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Synchronising Micro-Credentials in the EU Ecosystem:

Opportunities and challenges for learners, employers, and higher education institutions

27 May 2025 | 09:00 – 15:00

***Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU
Rue Joseph II 14, 1000 Brussels***

In the context of a rapidly changing socio-economic landscape, micro-credentials are gaining traction across Europe as a flexible and targeted approach to education and workforce development. This seminar will bring together experts from academia, industry, and policy to explore their role in upskilling, reskilling, and aligning higher education with labour market needs. Emphasis will be placed on quality assurance, trust-building, and integration into national frameworks and corporate HR systems. The event will feature keynote presentations from prominent figures, as well as a roundtable on harmonising quality standards across institutions. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network and engage in cross-sector dialogue.

Programme

09:00 – 09:30 *Registration of participants*

09:30 – 09:45 **Welcoming addresses**

- **Roman Weixler**, Head of Administration at the Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the European Union
- **Prof. Dr. Ksenija Vidmar Horvat** - Vice-Rector of the University of Ljubljana for Study and Student Affairs
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Draško Veselinovič** - President of the Management Board, Slovenian Business & Research Association

09:45 – 11:30 **Key presentations**

- **Representative of the European Commission** – Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness (TBC)
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- **Simon Roy** – Head of Higher Education Policy, Director for Education and Skills OECD
- **Maria Kelo** – Director of Institutional Development of the European University Association
- **Representative** of the European Quality Assurance Register
- **Bieke Morlion** – Alumni and Lifelong Learning Team Leader at Ghent University
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Jana Arbeiter** – Chair of Programme Committee for Micro-credentials at the University of Ljubljana & **Prof. Dr. Andrej Kos** – Vice chair of Programme Committee for Micro-credentials at the University of Ljubljana
- **Marjana Majerič, MSc** – Executive Director for Strategic development & Internationalization at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
- **Dr. Darja Ferčaj Temeljotov** – Strategic Programs Advisor at Lek Pharmaceuticals

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break with Light Refreshments

12:00 – 13:45 Roundtable discussion: Synchronizing Quality Assurance of Micro-Credentials in HEI

Moderator:

- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Jana Arbeiter** – Chair of Programme Committee for Micro-credentials at the University of Ljubljana

Speakers:

- **Maria Kelo** – Director of Institutional Development at the European University Association
- **Representative** of the European Quality Assurance Register
- **Klaar Vernailen** – Program manager for Continuing Education at Wageningen University & Research
- **Cora van Haaren** – Project manager for Lifelong Learning at Delft University of Technology

13:45 – 14:00 Concluding Remarks

14:00 – 15:00 Networking Luncheon