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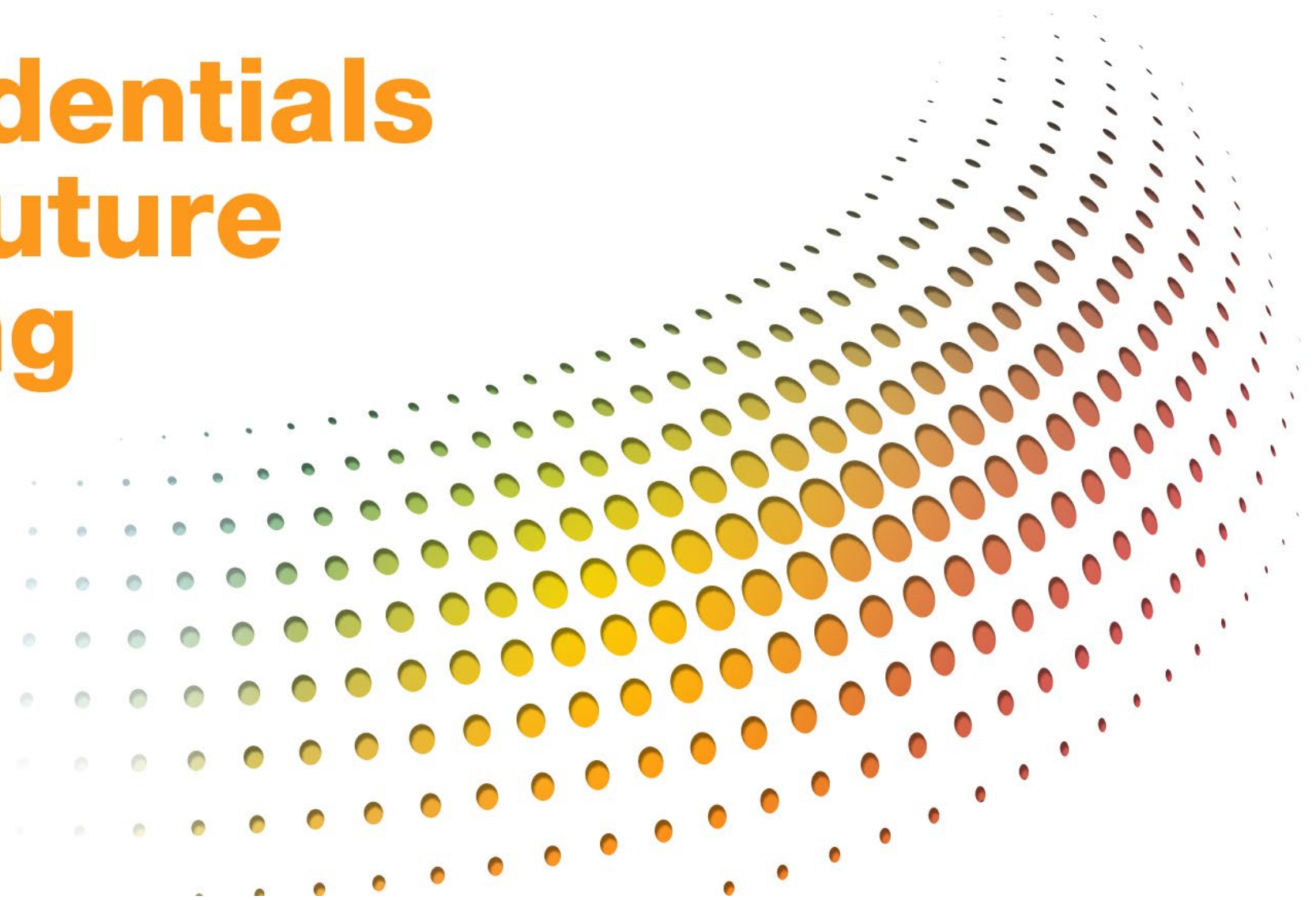
Microcredentials and the future of learning

23 October 2025

09.30-13.00 (CET)

Virtual event

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Breakout session 3 - Global credentials: making Microcredentials recognisable and portable

20-minute presentation – 25-minute discussion

Moderator: **Vasileios Symeonidis**, Expert in qualifications and credentials/Future of VET, Cedefop

- **Peter Cullen**, QQI, Ireland
- **Merel Eimers**, Policy Officer, Nuffic, Netherlands

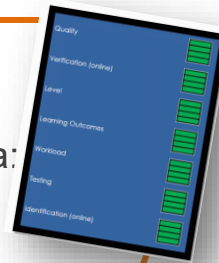
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Recognising microcredentials from an ENIC-NARIC perspective

Merel Eimers, Nuffic (NL)

- Developed recognition methodology for microcredentials (HE context) in line with LRC
- **Micro-Evaluator** based on 7 evaluation criteria: issues advice for recognition, e.g. 'full', 'light' or 'LRC'



Application, quality assurance and recognition of microcredentials

Peter Cullen, QQI (IE)

- Widespread experience with MC in FET and HE
- **Green Paper** on microcredentials
- 'Size alone is not sufficient to determine what level of QA is appropriate' - no one size fits all



Q3.1. What recognition procedures exist for awarding microcredentials in your country and/or institution?

- Micro-evaluator (Nuffic)
- Stackability: Common microcredential framework (MOOC)
- Practical guides – what can be shared?

Q3.2. What lessons can we draw from the challenges of recognising microcredentials in education and/or employment?

Some discussion points on opportunities and risks.....

- Rethinking the certification of small-volume learning achievements, opportunities for lifelong learning
- Stackability & risk of overpromising on stackability