proceedings
- European Digital Credentials for Learning (EDC) are size neutral

- European Learning Model (ELM) can document Qualifications as single or stacked credentials
- Micro-credentials certify the learning outcomes of short-term learning experiences and support personal and professional development
- A person's learning outcomes expressed as knowledge, skills and competences





Definition of European Digital Credentials

A digital credential covers two areas:

- Content = learning outcomes, skills, description of the activities
- Envelope = area of identity, authentication, secure delivery policies

A **European Digital Credential for Learning** is a claim related to the learning achievement of a person. It creates the link between an individual, an awarding body, and a learning achievement.

A European Digital Credential for Learning consists of data that is structured in accordance with a data model (the European Learning Model).

European Digital Credentials for Learning are **tamper- proof** and secure (they respect data privacy). They comply with the **international standards** of "verifiable credentials".

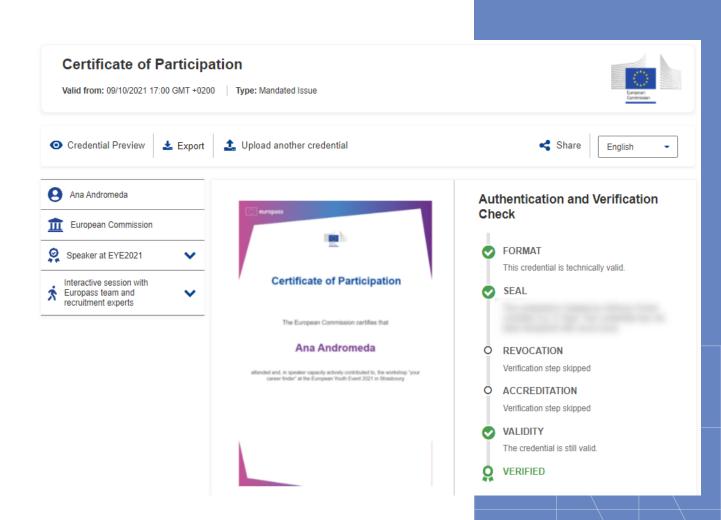




Types of Digital Credentials and their verification

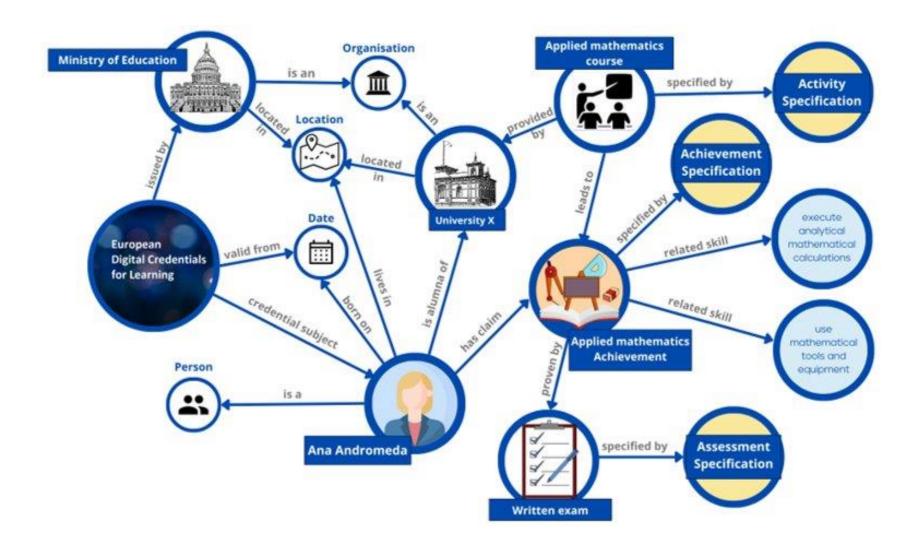
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- A credential, in its most essential form, is a documented statement containing claims made about a person
- qualifications (e.g., professional certificates, university diplomas, VET diplomas, and diploma supplements),
- **activities** (e.g., participation in classes and non-formal learning events),
- assessments (e.g., transcripts of records), and
- **entitlements** (e.g., right to enrol in learning opportunities, or to undertake an occupation)



Based on a common standard: the European Learning Model





How does this work? The European Digital Credentials Infrastructure

This infrastructure encompasses the technical specifications to implement the framework. It comprises the following core building blocks to help operationalise the framework.









Available functionalities:





Build

compliant credential templates directly in the Online Credential Builder



Issue

credentials and send them to their owners



Store

credentials securely in a single online or offline wallet



Verify

if the credential is authentic, valid and issued by an accredited organisation



Share

the information in the credential with any other person or organisation with just a click

Demo

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- 1. Overview of the online credential builder
- 2. How to build a Micro-credentials

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Q&A



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