Employment Service of Slovenia

Employment Service of Slovenia: Bridging Institutions for Micro-Credentials Development

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Fact About Slovenia



Capital: Ljubljana

Area: 20,271 km²

Population: 2.12 million

GDP per capita, current prices (2023) 29,753€

GDP Growth (2023) 1.6%

Average Wage (May 2024) 2,342€ gross 1,487€ net

Employment Growth (Jan-May 2024) +1.4%

Unemployment Rate

3.4% Labour Force Survey (Q1 2024)

4.4% Registered (May 2024)

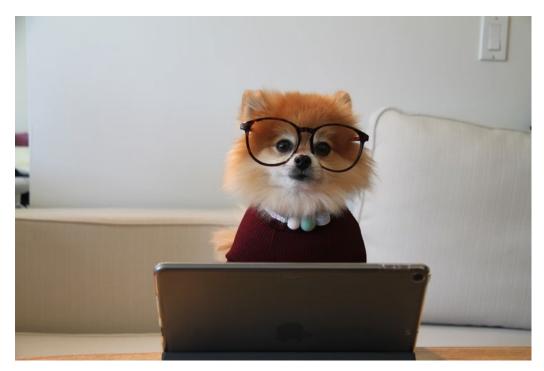
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Microredentials

Micro-credentials certify the learning outcomes of short-term learning experiences, for example a short course or training.

They offer a flexible, targeted way to help people develop the knowledge, skills and competences they need for their personal and professional development.





Microcredentials

On 16 June 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted a Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability.

The Recommendation seeks to support the development, implementation and recognition of microcredentials across institutions, businesses, sectors and borders.





Microcredentials

However, without common standards ensuring their quality, transparency, crossborder comparability, recognition and portability, micro-credentials cannot reach their full potential.

The Recommendation provides building blocks including a definition, standard elements for describing micro-credentials, and principles for designing and issuing micro-credentials.





Bridging Institutions for Micro-Credentials Development

In Slovenia, various stakeholders are actively engaged in multiple projects focused on developing a micro-credential system.

At ESS we have recognized the need for building a bridge between these projects and stakeholders to foster exchanges of findings from these projects, both at the implementation level and among policymakers who create the legal frameworks for establishing the microcredential system.

A unified and connected approach is the way to a successful development for the microcredential system to reach its full potential in Slovenia.





Bridging Institutions for Micro-Credentials Development

First expert seminar on microcredentials for all the stakeholders in the labour market in November 2023.

Conference "Competencies for the Labor Market and Micro-Credentials" in April 2024.

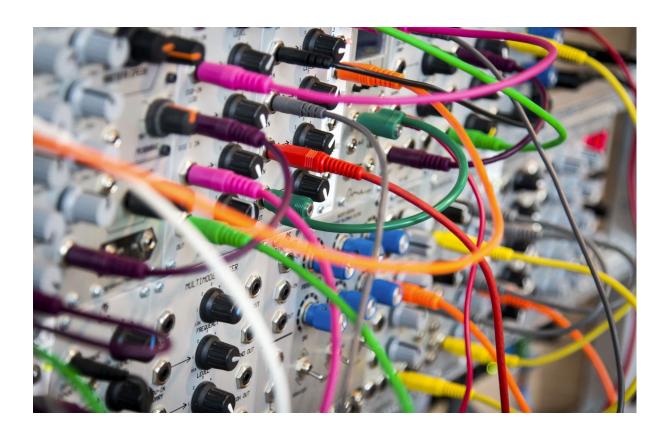
Cooperation with University of Ljubljana on Micro-Credentials Development.





Conclusion

The ESS remains dedicated to being a key connector in this process, ensuring that Slovenia continues to lead in the development and implementation of microcredentials.





Thank You for Your Attention.

