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Micro-credentials linked to the
Bologna Key Commitments

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Working Group on QF and ECTS

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Working Group Meeting Agenda

Session 1.
Concept and
definition

Session 2.
QF and
ECTS

Sessions 3.
Remaining
aspects

09.15 Online platform is open for everyone to connect

09.30 Opening remarks

Jonna Korhonen, Ministry of Education and Culture

09.40 The current state-of-play of the Microbol project

Magalie Soenen, Project coordinator

09.50 Presentation of the input document

Carita Blomqvist, Finnish National Agency for Education

10.00 Session I. Concept and definition

Discussion in groups

10.45 Health Break

11.00 National examples of how micro-credentials relate to the NQF

12.00 Session 2. QF and ECTS

Discussion in groups

13.00 Lunch Break

14.00 Session 3. Remaining aspects

Discussion in groups

14:45 Reporting in plenary of the discussions in the groups

15.00 The way forward: next steps for the project

15.15 Wrap up and conclusions

15.30 End of the meeting

State of play MICROBOL project

*Magalie Soenen,
Project coordinator*



Details project:

- Title: Micro-credentials linked to the Bologna Key Commitments
- Erasmus+ KA3: Initiatives to support the implementation of European Higher Education Area (EHEA) reforms, 2019
- Period: March 2020 – March 2022



Aim of the project:

- Raise awareness among national governments
- Encourage and guide national governments to include micro-credentials on the agenda and connect them in a compatible way to their various degree programmes
- Check whether existing Bologna tools are fit for micro-credentials and/or propose changes for adaptations on European level
- Recommendations to check and adapt national legislations
- Create a European Framework for micro-credentials to propose to ministers in BP



Structure:

- Desk research
- Kick-off conference
- Working groups:
 - Quality Assurance (Belgium – Flemish Community, Peter van der Hijden, Anthony Camilleri)
 - 70 participants, 34 countries, 7 stakeholder organisations
 - Recognition (Italy, Frederik De Decker, Peter van der Hijden)
 - 60 participants, 33 countries, 5 stakeholder organisations
 - Qualification Frameworks (Finland, George Ubachs, Ann Katherine Isaacs)
 - 60 participants, 32 countries, 7 stakeholder organisations
- European Framework for Micro-credentials
- Final Conference



Roadmap – where are we?

- 31/8/20: Draft report Desk Research Study
- 31/8/20: Kick-off conference MICROBOL
- 1/9/20: Kick-off working group on QF & ECTS
- Mid Sept: Final report Desk Research Study
- Mid Oct: Send out survey to BFUG and nominees WGs
- Oct-Nov: National consultations on topic
- Dec: Analysis results survey
- 27/1/21: First meeting working group QF & ECTS
- 19/2/21: Survey report published
- 15/3/21: Kick-off writing teams



Writing team QF & ECTS:

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Carita Blomqvist	Finland
Leila Rikabi	Finland
Nora Trench Bowles	Ireland
Kathy Isaacs	Expert
George Ubachs	Expert

Aim of the meeting today:

Discuss on the input document prepared by the writing team in order to come up with final recommendations for the European Commission

