



Report of EUROPASS AND DIGITAL CREDENTIALS

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Format:

Online interactive session with presentation and a Q&A session at the end.

Speakers:

- **Anthony Camilleri**, Policy consultant, founder of Knowledge Innovation Centre, Malta
- **Hrvoje Grganović**, Project and Communication Support Officer (Everis), DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Martin Le Vrang**, Team Leader, Digital Labour Market, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Serge Linckels**, Assistant director, VET department, Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, Luxembourg
- **Julia Lubjuhn**, Head of Unit, National Agency Education in Europe, Germany
- **Jasmina Poličnik**, General Secretary, Association of Slovene Higher Vocational Colleges, Slovenia

Number of Participants: Registration - 516; Live - 297

Main Message:

VET providers can use Europass to support participants during their learning and to issue secure digital qualifications to graduates. With the 'e-Portfolio' VET learners have a lifelong learning tool which they can use during their learning experience and for subsequent studies and employment.

The new Europass also offers free tools for VET providers to issue authentic, tamper-proof digital credentials (e.g. qualifications, diplomas, certificates). These digitally-signed credentials can support 'paperless' processes and easier recognition and understanding of qualifications across the EU.

The practical implementation of these tools was demonstrated by the Commission and Member states and received a very positive feedback, paving a new road to a stronger implementation of Europass in VET.

Detail of the Meeting:



Time	Short description	Moderator or speaker/s
9.00-9.10	<p><u>Video intro into Europass</u> and intro into the subject.</p> <p>Explanation that during any part of the session participants can use Slido to ask questions, which the panel of presenters will address later.</p>	Moderator - Julia Lubjuhn (Head of Unit "Cooperation and Innovation in VET and Europass" at the National Agency Education for Europe at the BIBB)
9.10-9.25	<i>Intro into the new Europass and relevant policies of the European Commission</i>	Martin Le Vrang (European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion - Team Leader - Digital Labour Market)
9.25-9.40	<i>Simulation:</i> A simulation of different VET learners' pathways was projected and the experts showed where Europass can benefit the VET learners but also VET providers. This session showed all the features and benefits of the Europass to different profiles of VET learner's and stakeholders.	Hrvoje Grganović (Europass external project support officer)
9.40 - 10.05	As part of the simulation/pathway EDC was highlighted multiple times. At the end Mr Camilleri then built on those journeys the story of EDCl. From there he did an in-depth presentation of the Europass Digital Credentials (EDC)	Anthony Camilleri (Europass credentials team)
10.05 - 10.20	The EDC intro was followed by testimonies by early adopters of EDC from Slovenia and Luxemburg related to their experience of already issuing their first test EDC and already issuing EDCs to 200 VET graduates in October 2020 (Luxemburg).	<p>Jasmina Poličnik (General Secretary at the Association of Slovene Higher Vocational Colleges)</p> <p>Serge Linckels (Assistant director of the VET department at the Ministry of Education, Children, and Youth in Luxemburg)</p>



10.20-10.55	<i>Panel discussion</i> based on the questions raised, simulations, presentations and issues raised by the various presenters.	Moderator and all presenters
10.55-11.00	<i>Closing speech and panel conclusion</i>	Moderator - Julia Lubjuhn (Head of Unit "Cooperation and Innovation in VET and Europass" at the National Agency Education for Europe at the BIBB)

Conclusions:

From this session, many positive experiences can be retained, mainly that a session of this magnitude is best received by participants when there is an interplay of policy, concrete implementation examples and best practice sharing by Member states. As seen below, the “mood” towards “Europass playing a bigger role in VET” at the beginning of the session was very low, but at the end of all our interventions it totally flipped to the positive:

Poll Question	Poll Option	Count	Total Votes	Results
How often do you use Europass in your daily life and work?	Not at all	36	142	25%
How often do you use Europass in your daily life and work?	A little bit	61	142	43%
How often do you use Europass in your daily life and work?	Somewhat	30	142	21%
How often do you use Europass in your daily life and work?	A lot	15	142	11%
If you could issue Europass Digital Credentials today, how beneficial would this be for your daily life and work?	Not at all	6	111	5%
If you could issue Europass Digital Credentials today, how beneficial would this be for your daily life and work?	A little bit	25	111	23%
If you could issue Europass Digital Credentials today, how beneficial would this be for your daily life and work?	Somewhat	33	111	30%
If you could issue Europass Digital Credentials today, how beneficial would this be for your daily life and work?	A lot	47	111	42%
After seeing the new tools how often do you envision using Europass in your daily life and work in the future?	Not at all	2	118	2%
After seeing the new tools how often do you envision using Europass in your daily life and work in the future?	A little bit	28	118	24%
After seeing the new tools how often do you envision using Europass in your daily life and work in the future?	Somewhat	48	118	41%
After seeing the new tools how often do you envision using Europass in your daily life and work in the future?	A lot	40	118	34%

Besides the high interest of providers in jumping on the EDC train it was also very encouraging to see the interest in the future interoperability functions.