

# MICRO-CREDENTIALS IN FLANDERS AND AT GHENT UNIVERSITY

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## INTRO: SITUATION IN FLANDERS (BE) FOR HE

- Legal framework since 2003-2004 (not with an explicit reference to micro-credentials but facilitating the use of what we now call MC's)
- MC's can be offered by higher education institutions: successful course → credit certificate
- MC's can be recognised by higher education institutions:
  - Formal learning (HE) "Recognition of Prior Qualifications" (incl. these credit certificates) ("EVK")
  - Non-formal/informal learning "Recognition of Prior Competences" ("EVC")



# MICRO-CREDENTIALS AT GHENT UNIVERSITY

- Much of what we offer can be considered as MC's (→
  "Credit certificates" for all Ba/Ma-courses)
- Recognition procedures in place and very often applied
- Focus on new Ghent University policy re. Lifelong
  Learning that has an explicit focus on micro-credentials
  (at the core of this: 5 Academies, covering all disciplines of the university)



### CHANGES INTRODUCED FOR LLL-OFFER

- Included in Internal Quality assurance (note: in Flanders we have institutional accreditiation)
- Defined learning outcomes
- Use of ECTS-credits (incl. assessment)
- Link to QF-level
  - qualify as micro-credentials



# GHENT UNIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FOR MICRO-CREDENTIALS

#### 4. Possibilities

Taking our cue from the definition above, we distinguish between four types of microcredentials. These types allow for various mutual combinations.

- Micro-credentials consisting of one or more existing course units from our Bachelor's and/or Master's programmes.
- Micro-credentials consisting of one or more existing course units from our Bachelor's and/or Master's programmes, complemented by additional lifelong learning initiatives.
- Micro-credentials consisting of new units with learning contents from our Bachelor's and/or Master's programmes.
- Micro-credentials consisting of new learning contents or learning contents taken from existing lifelong learning initiatives.





#### STUDY GUIDE

# **EXAMPLES OF GHENT UNIVERSITY**





Micro-Credentials (79)

1 year | 3 credits

#### Micro-credential Buitenlands en defensiebeleid in België

Micro-Credentials

1 year | 6 credits

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