

# WHAT IS A MICRO-CREDENTIAL?

Micro-credentials are an essential part of the ENHANCE joint educational offer. They are viewed as a means to make it more flexible and attractive, not only to traditional students on bachelor, master, or doctoral degree programmes but also to various groups of lifelong learners.

Some of the ENHANCE micro-credentials are in process. They will be developed jointly with industry partners, local governments, and non-profit organisations to meet the needs of different stakeholders.

## HOW CAN YOU BENEFIT FROM GETTING AN ENHANCE MICRO-CREDENTIAL?

- ◆ It's a measure to customise your education pathway.
- ◆ Personalise your education, enrich it and make it more flexible.
- ◆ Provide valuable international experience.



Each micro-credential will enrich your portfolio and CV:

- You will receive a certificate with the ENHANCE European University of Technology logo, which will be seen in your Diploma Supplement.

- Some micro-credentials are stackable, which means they can be recognised as components of broader credentials. In particular, a micro-credential can be recognised by your home university as a component of your degree programme.

## WHAT TYPES OF ENHANCE MICRO-CREDENTIALS ARE AVAILABLE?



Two basic categories of ENHANCE micro-credentials:

- ◆ Certificates.

- ◆ Badges.



The significant difference is that certificates are ECTS micro-credentials with rigid quality assurance, which includes a thorough formal assessment of learning outcomes. In contrast, badges can be awarded with fewer standard methods of assessing learning outcomes or even based on participation in learning activities.

ENHANCE micro-credentials are diversified concerning their complexity.

Some comprise a single learning unit (e.g., on-campus course, MOOC, summer school), while others are quite complex, composed of several modules/blocks. To increase customisation opportunities, for some of these modules, the learner is offered several options and can choose the learning unit that best suits their preferences.

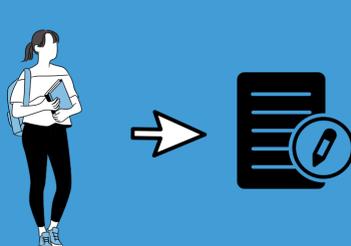
Learning units offered as components of a particular micro-credential may require different forms of learner participation (they may depend on other modes of delivery), including:

- ● on-campus,
- ● online,
- ● blended (combining obligatory on-campus and online components),
- ● hybrid (allowing to select on-campus or online participation).

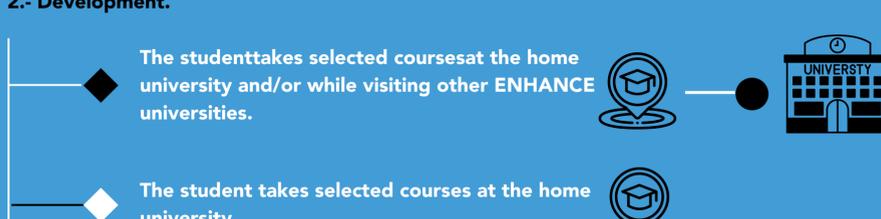
The form of student participation/mode of delivery can also be defined for the micro-credential. In this case, the option "depending on the selection of learning units" is also possible.

## WHAT IS THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS LIKE?

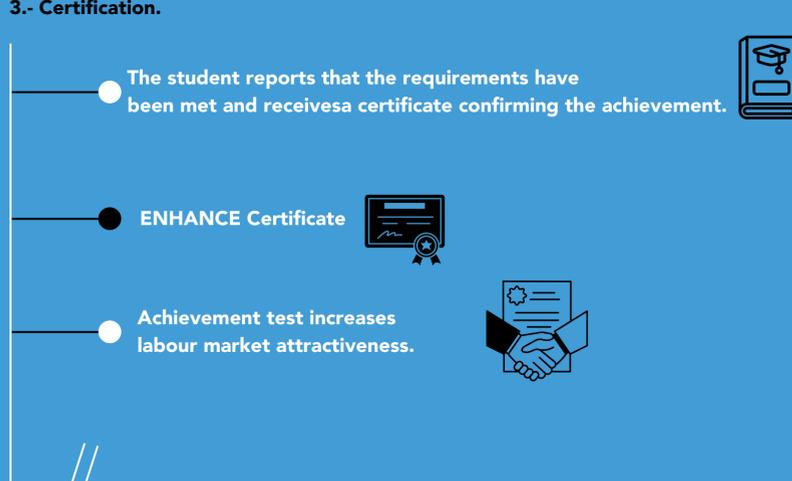
- 1.- Registration. Students check the list of Microcredit courses and register in one of them



### 2.- Development.



### 3.- Certification.



## WHAT ENHANCE MICROCREDENTIALS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE?

- ◆ The ENHANCE Micro-credentials offered to our students in the coming months are listed in the Micro-credentials Catalogue.

- ◆ The Catalogue contains essential information on each available micro-credentials and links to their more detailed description.

- ◆ In each "box" of the Micro-credentials Catalogue, you will find the following basic information:

- Title/name of the micro-credential.
- University, which in the case of a complex micro-credential means the institution that coordinates the learning activities and issues the certificate on behalf of the ENHANCE Alliance.
- Intended/target learners: e.g., students, academic staff, administrative staff, professionals (life-long learners seeking professional development), the general public, etc.
- Award: category (certificate/badge) or category+subcategory, e.g. certificate of academic/professional achievement.
- Language(s).
- Form of participation in learning activities, e.g., on-campus, online, blended (combining compulsory in-person and online components), hybrid (allowing to select on-campus or online participation); the option "depending on the selection of learning activities" is also possible.
- Start learning activities.
- Notional workload (in ECTS), if applicable.
- Keywords.

