

The Union of Skills, EUAs & Micro-credentials: Opportunities, Solutions and Collaboration

03-04 December 2026

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 02 December		
Arrival of participants.		
Thursday, 03 December		
08h30 - 09h30	Registration	
9h30 – 10h00	Welcome to the Workshop: Where are EUAs on the Micro-Credential Journey? This opening session will introduce the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop. Findings from the FOREU4ALL MC Survey exercise will provide an overview of current micro-credential maturity across European University Alliances, highlighting key achievements, challenges and priority areas for collaboration.	Plenary Hybrid
10h00 – 11h00	Micro-Credential Quality Assurance, Recognition and Digital Innovation - Lightning talks (5-6 individuals for around 8-10min each) A series of short presentations from Alliance representatives and invited experts showcasing practical experiences in micro-credential quality assurance, recognition and digital innovation. Speakers will share examples of good practice, lessons learned and emerging solutions in quality assurance, recognition, portability and digital delivery.	Plenary Hybrid
11h00- 11h30	COFFEE BREAK	
11h30- 13h00	Building Trust: Quality Assurance and Recognition of Micro-Credentials Panel This panel will explore current challenges and solutions related to quality assurance, accreditation, credit recognition, and learner trust. Drawing on benchmark findings and expert perspectives, participants will discuss approaches that support wider acceptance and scalability of micro-credentials across institutions and borders. The session will end with a summary wrap up from the morning	Plenary - Hybrid
13h00 – 14h00	NETWORKING LUNCH	
14h00 – 15h00	Platforms, Portability and Digital Credential Ecosystems Panel	Plenary, Hybrid

	Experts from European University Alliances and digital credential initiatives will discuss the technological infrastructure required to support micro-credential delivery and recognition. Topics will include interoperability, credential storage, learner records, digital certification and opportunities linked to Europass and other European digital solutions.	
15h00-16h00	Interactive Round Table Session – Alliance Micro-Credential Roadmap Participants will work collaboratively to reflect on their Alliance's current micro-credential maturity and identify priority actions for future development. The sessions will support the creation of practical roadmaps, highlighting key milestones, responsibilities, and opportunities for mutual learning.	Workshop Rooms F2F only
16h15 - 16h45	Wrap-up day 1 A summary of key insights from the day's presentations, discussions and collaborative activities. Rapporteurs will highlight emerging themes, common challenges and potential areas for joint action across Alliances. Plenary / Hybrid	
16h45 - 17h45	Co-Creating Solutions and Policy for European University Alliances An open solution design session where participants will contribute ideas that can inform future recommendations for policy and practice for micro-credentials. Participants will be asked to discuss what actions, reforms and policies are needed to continue momentum for micro-credentials from an EUA perspective.	Plenary, Hybrid
19h00	CONFERENCE DINNER	

Friday, 04 December

9h30-10h30	From Policy to Practice: The Union of Skills and the Future of Micro-Credentials – Keynote The keynote will explore how European policy initiatives, including the Union of Skills and Skills Portability agenda, create opportunities for European University Alliances. Participants will discuss and question how policy ambitions can be translated into sustainable institutional and inter-alliance actions.	Plenary Hybrid
10h30-11h00	Reflections and Emerging Opportunities for a Micro-Credential Label Participants will share key insights from the keynote and identify opportunities for collaboration, innovation and alignment with European priorities potentially through a Micro-Credential Label. The session will help frame discussions for the remainder of the workshop	Plenary Hybrid
11h00-12h15	Scaling Impact: Innovative Practices from European University Alliances <i>Lightning talks (5-6 individuals for around 8-10min each)</i> A second series of short case studies showcasing successful approaches to stakeholder engagement, regional innovation, cross-alliance collaboration and sustainable micro-credential implementation. Speakers will share practical experiences and transferable lessons. The session will include with a brief wrap up.	Plenary Hybrid
12h15-13h15	LUNCH	
13h15-14h30	Industry Perspectives: Ensuring Relevance and Impact Panel Industry representatives, employers and Alliance partners will discuss how micro-credentials can better respond to labour market needs and regional innovation	Plenary Hybrid

	priorities. The discussion will focus on building stronger partnerships and increasing the relevance, visibility and uptake of micro-credentials.	
14h30-15h30	Interactive Session – Collaboration, Roadmap Co-Design, European Micro-Credential Label Participants will refine Alliance roadmaps and identify concrete actions to strengthen collaboration between Alliances, universities, employers, learners and policy stakeholders in the context of the European Micro-Credential Label. The session aims to translate workshop discussions into actionable takeaways and commitments. F2F / Workshop Rooms	
15h30-16h00	Key Messages, Recommendations and Next Steps Rapporteurs will present the main findings, recommendations and proposed actions emerging from the workshop for micro-credentials. The session will outline contributions to the workshop report and identify opportunities for continued cooperation across European University Alliances and the wider micro-credential community.	Plenary Hybrid
16h00	END (max exit time)	