

# The Micro-Credentials Masterclass

*19-20 March 2025, Algebra University, Zagreb Croatia*

## About MCMC

The Micro-Credentials Masterclass (MCMC) unites education practitioners, policymakers, stakeholders, and other experts in the industry working on state-of-the-art personalised learning and career pathways.

Our vision is to tackle social, economic, and environmental challenges by championing short-form education as the currency of human capital. The Masterclass draws inspiration from previous successful editions. It also leverages the European Union's Council Recommendation on a European Approach to Micro-Credentials to expedite the adoption of micro-credentials globally.

The last edition of the MCMC featured 27 speakers showcasing visionary ideas from large-scale micro-credentialing projects in the US, Canada, Australia, Latin America, Africa, and Europe. National micro-credentialing strategists from Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland and Spain took the podium to share their vision for the future. Headlining speakers were brought in from the European Commission, the OECD, The State University of New York, and Toronto Metropolitan University.

The MasterClass concept means that every person has an opportunity to learn from their peers - all experts in the field.

## Format of the Programme

Our format is designed to ensure that speakers and participants can exchange ideas in an informal setting. All speakers shall deliver short lecture presentations to an intimate expert audience, they are encouraged to bring their best ideas and use this event to get feedback, not just to present. Further information on the agenda will be shared with the chosen contributors from this call closer to the event.

MCMC 2025 will feature six thematic sessions covering:

- **Recognition and mobility** - considering the impact of micro-credentials and transnational lifelong learning perspectives across higher education and VET.
- **Innovation** - looking at the impact of new technologies, in particular AI on micro-

credential design and generation.

- **Social inclusion** - using micro-credentials to create accessible and inclusive personalised learning pathways.
- **Industry partnerships** - examining how to upscale use of short-form learning in formal educational contexts.
- **Quality Assurance** - discussing the creation of open trust frameworks to ensure that micro-credentials are tools that empower their holders.
- **Interoperability** - examining how to upscale institutional credentialing models.

### **Deadline, rules and procedure**

All proposals must be submitted using the [online form](#) by **noon CET on the 15th of January 2025**.

Each submission will be reviewed by two members of the Programme Committee of the Micro-Credentials Masterclass.

Proposals should:

- Include a short (100 word) biography/ies of the author/s;
- Be a maximum of 800 words (excl. short biography/ies and abstract) and include an explanation of which of the six thematic sessions listed above the proposal is most relevant to;
- Evidence the topic with open resources;
- Be accompanied by an abstract of a maximum of 150 words;
- Be written in English.

You will be notified in February 2025 if your proposal has been accepted. All those submitting proposals are eligible to make use of two early bird registration fees. Chosen presenters shall be invited as guests of the Gala dinner on the evening of Wednesday 19th March.

### **Judging panel**

The judging panel is composed of members of the [programme committee](#)<sup>1</sup>. Selection criteria are based on the clarity and relevance of the topic and idea proposed to be presented to the

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<sup>1</sup> The link includes further details about the programme.

Masterclass session themes and audience.