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DiBiHo Community Briefing - January 2022

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**Happy New Year**  
from the DiBiHo Team!

## Dear Digital Credentials Community,

Sending you all the best wishes for a happy and healthy new year, may it bring good cheer, good fortune, good luck and plenty Digital Credentials content to your doorstep. Please enjoy our little round-up of upcoming events, credentialing news and general resources on digitalisation in Higher Education. As always, we would be **more than happy to share your news or upcoming events**. Please contact us at [dibiho@daad.de](mailto:dibiho@daad.de) with ideas and feedback.

All the best from Munich, Potsdam and Berlin,  
The DiBiHo Team

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## What's new?

- The proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability was published

on Dec 10. Read the [press release here](#) and download the PDF: [Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on Micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability\\_\(PDF\)](#)

- The University of Lille makes some interesting points on the practical use of Blockchain in the public sector illustrated by seven use cases in their White Paper “Blockchain Technologies for the Public Sector”. The white paper is available for download in English and German: [White paper: Blockchain technologies for the public sector](#)
  - The Washington Post reports on the growing “maze” of educational credentials in the US: [Boom in education certificates, licenses, badges causes confusion - The Washington Post](#)
  - “Tech sovereignty” is to be at the centre of France’s EU Council presidency: [France to prioritise digital regulation, tech sovereignty during EU Council presidency – EURACTIV.com](#)
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## What’s next?

- The Spanish initiative for certification within its university system: CertiDigital is launching on **Jan 13 from 9:00 am - 2.00 pm**, register for the kick-off event (in Spanish and English) here: [CertiDigital: Project Kick Off](#)
  - For German-speakers and those working within University administrations: We need your perspective on practical requirements for digital credentials in HEIs, please take part in our virtual workshop on **Jan 26 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. CET**. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to [dibiho@daad.de](mailto:dibiho@daad.de)
  - The EUNIS 2022 [Call for Papers](#) is open until **Feb 7**, the Annual Congress will be taking place in Göttingen, Germany from Jun 1-3, this year’s theme is *Good for all in the Digital World*
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## Community Resources

- A good overview of the planned EU policies for the new year including the Data Governance Act: [2022: The turning point in EU’s digital policy –](#)

[EURACTIV.com](https://euractiv.com)

- The African Higher Education Centers of Excellence identify digital credentialing as one of the key innovation and trends of interest in Higher Education in their "[Guidebook to a successful implementation of digital education](#)"
- The [Open Data Maturity Report](#), which measures the maturity of open government data in Europe, is out. An informative examination of member states in the categories policy, impact, portal and quality with France in top position.
- The new German government has presented ambitious goals in their coalition agreement to promote science, technology, and innovation. The DWIH Coffee Talk "Germany's next Science, Technology and Innovation Policies" sheds light on proposed plans, general innovation potential and joint German-Japanese political actions. Find the recording here: [DWIH Coffee Talk #7 "Germany's next Science, Technology, and Innovation Policies" - YouTube](#)
- In case you missed our Regulars get-togethers this past year, Thomas Kaiser has kindly shared his slides on the evaluation of academic documents in China and India, as has Paul den Hertog, who outlined the Dutch National pilot with microcredentials. Please find the slides, as well as the event documentation from all our past get-togethers, on our events website: [DiBiHo Events](#)

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## Digital Delicacy

- Join in on the newest crossword craze, not quite cryptographic, but still rather addictive with one new five-letter word a day: [Wordle - A daily word game](#)

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