



## How to use DocTalent4EU Credentials

### What is a DocTalent4EU credential?

A DocTalent4EU credential is a digital credential based on the [European Digital Credential for Learning](#) (EDC). They are standardised, tamperproof electronic documents describing that their owner has acquired particular skills or has achieved specific learning outcomes through formal, non-formal or informal learning contexts. The DocTalent4EU credential describes the skills acquired by participants in the transversal skills course units piloted in the [DocTalent4EU](#) project.

### How to get a DocTalent4EU credential?

You get a DocTalent4EU credential after completing one of the pilot courses of the [DocTalent4EU](#) project. The digital credential will be sent to you by email at the email address you provided. Figure 1 shows an example of an email with instructions on visualising the EDC.

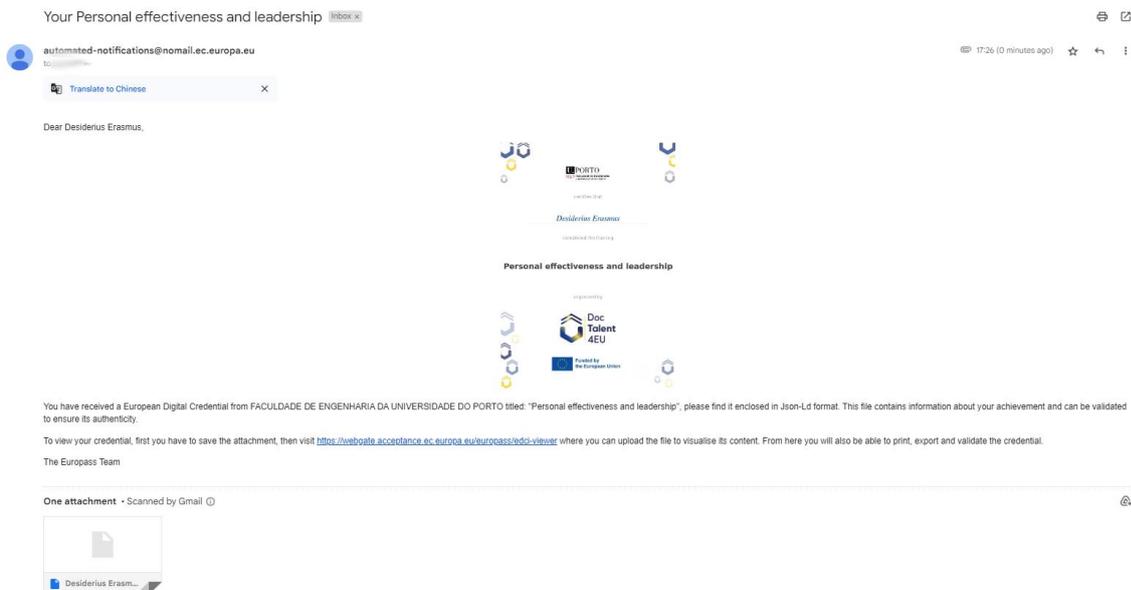


Figure 1 - Email with instructions on how to visualise the EDC.





The email includes an image of the front page of the digital credential and an attached JSON file, which can be uploaded to the [EDCI viewer](#), as shown in Figure 2. You can upload the JSON file and view your DocTalent4EU credential, as shown in Figure 3.

