

# Agenda

Towards Joint Micro-credential Networks  
and Programs in Europe: Fostering,  
Understanding, Uptake, Validation and  
Recognition



**March 29, 2023** | 14:00-15:30 CET

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| <b>14:00</b> | <b>Introduction to the theme</b>   |
| <b>14:10</b> | <b>Interactive Session moderated by Josep M. Duarte, EDEN Digital Learning Europe President, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and Mitchell Peters, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya</b><br><br><b>Round 1: Leadership</b><br><b>Round 2: Reverse Brainstorming Future Scenarios</b><br><b>Round 3: Building Micro-Credential Networks</b><br><br><b>1. Àngels Fitó</b> , Vice-President and newly appointed President, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)<br><br><b>2. Cynthia Proctor</b> , Director of Communications and Academic Policy Development, SUNY Microcredential Network, New York, USA<br><br><b>3. Laura Riuttanen</b> , The UNA Europa Joint Microcredential Network, University Lecturer at the University of Helsinki |
| <b>15:10</b> | <b>Interaction with the Audience</b>   |
| <b>15:25</b> | <b>Conclusions</b>   |
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A Knowledge Building Activity of the European Digital Education Hub

**Context:** The aim of the event is to discuss the emerging movement of joint microcredential exchange networks and programs linked with the European Approach to Microcredentials for Lifelong Learning and Employability, to accelerate European level conversation on joint micro-credentials networks and programs and build cross-sector understanding and consensus for future action. Also, to consider 'what's next' and contribute dialogue to a consensus-driven approach to implementing joint micro-credential networks and programs that facilitate understanding, uptake, validation and recognition.

Join us with your experience and know-how to contribute to a report with main guidelines.

The event will take place in the **Knowledge Building** channel on the MS Teams platform of the European Digital Education Hub.



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## Speaker

Josep M. Duarte

EDEN Digital Learning Europe,  
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**Josep M. Duarte** is EDEN Digital Learning Europe President. He holds a doctorate in Pedagogy from Ramon Llull University (URL), Barcelona, and a Master in Business Administration from ESADE Business School, Barcelona. He qualified from the University of Barcelona (UB) with a bachelor's degree in History and in Education, and also has a teaching qualification. He is former vice president for Postgraduate Studies and Lifelong Learning, and former director of the International Graduate Institute at the Open University of Catalonia, UOC (2007-2013). Today he is research professor in Educational Sciences and Technology department at the UOC. He was the founder and director of the UNESCO Chair in e-Learning (2002-2009) and academic director of the I International Seminar "Leading Universities in the Knowledge Society". He is the editor-in-chief of the "International Journal of Educational Technology in Higher Education".



## Speaker

Mitchell Peters

Universitat Oberta de  
Catalunya

**Mitchell Peters** is Postdoctoral Researcher at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya. Also, European project lead on Micro-credentialing in European Higher Education. He's an Experienced Higher Education professional with more than 10 years teaching and research experience. Specialist in Mixed Methods social science research at the intersection of digital technology and lifelong learning. Excels when working across interdisciplinary, international and multilingual work teams and data landscapes. He's a project lead with demonstrated experience applying user-centred design and UX research in the development of innovative educational products. For example, augmented reality applications and mobile career guidance tools.



**Speaker**  
Àngels Fitó

Universitat Oberta de  
Catalunya

**Àngels Fitó** is Vice-President and newly appointed President of Universitat Oberta de Catalunya. She has a PhD in Economics and a master's degree in Tax and Financial Management for Businesses, both from the University of Barcelona. She was previously the dean of the university's Faculty of Economics and Business. She is also Deputy Chair of the Catalan Professional Association of Economists, Vice President of the Catalan Association of Accounting and Management, and a member of the Government of Catalonia's Economic Policy Advisory Board. She combines her academic work with other professional consultancy work in the fields of finance and management. Her research interests include financial reporting harmonization processes, management control systems and the impact of e-learning on professional skills.



**Speaker**  
Cynthia Proctor

SUNY Microcredential Network,  
New York


**Cynthia Proctor** has served as the Director of Communications and Academic Policy Development for the Provost at the State University of New York (SUNY) System Administration since 2017. She works closely with SUNY faculty and student governance on collaborative policy development, and has taken on a leadership role in supporting SUNY campuses in the development of high-quality micro-credential programs since SUNY's policy was adopted in 2018. Cynthia has worked for SUNY for 22 years, including as Director of Communications and Chief of Staff for the Provost and Director of Public Affairs at SUNY's Charter Schools Institute. Proctor holds a Master's degree in Strategic Public Relations from George Washington University. She also has an Associate of Science degree in Communications from Sage College of Albany and a Bachelor Science in Public Relations/Journalism from Utica College.



**Speaker**  
Laura Riuttanen

University of Helsinki, Finland

**Laura Riuttanen** is university lecturer in Atmospheric Sciences, previously postdoctoral researcher, she currently coordinates climate education in the University of Helsinki at the Institute for Atmospheric and Earth System Research INAR. She is, also, supervisor for the doctoral programme in Atmospheric Sciences. Riuttanen has a Master of Science in Meteorology and Physics and a PhD in Philosophy specialized in Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology.



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