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Diploma Supplement Network, newsletter

Dear recipients,

We would like to welcome you to a new mailing list of the Diploma Supplement network! After the Diploma Supplement webinar in May we asked interested parties to sign up for the newsletter; you have indicated an interest – you may resign any time by writing to europassi@oph.fi

We are excited to share a few updates and opportunities with you. This edition covers key upcoming events, opportunities for interaction, and recent developments. Your engagement is vital, and we encourage you to actively participate by sharing relevant updates, webinars, or other information. Read on for more details!

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1. Introducing Our New Mailing List: Stay Connected & Share!

We are happy to announce the launch of our new mailing list, designed to keep you informed and connected. In the future, we aim to create an interactive platform where you can share your news, events, or webinars with fellow members. For now, please feel free to contact us directly if you have information you'd like to share with the group. This is just the beginning—stay tuned as we explore more sophisticated solutions to enhance interactivity!

We would also like to ask you to spread the word on the mailing list to interested colleagues. You can sign in by writing to europassi@oph.fi

The newsletter will not come on a regular basis but when there's information that need to be spread.

2. Informal Workshops: Share & Discuss Practical Topics

Would you be interested in attending informal workshops? These sessions would provide a space to discuss specific, practical topics together. Any member can propose a topic, and we will facilitate a Zoom/Teams meeting. If this is of interest to you, please reach out to us with ideas or suggestions! We'll have more information on this initiative in the next newsletter.

3. Upcoming Webinar in November: Focus on Topical Issues

Keep posted! This November, we'll be hosting a webinar focused on two major topics: *Learning Outcomes* and *Digitalization*. These topics were highly requested by you after our webinar and we will provide insights into these evolving areas. More details will follow soon.

4. Upcoming events

The ELM Newsletter & Upcoming Webinar: A New Community Space for Stakeholders

We would like to draw your attention to the launch of the *ELM Futurium*, a new community platform for implementers of the *European Learning Model (ELM)* and *European Digital Credentials (EDC)*, alongside stakeholders of the *European Qualifications Framework (EQF)*. This platform will facilitate sharing experiences and best practices across national databases and qualifications.

To officially introduce this platform, a **ELM Futurium Launch Webinar** on **25 September 2024** is organized. This webinar will present the ELM Futurium's objectives and structure and will serve as an opportunity for participants to provide initial feedback.

Webinar Details:

- **Date:** 25 September 2024, 10:00 CEST
- **Registration Deadline:** 24 September 2024 (via registration survey)

This is a great opportunity for implementers to come together, exchange ideas, and discuss the latest developments regarding the mapping of national databases to the Qualification Dataset Register (QDR)

You can register to the ELM newsletter in the registration for the webinar.

Registration: [EUSurvey - Survey \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu/survey)

5. News, Initiatives and Reports

Cedefop's Short Descriptions of Learning Outcomes Report

We would also like to highlight Cedefop's recent report on *short descriptions of learning outcomes*. This report is a key resource for understanding how learning outcomes are articulated. The resource provides common principles for developing short, learning-outcomes-based descriptions for all qualifications. Developed by the EQF-Europass project group, these guidelines play a key role e.g. in improving qualifications databases and registers.

The initiative supports increased transparency, mobility, and lifelong learning across Europe. By helping to align the structure of short qualifications descriptions, the guidelines enhance comparability and usability in digital formats, also offering practical resources, to help clearly define learning outcomes for quick and easy access by learners, employers, and educators.

More information can be obtained here: (<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications/6222>)

Certificate Supplement Working Group Established

A joint EQF-Europass Advisory Group and Europass Advisory Group project and a working group on the Europass Certificate Supplement (CS) is about to start. This group will work to enhance the transparency and comparability of qualifications e.g. by improving the presentation of learning outcomes and supporting digital solutions.

The group will also align its work with the European guidelines for structuring short descriptions of learning outcomes. These short descriptions increase the transparency and comparability of qualifications, particularly in digital environments. The project group consists of experts, including members who manage national Certificate Supplement inventories, specialists in qualifications databases, and those experienced in developing short learning outcomes-based descriptions.

We hope you find these updates valuable, and we are looking forward to your engagement. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out. Let's stay connected and continue building a dynamic and collaborative community!

Best regards,
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