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Working group QA of micro-credentials

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ONLINE (TEAMS)



Introduction

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Agenda

All times
CET

09:30 Welcome and overview of activities

09:45 Inclusion of micro-credentials providers in DEQAR

10:30 Break

10:45 Feasibility study for a quality label for micro-credentials

11:15 Coming up: next meeting and Tirana Ministerial Conference

11:30 Meeting close

Overview of activities

- **Report 'Approaches to Quality Assurance of Micro-credentials'** published in August 2023.
- **'Reflective questions for internal and external QA of micro-credentials'** published in January 2023.
- **Data standard for information on micro-credentials** is defined.
- **Inclusion of micro-credentials and alternative providers in DEQAR** is being tested and will be publicly launched in early 2024.
- A first discussion about the **feasibility study for a quality label for micro-credentials** was held in September and will be taken forward in 2024.

IMINQA mid-term report

Work package 5 is on schedule. So far, the deliverables that are expected for now are either published or in a finalising stage. The combination of working group meetings (all participants) and writing groups (part of the group) has proven to be efficient in achieving results. It was pleasing to notice that the IMINQA experts joined each writing group. **It is desirable to communicate a clear timing for the other deliverables.**

(Prepared by IMINQA external evaluator Stefanie Van der Jeugt, November 2023)

Tasks and activities

WP	No.	Project tasks and activities
WP5	T5.1	Establishment of a working group and working group meetings
	T5.2	Desk research
	T5.3	Guiding document for HEIs
	T5.4	Guiding document for QA agencies
	T5.5	Guidance and proposal for QA of MC at the provider level
	T5.6	Inclusion of MC providers in DEQAR
	T5.7	Feasibility assessment on quality label
	T5.8	Harmonised data standard for information on micro-credentials
	T5.9	Input to the 2024 Ministerial Conference

Deliverables

WP	No.	Deliverables (dissemination level)	Due date
WP5	D5.1	Desk research report (Public)	31/jul/23
	D5.2	Guiding document for HEIs (Public)	31/okt/23
	D5.3	Guiding document for QA agencies (Public)	31/okt/23
	D5.4	Proposed QA approach for providers (Public)	31/dec/23
	D5.5	Placing of MC providers in DEQAR (Public)	30/apr/24
	D5.6	Feasibility assessment on quality label for MCs and use of DEQAR for trusted providers (Public)	30/apr/24
	D5.7	Data standard on information on micro-credentials (Public)	30/apr/24
	D5.8	Summary outcome report to the TPG C and the BFUG on MC QA (Sensitive)	30/apr/24



Looking forward

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Tirana Conference & Communiqué

Bologna Process Ministerial Conference

- 29-30 May 2024, Tirana, Albania
- Report from TPG C will highlight the outcomes of this working group

Tirana Communiqué

- Key message to ministers from this working group:
 - Don't over-regulate micro-credentials
 - Flexibility is important for addressing new developments
- New draft of communiqué will be discussed at BFUG meeting in Brussels in February 2024

Next steps – working group meetings

Next meeting

- 29-30 April 2024 (lunch to lunch), in person, in Brussels, hosted by Flemish Ministry of Education
- Focus on feasibility study for quality label, and discussions on latest developments at system, EU and EHEA level

Final meeting

- September 2024, online