

DS-network newsletter October 2024

Join the Celebration of 3 Years of European Digital Credentials for Learning!

This October it will be three years of European Digital Credentials for Learning which will be celebrated in an upcoming **webinar**: a perfect opportunity to explore the benefits of digital credentials and hear directly from leading implementers, including CertiDigital, SEPIE (Servicio Español para la Internacionalización de la Educación), the University of Malta, and Technische Hochschule Nürnberg Georg Simon Ohm.

Discover real-world insights into how European Digital Credentials (EDC) are being implemented and how they can benefit your organization.



Date: 16 October 2024



Time: 10:00 CEST



Register by 15 October 12:00

CEST: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/3yearsofEDCwebinarregistration>

(Webinar access details will be shared after registration closes)

Why Attend?

Learn more about how the European Digital Credentials for Learning are creating new opportunities for learners and employers alike. As part of the European Skills Agenda, EDCs are revolutionizing how skills and qualifications are documented, shared, and verified—building a future-ready workforce with standardized, interoperable, and legally valid digital credentials.

Background on European Digital Credentials for Learning (EDC)

Since the adoption of the **Digital Education Action Plan** in 2018, the European Commission has championed the use of digital credentials to document skills and learning achievements across Member States. Integrated with the **Europass Platform**, the EDC infrastructure supports the growing need for digital tools that enable EU citizens to showcase their qualifications and explore new learning and job opportunities.

Key Benefits of EDC:

- Promotes **standardization** and **interoperability** across EU Member States.
- Ensures **legal validity** for digitally-signed credentials.
- Enhances flexibility in **lifelong learning** and skills development.

Join the European Learning Model (ELM) Peer Exchange Group

The **European Learning Model (ELM) Peer Exchange Group**, a community space for ELM implementers to connect, share best practices, and provide feedback on the model and its application is open!

The **ELM**, developed by the European Commission, is a multilingual data model designed to ensure interoperability across Europe in **Learning Opportunities, Qualifications, Accreditation**, and **Credentials**. Based on open standards (W3C Verifiable Credential data model), the ELM is available in **29 languages** and supports recognition of qualifications, skills validation, and a culture of **upskilling, reskilling**, and **lifelong learning** across the European Education Area.

Join the **ELM Peer Exchange Group** to engage with other implementers and stay informed on the latest updates and innovations here: [European Learning Model – Peer Exchange | Futurium \(europa.eu\)](https://europeanlearningmodel.eu)

November webinar, save the date!

We would like to remind you to **mark your calendars** for next webinar on **29 November 2024, from 10:00 to 12:00 (CET)**. The event will focus on **Diploma Supplement and Digitalisation**, featuring different aspects related to the digitalisation of the DS, the latest news, and innovative solutions.

Here's what to expect:

- **Learning Outcomes:** How to describe and leverage them in the context of the Diploma Supplement and digital credentials.
- **Futurium Space Introduction:** Discover the new **European Learning Model (ELM)** forum and how you can join the discussions

Don't miss this opportunity to gain practical insights and stay up-to-date with the latest news in diploma supplement digitalisation. More details and registration links will follow soon—stay tuned!

Reminders: Share the Word Our New Mailing List!

We'd like to kindly remind you to spread the word to colleagues who may be interested! Sign up by emailing europassi@oph.fi.

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

Reminders: Informal Workshops

We'd like to remind you about a possibility for informal workshops, where members can propose and discuss practical topics in Zoom or Teams sessions. If you're interested or have ideas for topics, please reach out to us!