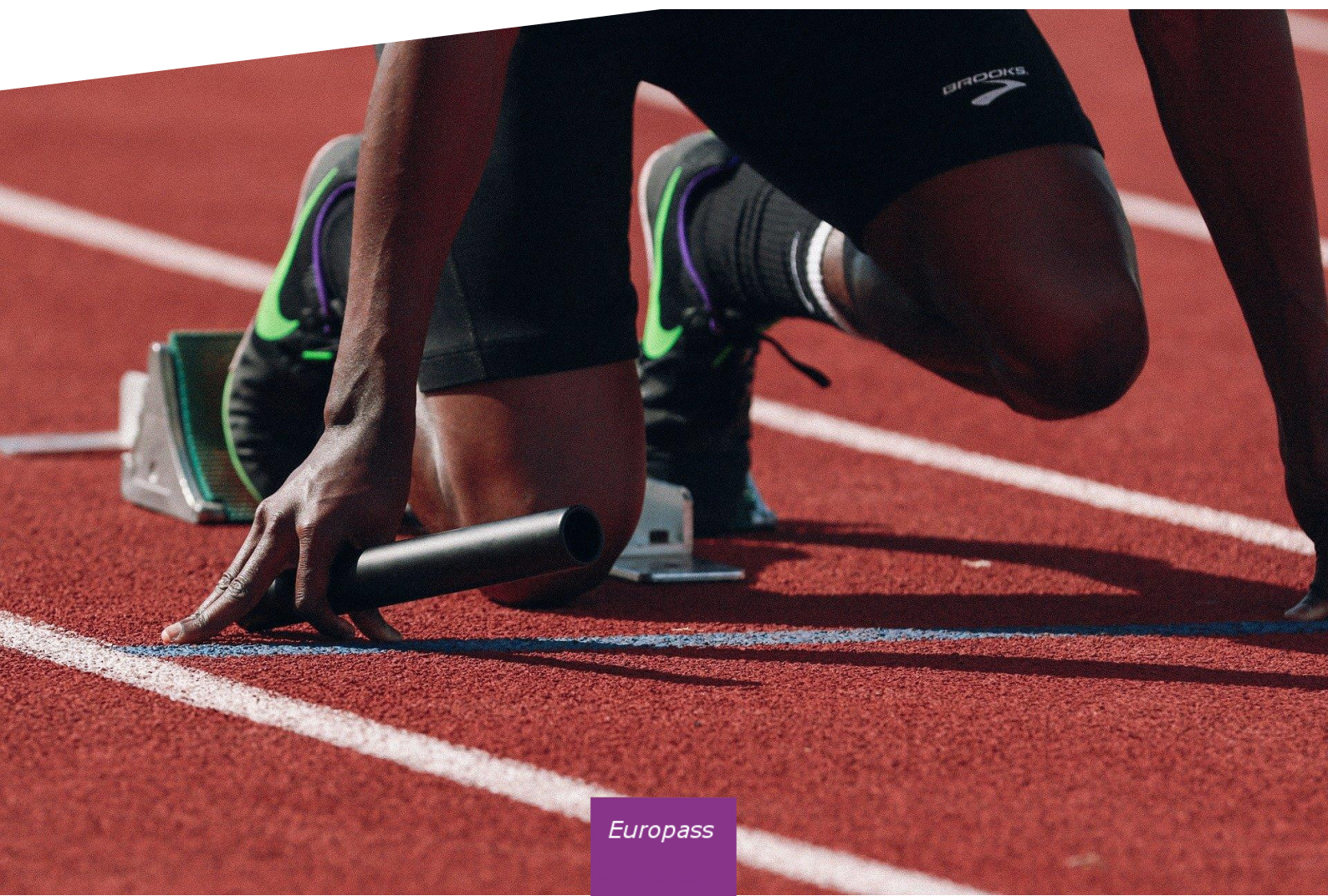


Sixth Meeting of the Europass Advisory Group

25 March 2020

Action Points from Meeting



Summary of Sixth Europass AG meeting (video conference)

Operational Conclusions	
Public launch date	To be determined; COM will update as soon as possible on this.
Grant agreements for NECs and Euroguidance centres	A short note will be sent to clarify in the coming weeks on two topics: changes to planned activities and period for eligibility of costs.

1.1 Introduction points

- COM adoption of updated Skills Agenda has been pushed back to 6 May (tentatively)
- European Youth Event has been cancelled for the year. The EU-level Europass launch campaign will be strongly focused on social media and online activity. The launch may get better results if held later this year in autumn.
- Many of the AG participants strongly supported an autumn launch.

1.2 Eportfolio

- **Translations:** DGT is working on translations for the Europass 29 languages and are all ongoing and will be completed before launch. A process will be in place for NECs to contribute too where they can look through the platform and give suggestions where they see fit.
- **Jobs and courses suggestions:** The algorithm is explained in the note and suggestions are built around information that users have provided in their profile. The quality of suggestions made will be monitored. An important prerequisite for the operation of the suggestions is to have rich source of learning opportunities in place on the platform.
- **Testing:** 70 users have completed testing, 17 countries have sent feedback. The testing concludes today. DG EMPL will send a report of the analysis and key information that comes out of this testing.
- **Data protection:** The Data Protection Impact Assessment has been sent to the COM Data Protection Officer for feedback and the final DPIA will be shared with the AG.

Action points	
Member states can provide feedback on translations	A process will be put in place by COM for NECs input.
User testing	The ongoing user-test will close today COM may organize another round if launch is delayed to autumn, depending on feasibility–to be confirmed.
Data Protection	The final DPIA will be shared with the AG as soon as finalised.

1.3 Communications

- A closed group has been created on Futurium where communications materials, information on events, and best practices can be shared.

- Please refer to the action list that includes suggestions for strategy on readiness and launch and consider them as recommendations.
- Online ads: DG EMPL are reviewing the list of national online publications suggested by Member States and will share the progress on this.
- The messaging for communication will need to be reviewed to well reflect the economic and social impact of COVID.

Action points	
Futurium closed group	Please join the group
Action list	Treat them as recommendations to implement where necessary

1.4 Learning Opportunities

- A manual on publishing Learning opportunities and qualifications on the new Europass was published in February.
- A webinar on publishing learning opportunities was held on 16 March 2020; the recording + PPT has been shared. A google form and a Word form have also been shared with a few questions about intentions, feasibility, and technical readiness to publish learning opportunities and qualifications.
- The new data model (LOMS) and the legacy model (which will be maintained for a while) may both be used for publishing learning opportunities.
- Countries can submit queries to: QDRsupport@ext-ec-europa.eu.

Action points	
Complete the google /word form	Deadline April 3 2020 One reply per country.

1.5 Europass Digital Credentials

- Ongoing workshops with Member States to test compatibility of eSeals with EDCI
- Timeline (tentative)
 - April: New data model will be available on github and the public preview of the service will be available to piloting Member States
 - May: the service will be fully available to everyone who wants to use it in English
 - June: Multilingualism and security features will be updated along with public access to accreditation database
 - Autumn: Public launch
- Use of eSeals to secure credentials require significant administrative effort from issuers.
- It was confirmed that Europass digital credentials supports a wide range of learning achievement or activity.
- Even though the data model provides numerous fields, it is up to each country to define what their use case is and relevant fields for them. Few fields are mandatory.
- Post-launch: documentation, credentials manual for guidance, and support will be provided for countries and implementation (along with outreach to vendors) will continue.