



Making qualifications and skills portable

Digital credentials, recognition and validation

Online event

Programme

9 December 2026 (all times are CET)

09.55 – 10.00	Participant log-in
10:00 – 10.20	Welcome Chair: Irene Mandl, <i>Head of Department for VET and Qualifications (DVQ), Cedefop</i> Opening speech Jürgen Siebel, <i>Executive Director, Cedefop</i> The Skills Portability Initiative Koen Nomden, <i>Team Leader for Transparency and Recognition of Skills and Qualifications - Unit – Vocational Education and Training, Skills Portability, Cedefop, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission</i>
10.20 – 10.50	Session 1. Setting the scene: towards transparent, recognised and digital qualifications Zelda Azzarà, <i>Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop</i> Cedefop's evidence in perspective: the use of digital tools, recognition and validation • Zelda Azzarà, <i>Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop</i> • Ernesto Villalba Garcia, <i>Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop</i> • Vasileios Symeonidis, <i>Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop</i> SLIDO interaction



**10:50 – 11:25****Session 2.****Skills and qualifications portability in focus:
connecting evidence, policy and practice**

- *Zelda Azzarà, Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop*
- *Ernesto Villalba Garcia, Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop*
- *Vasileios Symeonidis, Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop*
- Discussion among policymakers, practitioners and experts

11.25 – 11.30**Session 3.****Concluding remarks**

- *Irene Mandl, Head of Department for VET and Qualifications (DVQ), Cedefop*

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