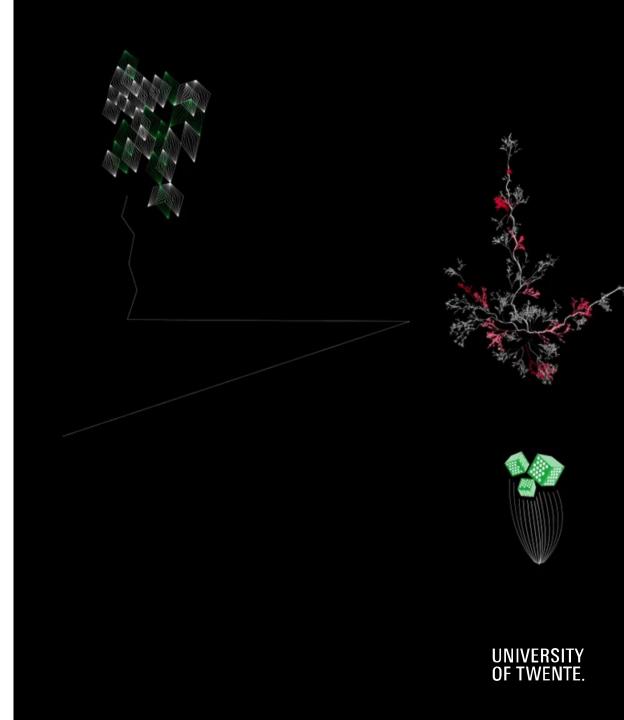
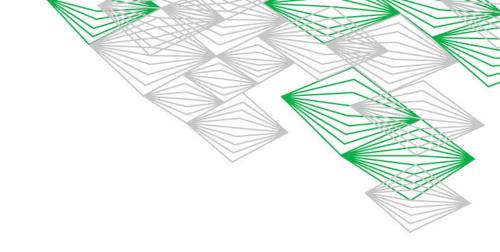
# MICRO-CREDENTIALS IN AN INTERUNIVERSITY CONTEXT

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# STUDENT PERSPECTIVE ON MICRO-CREDENTIALS

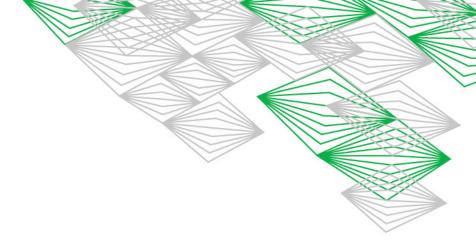
Do you think it is important for you to earn a micro credential? Choose one of the following answers:		
Not at all, I'm only focused on my degree	7.7%	n=26
Probably not, but maybe in certain situations	7.7%	
I'm not sure	11.5%	
Yes, this would be somewhat helpful, and a nice add-on to my education	53.8%	
Yes, very much, this would be a very important part of my education	19.2%	
What do you think are the benefits of earning a micro credential? (select all that apply)		
May enable me to switch more easily to a different programme / a different university	15.8%	n=19
Help me to make visible my skills and knowledge	84.2%	
May enable me to find a job more easily	42.1%	
Motivate me within my study programme	26.3%	
I just think micro credentials are cool!	31.6%	
I expect no concrete benefits	5.3%	
Other,	0%	
I don't know	5.3%	

## **QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS**



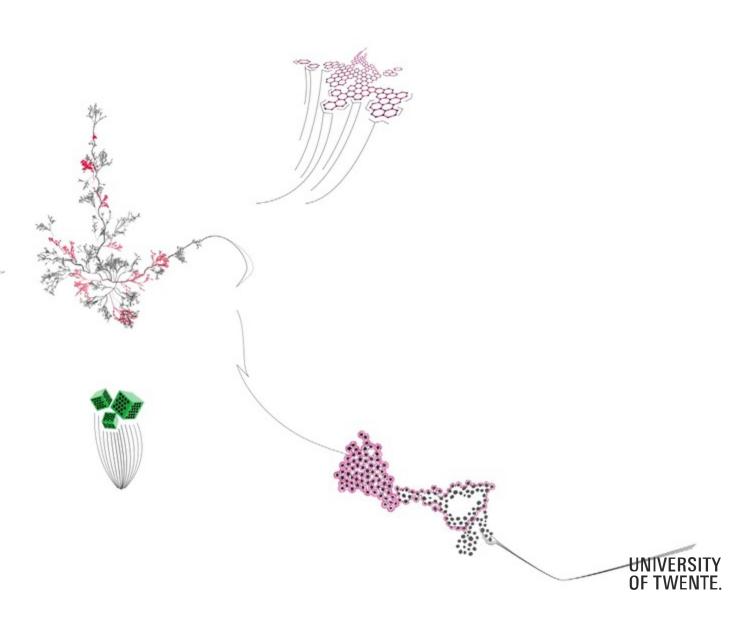
 What is your view on the discussion on micro-credentials versus (paper) certificates and Student Information Systems (e.g.OSIRIS)?

• How can we assure quality of education for micro-credentials which are not part of a curriculum?









#### MICRO CREDENTIALS ARE A SOLUTION FOR.....?

#### micro-credentials, in comparison to traditional 'long' degree learning paths, are:

- Making LLL possible and promoting a culture of LLL:
- More specialized content
- More 'real life' challenges
- More stakeholders and learners (citizen, employees, teachers, students, ...)
- More on-demand and personalized learning
- More open access to knowledge and use knowledge of participants of a course/challenge
- More flexibility in planning



#### MICRO CREDENTIALS VS PAPER CERTIFICATES VS SIS

Should we offer learners to choose between a paper certificate or micro credential or registration in SIS (course with EC)?

- 1. No, students should get all
- 2. No, the university decides one
- 3. Yes, let the student make the choice

Should we register all learner who get a micro credential in our SIS?

- 1. No, the registration is in de MC
- 2. Yes, the university should know all participants



#### **QUALITY ASSURANCE – KEY PRINCIPLES**

#### Strategic goal of quality assurance for micro-credentials

Establishing processes for monitoring and evaluating learning offerings to guarantee continuous development and improvement of the learning offerings and a basis for recognition of learning achievements by other uni's/hbo's and stackability. At this point, we need to:

- Keep quality assurance simple What is <u>necessary</u> to guarantee high quality?
- 2. Stay close to existing internal (formal) quality processes (Exam board, Program Committee)
- 3. Focus on formative part of QA instead of (only) summative QA
- 4. Keep in touch with other educational institutions to stay aligned e.g., developments in ECIUU, National Pilot, etc



#### **APPLYING FOR E-SEAL**

- 1. Register your organization as a subscriber for KPN's PKIoverheid services;
- 2. Requesting an eSeal certificate by one Authorized Representative or a contact person
- 3. The Certificate Manager must be personally identified
- 4. After identification has taken place, KPN produces the eSeal certificates
- 5. The Certificate Manager receives the eSeal certificates on USB stick, together with the activation code;
- 6. The Certificate Manager will receive a request by e-mail to confirm receipt USB stick by entering the activation code on the website;
- 7. After the confirmation of receipt of USB stick, the corresponding PIN code will be sent.
- 8. Installation of software is required for the correct functioning of eSeal certificates. The Certificate Manager will receive information about this when the USB stick is issued.

