Synchronising Micro-Credentials in the EU Ecosystem:

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

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Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU
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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 including representatives from the European University Association, OECD, and Ghent University, 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** • **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)*
- ***Mario Kelo*** *– Director of Institutional Development of the European University Association*
- ***Simon Roy*** *– Head of Higher Education Policy, Director for Education and Skills at the OECD*
- ***Dr. Darja Ferčaj Temeljotov*** *– Strategic Programs Project Advisor at Lek Pharmaceuticals*
- ***Bieke Morlion*** *– Alumni and Lifelong Learning Team Leader at Ghent University*
- ***Doc. Dr. Jana Arbeiter*** *– Chair of Programme Committee for Micro-credentials at the University of Ljubljana*
- ***Additional speakers TBD***

11:30 – 12:00	**Coffee Break**
12:00 – 13:45	**Roundtable discussion: Synchronizing Quality Assurance of Micro-Credentials in HEI**
13:45 – 14:00	**Concluding Remarks**
14:00 – 15:00	**Networking Luncheon**