



EUROPEAN OVERVIEW OF RECOGNITION TOOLS AND GUIDELINES

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Why the European Review?

We aimed to identify possible implications for creating a recognition strategy for Open Badges.

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What did we include?

- **Tools:** Youthpass, Europass, Digital credentials for Learning
- **Guidelines:**
 - Youthpass strategy
 - Unlocking doors to recognition
 - European Approach to Micro-credentials
 - Guidelines for validating non-formal and informal learning
 - Improving validation in the voluntary sector
 - Recognition Manual for Higher Education Institutions

LOCALISED ACCEPTANCE AND PORTABILITY:



- Engage with national youth work, education and employment stakeholders to ensure that Open Badges are recognised and valued within the country.
- Involve aligning badge criteria with national educational standards or industry-specific competencies.

INCLUSIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY:



- Ensure that the badge system is accessible.
- Leverage local languages, cultural contexts, and digital infrastructures.
- Digital skills development as a complementary process towards acceptance of Open badges

INTEGRATION WITH NATIONAL VALIDATION TOOLS:



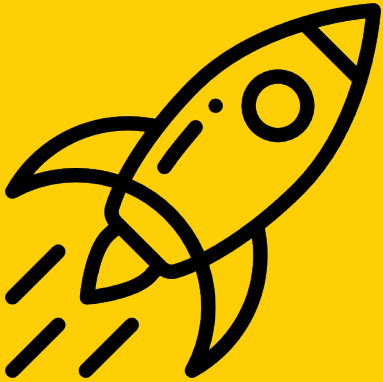
- Aligning the open badge system with existing national qualification frameworks
- Ensure consistency and mutual recognition of learning achievements across different platforms.

FLEXIBILITY TO NATIONAL NEEDS:



- The badge systems should be adaptable to the specific needs and priorities of the country:
 - addressing specific issues in youth work or employment, promoting certain industries or addressing national skill gaps.

FEEDBACK AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



- Regularly gather feedback from badge earners, educators, employers, and other stakeholders to refine and improve the badge systems in place.
- Keep the system relevant and effective in the face of changing national priorities or challenges.