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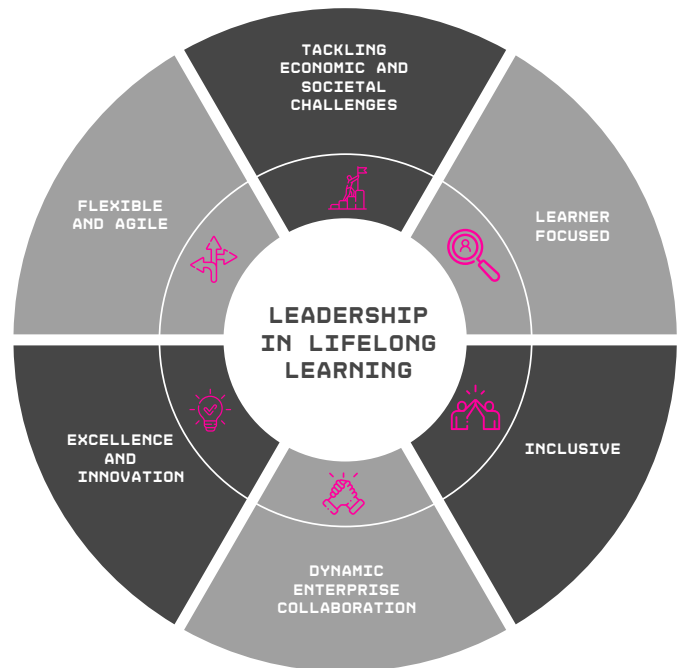
## RE-IMAGING IRELAND'S APPROACH TO LIFELONG LEARNING

### WHAT IS THE MICROCREDS PROJECT?

MicroCreds is a 5 year €12.3 million national project, led by the Irish Universities Association (IUA) and delivered in partnership with each of the seven founding IUA universities. Its vision is to empower lifelong learning in Ireland by re-imagining the learner's relationship with education through agile, accessible and bite-sized qualifications: micro-credentials.

We will be the first country in Europe to establish a clear National Framework for quality assured and accredited micro-credentials. IUA project partner universities are collaborating to develop, pilot and evaluate the building blocks required for a transformation in lifelong and life-wide learning through micro-credentials.

We are working in partnership with learners and enterprise to change thinking about and engagement structures with university learning. We are focusing on learners who are seeking to upskill, reskill, return to employment or change careers.



### OUR CORE VALUES

### MICROCREDS: 4 KEY DELIVERABLE STRANDS

**National Framework** for micro-credentials

**MicroCreds Innovate** sustainable model for data informed university – enterprise collaboration

**Discovery Platform** linked to a digital credentialing solution (Europass early adopter)

Agilely developed & flexibly delivered **suite of micro-credentials** across partner universities

### OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE  
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



Trinity College Dublin  
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath  
The University of Dublin





## DEFINITION OF MICRO-CREDENTIALS

"A micro-credential is the record of the learning outcomes that a learner has acquired following **a small volume of learning**. These **learning outcomes** have been **assessed** against transparent and clearly defined standards.

**Courses** leading to micro-credentials are designed to provide the learner with **specific knowledge, skills and competences** that respond to **societal, personal, cultural or labour market needs**.

Micro-credentials are owned by the learner, can be shared and are portable. They may be **standalone** or **combined** into larger credentials. They are **underpinned by quality assurance** following agreed standards in the relevant sector or area of activity."

*EU Council Recommendation on a European Approach to Micro-credentials, June 2022*

## CONSTITUTIVE ELEMENTS OF MICROCREDS PROJECT MICRO-CREDENTIALS:

- Learning Level 6-9 on National Framework of Qualifications
- Credits in the range of 1-30 ECTS
- Our micro-credentials are underpinned by quality assured teaching, learning and assessment
- Some micro-credentials may be stacked into larger credentials over time

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