Microcredentials: Power and Potential

A SUMMARY OF WHAT, WHY, HOW, WHO AND SO WHAT OONAGH MCGIRR FRSA MILANO, 26 FEB 2024

What are they?

- Nano or mini qualifications
- Support recognition of skills and competencies
 - Real-time and realistic
 - Upskilling / skilling / re-skilling
- Support improvement, transformation, career uplift and change
 - Customisable / portable and stackable
 - MCs unite speed with need and agility



- Economic development
- Labour market demands
- Workforce transformation
 - Earning and learning
 - ► The need for speed!

MCs offer a cost-effective solution for governments to meet the multiple demands of scale for growth

Hows

Predicated on

▶ Simplicity and speed

Partnership between individuals, industry and education

- Accreditation: trust and value
- Stakeholder needs for skills recognition

MCs require and support cross-sector collaboration

Who

Industry / employers / PMEs
Training bodies, universities, professional bodies
Public and private sector
Individuals and groups
Employees

MCs are unilateral, multipurpose and fit-for purpose

So what?

- Identifying gaps in skills and competences
- Forecasting needs and preparing for them
- Developing series of discrete microcredentials
- Growing portfolios for professional development

MCs support growth across careers, companies and economies

Summary

Microcredentials are:

- Empowering, enabling and enhancing
 - Adaptable, accessible and flexible
 - Customisable, niche and responsive
 - Innovative and stakeholder focused

MCs bring potential and possibility