

# WHY USE DIGITAL CREDENTIALS IN DOCTORAL EDUCATION?



The DocTalent4EU consortium has piloted the use of European digital credentials for learning (EDC) to recognise the skills that PhD candidates acquire during their training. Below are some reasons why Higher Education Institutions may consider using them in PhD curricula:

1

Digital credentials offer a **simple and effective way** to acknowledge and **showcase the skills and competences** gained by PhD candidates, allowing for more thorough descriptions than traditional paper certificates.

2

European Digital Credentials can be **verified and shared easily** with employers and other higher education institutions, making it easy for PhD candidates to showcase their skillset.

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European Digital Credentials are **seamless imported** to the owner's **Europass CV**.

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If allowed by internal regulations, digital credentials can be used to **acknowledge the skills** that PhD candidates gain both **formally** (e.g., through courses) and **informally** (e.g., through the involvement in other activities, such as participation in academic conferences).