

International Workshop

“The role of micro-credentials in a European joint learning landscape”

Location: University of Bucharest (90 Panduri St., 050663 Bucharest, Romania)
“I. Mihăilescu” Amphitheatre (1st floor)

Date & Time: 30 March 2023 (10:00-17:00 EEST)

The European higher education landscape is facing significant changes in how universities and other higher education providers respond to the everchanging personal, professional, and societal needs of current and future learners, in matters of content, quality approaches, formats, offers, and certification. In such a changing context, the nature and relevance of traditional degrees and programmes has always been discussed, while the raise of joint approaches to delivering educational offer is more and more present in the vision for a future Europe. As European Alliances and other key actors across Europe start testing the new European Degree label work towards a common approach in designing and delivering micro-credentials in higher education and lifelong learning settings, the connection between micro-credentials and joint degrees and programmes becomes more and more relevant.

How can micro-credentials contribute to joint learning offers across Europe and what is the connection between these components? Can joint programmes be designed and delivered based on a ‘micro-credentials philosophy’, as flexible offers for traditional and non-traditional students? Are joint European Degrees the tool for assuring a solid presence of European higher education in global educational markets? The discussions and debates proposed for this mutual learning workshop aims to investigate these and many other issues connected with designing European joint learning and the connection with micro-credentials, modularisation, flexible learning, and digital credentials, starting from the Commission’s strategical approaches, to pilot developments at grassroot level.

Agenda

09:30-10:00: Welcoming participants (+ welcome coffee)

10:00-10:30: Opening session

10:30-10:40: Presentation of agenda

10:40-10:45: Presentation of “NewFAV” project

10:45-11:30: Keynote speech – **Yann-Maël BIDEAU** | Policy Officer at European Commission

11:30-12:00: Q&A

12:00-13:00: *Lunch break*



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New building blocks of the Bologna Process: fundamental values (NewFAV)

13:00-14:30: Parallel sessions

1. Challenges and solutions for developing Joint Degrees and Programmes in the Romanian higher education context

Cristina FIȚ | UEFISCDI

Alexandra PETCU | West University of Timișoara

2. Designing Joint Programmes on a `micro-credentials philosophy`. Possibilities and risks

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Alexandru CARTIȘ | University of Bucharest

14:30-15:00: Report from parallel sessions

15:00-15:20: *Coffee break*

15:20-16:30: Roundtable “Designing Joint Learning at National and European Level. The Romanian Higher Education Context”

Moderator:

Romiță IUCU | University of Bucharest

Panellists:

Mădălina BUNOIU | Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS), West University of Timișoara

Tiberiu DOBRESCU | National Qualifications Authority (ANC)

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Marius DEACONU | UEFISCDI

16:30-17:00: Wrap-up and conclusions