Introducing DigiLink

Recognition statements as structured data & verifiable credentials

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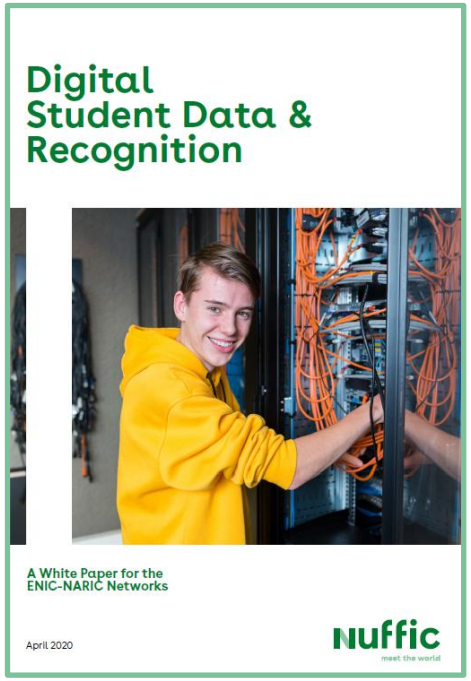
Erasmus+ KA3 projects on digitalisation

DigiRec (2018 – 2020)

→ relationship between digital learner data and credential evaluation

DigiNet (2020 – 2023)

→ implementation of LRC-compliant digital solutions



***DigiLink* (2023 – 2025)**

→digital maturity and interoperability of recognition data

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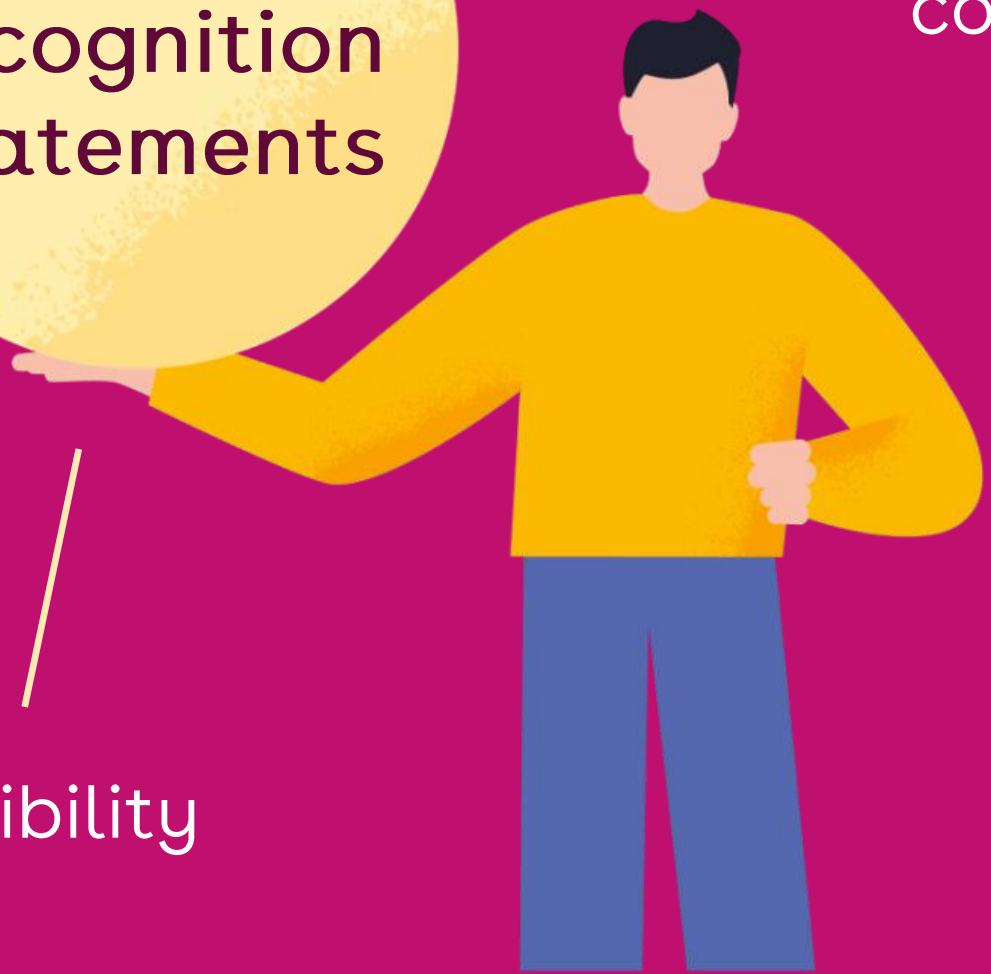
data integrity & verification

data ownership & control

digitising recognition statements

secure & privacy-proof delivery

legal compliance



stakeholder acceptance

interoperability

accessibility

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DigiLink - background

Current trends and developments affecting digital recognition statements:

- **Self-sovereign identity:** individuals control their own personal data and credentials
- **EU & national digital identities and wallets:** platforms that enable individuals to access public and private services using their e-identities
- **Linked data:** connecting data using common standards and formats

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DigiLink - background

Opportunities identified in the DigiNet project:

- enhancing the **data maturity** and **(semantic) interoperability** of recognition statements
- pilot with **European Digital Credentials for Learning**

  - EU infrastructure for verifiable credentials
  - based on European Learning Model v3
  - aligned with familiar EU frameworks and instruments

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DigiLink – objectives & activities

- identify the **minimum requirements** for recognition statements to be issued as standardised European Digital Credentials for Learning (EDC)
    - analysis of common data elements on recognition statements
    - creation of a (flexible) template or datamodel
    - semantic mapping against ELM v3
- develop a **practical guide** for ENIC-NARICs based on the results (early 2025)

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• Italy	
• Netherlands	
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