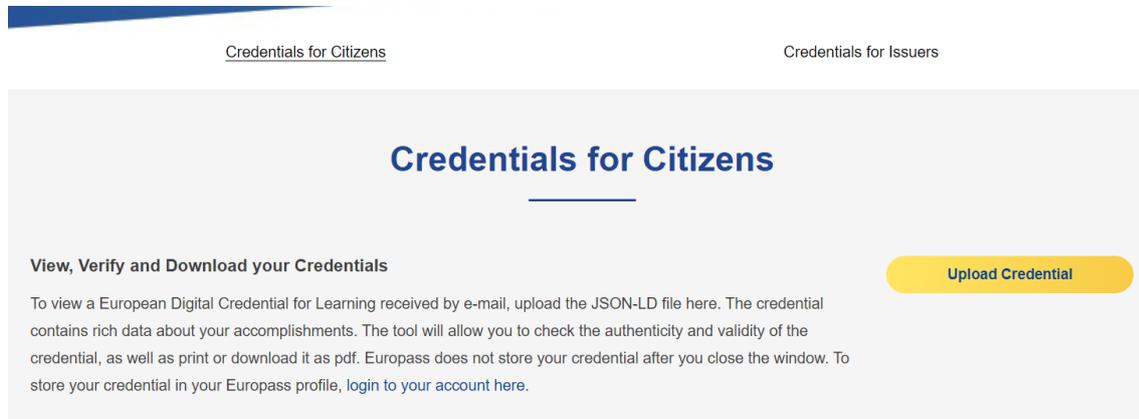


Figure 2 - EDCI viewer

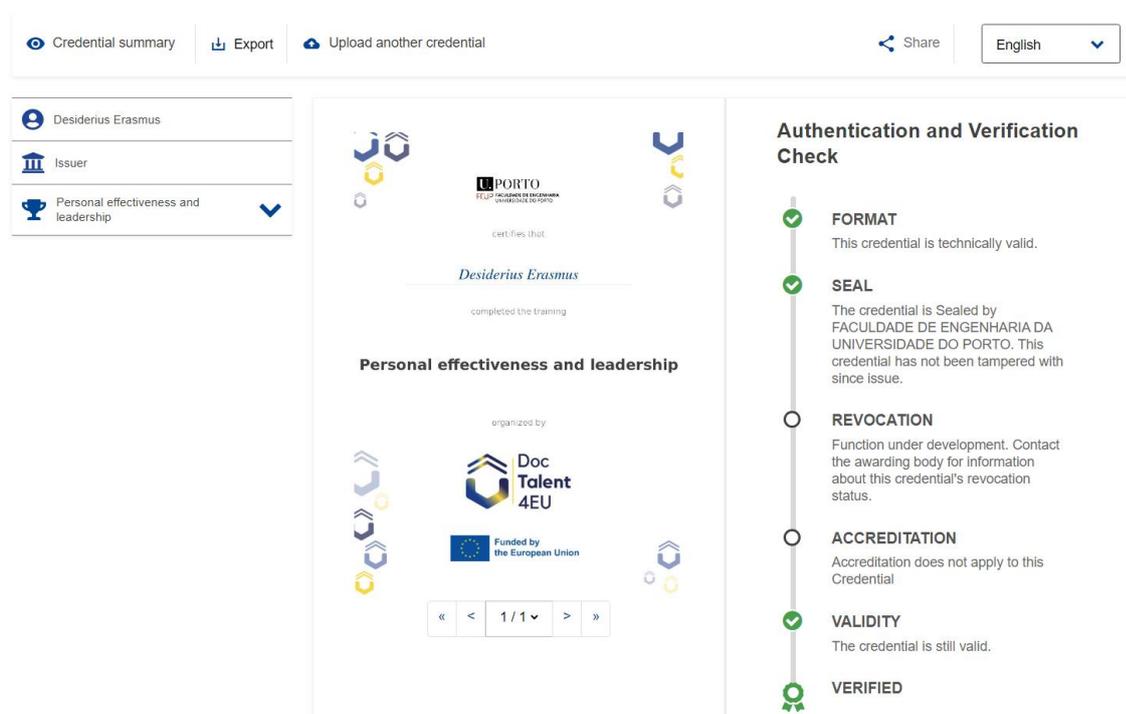


Figure 3 - DocTalent4EU digital credential example





## How to share a DocTalent4EU credential?

You can share your DocTalent4EU credential through your [Europass](#) account. Suppose the email where you received the EDC is associated with your Europass account. In that case, the EDC will automatically appear in your Europass account's "My Library" section (see Figure 4). Otherwise, you will be able to add it using the "Add" option of the "Certificates and diplomas" section of the "My Library" (see Figure 5).

