INSTITUTIONAL READINESS TO OFFER MICRO-CREDENTIALS

Recently the topic of micro-credentials has been widely discussed among educational practitioners and researchers in higher education due to an important role micro-credentials play in social, economic and higher education sectors. Although the definition of a micro-credential is still debated in Europe, in this presentation micro-credentials are understood as digital evidence of a learning outcome obtained by a learner during a short-term digital learning experience and assessed against transparent and clearly defined assessment criteria.

However, institutions in Europe struggle about the practical issues of micro-credential implementation in their mainstream operations and integration into university IT systems and virtual learning environments. The presentation provides a concise overview of 6 stage institutional preparation to get ready offering and recognizing digital and micro-credentials in universities or other educational institutions. Organizations need to implement changes in all 6 stages to prepare for the implementation and recognition of digital and micro-credentials in the institutions.

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