



**Council Recommendation on a European approach to
micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability**
– State of play and negotiations on micro-credentials

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CONTEXT

- Negotiations on the proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability in the Education Committee during the French Presidency of the Council of the EU
- **Importance of the topic**
- **Positive reception** of the text by the Education Committee
- Negotiations on **Individual Learning Accounts (ILAs)** at the same time
- An agreement on the text reached in the Education Committee meeting of 17 May 2022

CONTENT

- An **ambitious** text
- Importance of **flexibility** (e.g. volume of learning)
- **All sectors** of education and training
- **No replacement** of existing qualifications
- A common definition of “micro-credential” and European standard elements to describe a micro-credential
- Recommendations to Member States for the development of the ecosystem for micro-credentials and for using the potential of micro-credentials to support lifelong learning and employability
- Provisions on Commission support and on the reporting

CONTENT

Discussion points :

- What means the stackability of micro-credentials ?
- How to implement quality-assurance of micro-credentials, especially in the informal and non-formal sectors ?
- How to provide a comprehensive funding the development of micro-credentials ?

NEXT STEPS

- **Adoption** of the Council Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials in the **EPSCO Council of 16 June 2022**
- Importance of this Council Recommendation for the national systems: potential integration of micro-credentials in national qualifications frameworks
- Sending information on the measures to be taken to support the objectives of the Recommendation to the Commission by December 2023
- Monitoring by the Commission and report to the Council within 5 years from the date of its adoption

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!