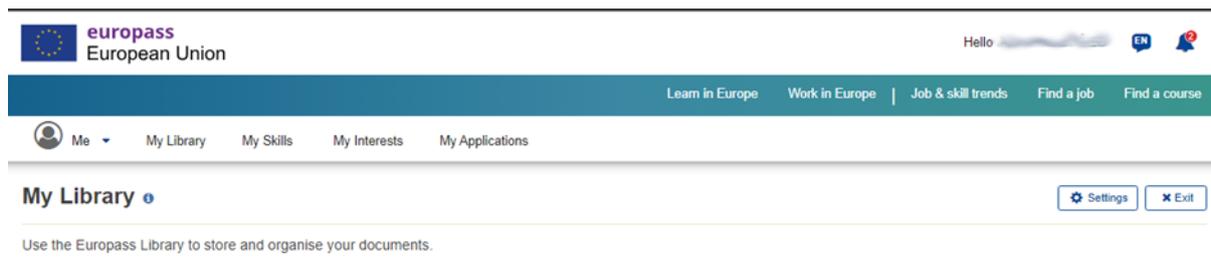


Figure 4 - "My Library" section of the Europass account

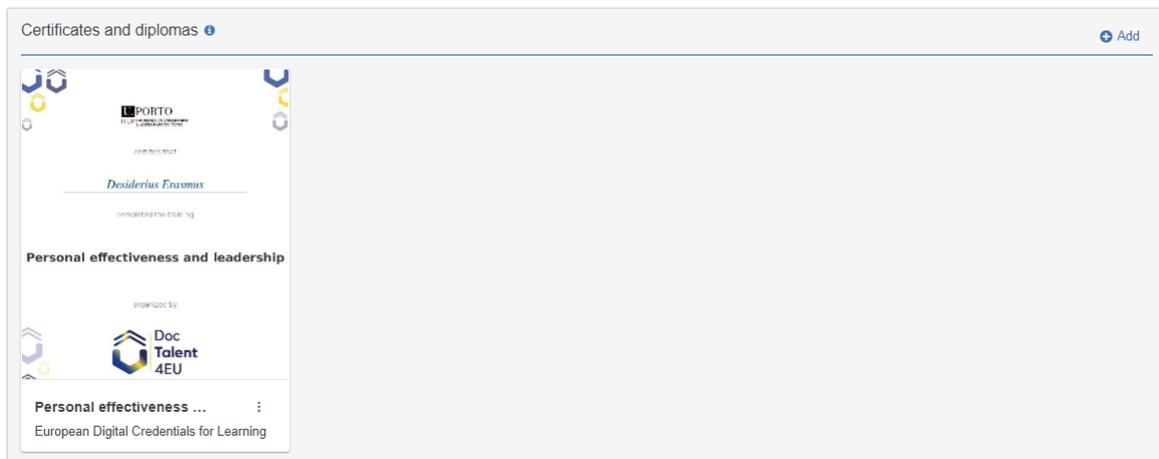


Figure 5 - EDC in the Europass wallet

To share the DocTalent4EU credential click the three vertical dots on the right bottom corner of the EDC, as shown in Figure 6 and click "Share". In the next window (Figure 7) you can define who will receive the EDC and until when it will be valid. Once you click the "Generate link" button, you will be able to get a sharable link to the digital credential, which will bring you the EDCI viewer (Figure 3). In the EDCI viewer, you can download a PDF file with the same link and corresponding QR code (Figure 8).





