T4EU MICRO CREDENTIALS

What is a micro credential?

A micro credential is a small volume of learning within a lifelong learning programme that takes into account the needs of the European labor market and responds to the new and emerging needs of society as a whole to acquire an additional specialty or professional competency, and which leads to a certification and could lead to awarding of a certain amount of ECTS credit points, i.e. 1, 1.5, 2, etc. up to 30. These high-potential training offers are distinguished by their ability to be combined.

Micro credentials criteria:

- A small learning volume;
- A Life Long Learning programme open to various target learners (BA, MA, professionals, adult learners, etc.);
- Stackability: combined micro credentials to form more extensive certifications;
- Storable: in a system and easily shareable (to ensure easy access to the content and verify authenticity);
- Accessible to a wide audience: targeting both working professionals seeking to develop new skills and students wishing to complete their academic training;
- Meet immediate labor market needs or new societal trends;
- Assessment (validation informal learning).

How to achieve micro credentials offering?

Transparency: Provide clear information on learning outcomes, workload, content, level, and the learning offer to ensure that learners understand what to expect and what they will gain.

Cooperation: Foster collaboration between universities, faculties, employers, social partners, and other stakeholders to ensure that the micro credentials are relevant, high-quality, and meet market needs.

Dissemination: Develop and implement strategies to widely distribute information about the micro credentials, ensuring that a broad audience is aware of the opportunities available.

Compliance with Regulations: Ensure that all aspects of the training are clearly communicated, including hours, prerequisites, and any other relevant regulatory requirements, to maintain transparency and trust.

Learner's Feedback: Collect and incorporate feedback from learners to continuously improve the micro credentials, making sure they remain relevant and effective in meeting the learners' needs.

Support Services: Provide comprehensive support services for learners, including academic and career advising, and technical support to help them successfully complete the micro credentials.

Recognition and Accreditation: Ensure that micro credentials are recognized and accredited by relevant educational and professional bodies.

Flexible Learning Pathways: Design micro credentials to be flexible and modular, allowing learners to customize their learning pathways according to their personal and professional goals.

What kind of micro credentials T4EU may offer?

T4EU would like to offer tailored made micro credential programmes that enhance diversity and inclusiveness. Micro credential designers are then relatively free on the construction of their programme, but shall overall respect the core values of the alliance.

What is the ratio between credit points and hours worked?

One ECTS credit will be approximatively equal to 25 hours of work within the micro credential programme.

What is the type of assessment?

The type of assessment will be flexible, depending on the willingness of the micro credential "designers". It could be a final exam, or an ongoing assignment for instance.

How much will the tuition fees cost?

It is free for students and T4EU staff only. Indeed, other people should pay a certain amount if they want to participate. This amount will be calculated on the basis of the duration of the programme.

What will be the format of certificates?

The T4EU team agree on the Europass format, which emphasizes the multicultural dimension of the alliance, and provide learners with a stackable and storable credits platform.

Who is the contact person for micro credentials?

Whether you are interested by developing a micro credential programme, or a student willing to apply, you may contact …

If you are a future micro credential designer, do not forget to give us some precision about your project.