Hello there Digital Credentials-Community!

This is our first edition of the Digital Credentials Community Briefing, which we would like to use to stay in touch, keep you informed about upcoming events within the Credentials Landscape and our own project, discuss new developments and share interesting (to us) resources.

Our endeavours will be coming to your email inbox at irregular intervals and we would be more than happy to share your news or upcoming events. Please contact us at dibiho@daad.de with ideas, feedback and (if needed) criticism.

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

What’s new?

- Kerri Lemoie’s fascinating work on the “Determinants of Behavioral Intention to Use a Self-Sovereign Identity Digital Wallet” from a media psychological perspective was discussed with a mixed German audience during our first “Digital Credentials Regulars” get-together. If you missed it, be sure to join us next time in November.

- Drummond Reed (CTO, Evernym) and Darrell O’Donnell (President/CEO, Continuum Loop Inc.) gave an overview of their Digital Wallet Report 2021 in the webinar “What has changed in the wallet landscape - and where should you be looking?”, find the recording here: Webinar Recording
The European Commission launched “European Digital Credentials for Learning” on Oct 25, find the recording here: Launch Event: European Digital Credentials for Learning

After the launch of the German ID Wallet (ID Wallet App eID) for a digital driver’s license on Sep 23, the app ran into some trouble due to security vulnerabilities and was taken down after criticism from users and security experts. On Oct 1 Steffen Seibert, spokesperson of the German government, announced that the problems occurred due to unexpected high demand and purported that the app should be running again in a matter of weeks. We will keep you updated. There don’t seem to be any English articles on this topic yet, you can find some background information (in German) here: Digitaler Führerschein: ID Wallet-App in einigen Wochen wieder verfügbar | heise online, and the most recent report here: ID Wallet: Bundesregierung wusste über IT-Sicherheitslücke längst Bescheid | heise online

What’s next?

Our 2nd Digital Credentials Regulars get-together at our virtual pub “The Self-Sovereign” is taking place on Wednesday, Nov 17 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. CET. Thomas Kaiser will be sharing insights gained as the Managing Director of the Academic Evaluation Center at the German Embassy in Beijing as well as his current efforts for India. We’ll have an hour to chat about the challenges involved in the verification of over 120,000 documents and what role digital credentials could play. The event will take place in English or German depending on the audience, register your attendance at dibiho@daad.de and join us in Gather.Town on Nov 17:

Register
Join the Event Space in Gather.Town
17 November 2021 - 5:30-6:30 p.m. CET
https://gather.town/invite?token=b9VWBBSKJ-gkof78eOb3QQww4dqOhAy1

The Groningen Declaration Network’s Annual Meeting on Mobility, Digital Citizenship and the Student Experience is taking place from Nov 10-12 in
hybrid form, find the entire programme here: Program - GDN 10th Annual Meeting: Mobility, Digital Citizenship and the Student Experience

- Special Session: CETEE COVID-19: Emerging Topics in Engineering Education at WEEF/GEDC 2021 from **Nov 15-18** with a presentation on "Consuming Security: Evaluating Podcasts to Promote Online Learning Integrated with Everyday Life" is pertinent to promoting trust in digital credentials. Find the session here: WEEF-GEDC 2021 Sessions

- The EMREX Executive Committee is organising a hybrid workshop on **Nov 23-24** in Göttingen, Germany. Topics will include the state of the EMREX network, cooperation between EMREX and EBSI and changes within the ELMO format. Find more information here: 2021 EMREX Workshop

- International Conference on Recognition of the German Rector's Conference from **Nov 25-26** with the tracks: Lifelong learning, Student Mobility, Quality Development, Networks and Alliances. Programme and registration

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**Community Resources**

- For our non-German audience: A general overview of the situation in Germany and Europe with an expansive listing of projects: Digital Credentials in Education – The Situation in Germany and Europe in 2020

- Some interesting thoughts on the digitalisation of administrative processes within HE: Adoption of E-Government Requirements to Higher Education Institutions Regarding the Digital Transformation

- The Global Learning Report 2021 focused on the Digital Transformation of Higher Education identifying four areas of action: Equitable Access, Institutional Strategies for Digitalisation, Digital Literacy and Virtual Collaboration. While it doesn’t address digital credentials per se, the strategies for institutionalisation are helpful: Global Learning Report 2021

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**Digital Delicacy**

- Australian comedians list the posts and videos they return to when in need of cheering up - and we think that is just what is needed in dark
November:

The funniest things on the internet | The Guardian

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