Figure 6 - Share the EDC

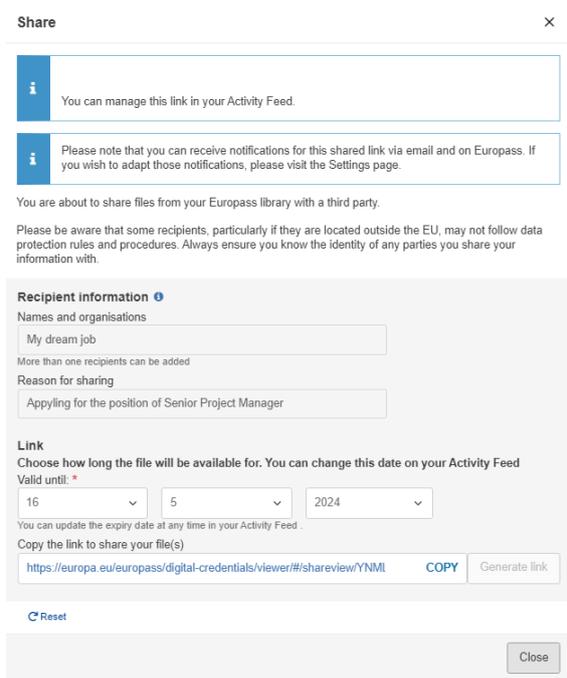


Figure 7 - Setting up sharing options

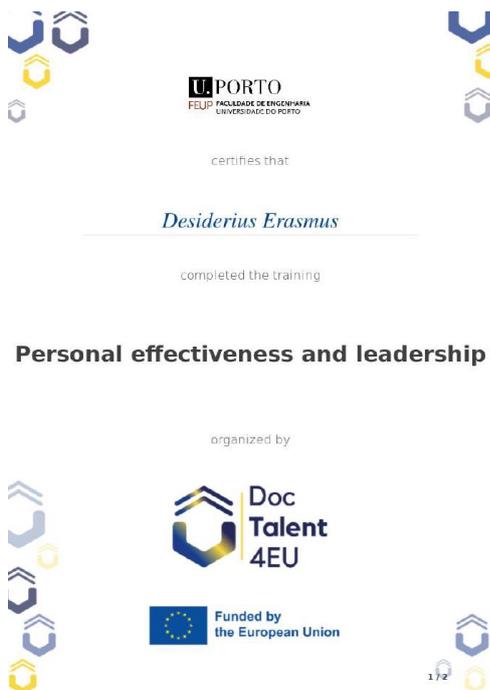
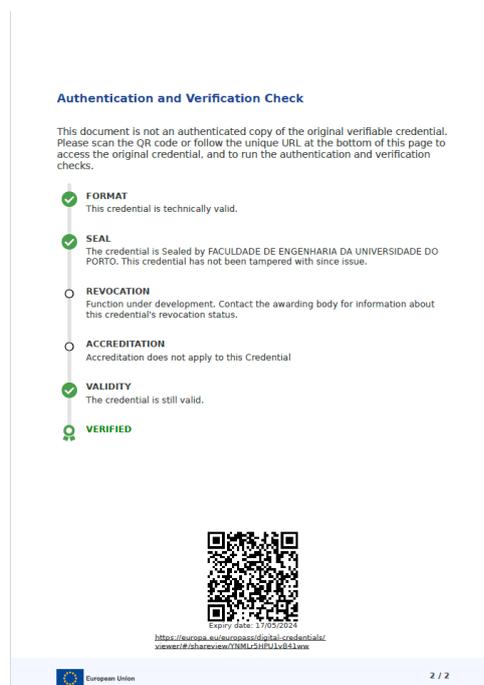


Figure 8 - PDF summary of the digital credential





## Storing your DocTalent4EU credential

EDCs are not stored in a server. If you want to store DocTalent4EU digital credentials, you must not delete the files attached to the email where you received the credentials. If you delete the email where the EDC was sent and delete the EDC stored in your EDCI wallet, the credential will be lost forever. Take that into consideration before deleting any related information.

## What is DocTalent4EU?

DocTalent4EU is a two-year HORIZON EUROPE funded project aimed at enhancing PhD employability.

Between 2007 and 2015, there was a 22% increase in the number of researchers in Europe. Yet, the increase was higher for junior research positions than for senior research positions (European Commission, 2021). As junior positions are often associated with more precarious conditions (Hnatkova et al., 2022) and do not necessarily lead to permanent contracts, **it is crucial that doctoral programmes provide the right skills to find jobs not only within but also outside academia.**

Building from a previous Horizon Europe project, DocEnhance, DocTalent4EU is rooted on the multi-actor approach involving non-academic stakeholders and has a two-folded mission: on one hand, it foresees to improve transferable skills training; on the other hand, it aspires to develop local talent management centres.

The project will develop a new prototype based on machine learning to support European Skills, Competences, and Occupations (ESCO) framework in continuously updating and predicting the most in-demand skills on the labour market concerning the 8 European Qualifications Framework level, according to the expected skills from job offer databases.

### Boosting PhD employability

Additionally, the project intends to boost PhD employability through a strong, visible and innovative recognition-system of the most in-demand transferable skills (relying on the ESCO framework) that early-career researchers acquire or will acquire through their doctoral training and research activities. To facilitate formal recognition and wide acknowledgement of the transferable skills that PhD candidates acquire during their training, the consortium will develop digital credentials under the European brand “**DocTalent4EU credentials**”.



Furthermore, the DocTalent4EU project partners will ensure the lessons learnt and good practices won't get lost as they will form the basis for practical guidelines intended to encourage adoption by higher education institutions. On the other hand, the knowledge and experience gathered throughout the project will inform the release of policy recommendations aimed to expand further on the [European Research Area Policy Agenda 2022-2024](#) , Action 4 (Strengthen research careers).

Finally, the project will guarantee access to the most relevant information on transferable skills and other career related opportunities for early career researchers via the career development platform [PhD hub](#) which will be vigorously promoted during the project.

## The DocTalent4EU CONSORTIUM

The DocTalent4EU consortium consists of 7 higher education institutions and one higher education European network: [Université Côte d'Azur](#) (France), [University of Alcalá](#) (Spain), [University of Porto](#) (Portugal), [University of Limerick](#) (Ireland), [Western Norway University of Applied Sciences](#), ["Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iasi](#) (Romania), [UiT The Arctic University of Norway](#), and the [European University Foundation](#).