Micro-Credentials, National Projects & Industry

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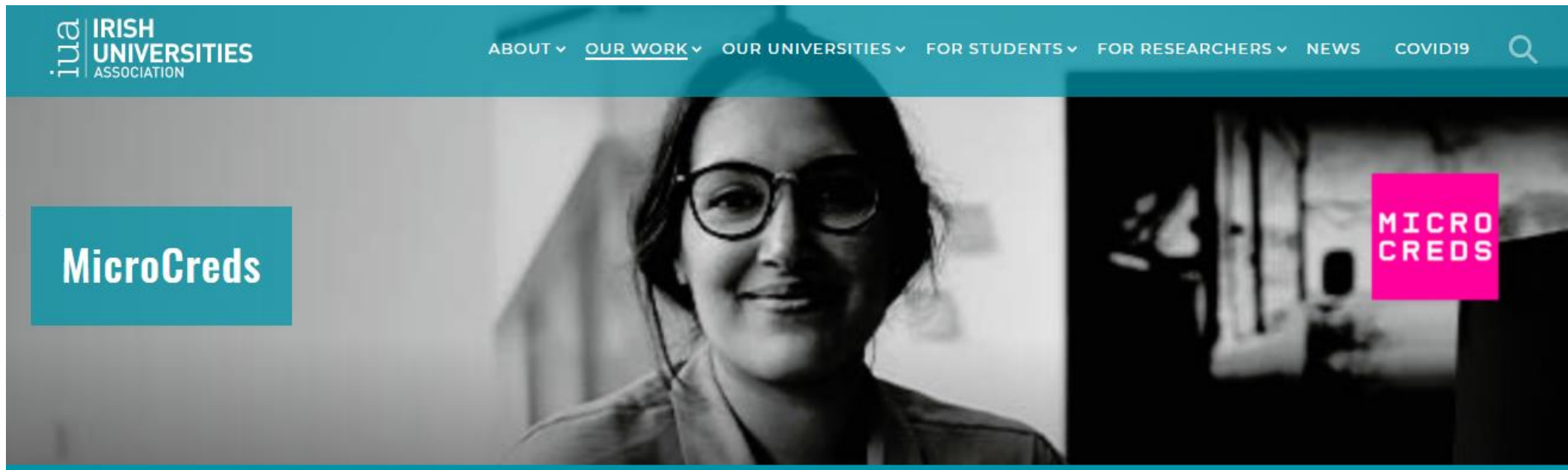Microcredentials@DCU Studio, OVPAA
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Why a National project?

- Joint National Initiative by Irish Universities by IUA

- Irish National Training Fund

- Upskilling & reskilling the Irish workforce

- European Agenda, Roadmap & Working Definition

- Response to changing learner needs

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National Project

Strand 1: Development of a National Framework for micro-credentials.

Strand 2: Creation of a dynamic and sustainable model of Enterprise Engagement for micro-credentials.

Strand 3: Design and development of a digital Discovery Platform for accredited micro-credentials, linked to a digital credentialing solution. The on-line portal will drive awareness of, and support learner access to micro-credentials and stacked micro-credential pathways.

Strand 4: Agilely developed and flexibly-delivered suite of micro-credentials across the partner universities.

First DCU Micro-Credential (FinTech) launched as a pilot in October 2020.
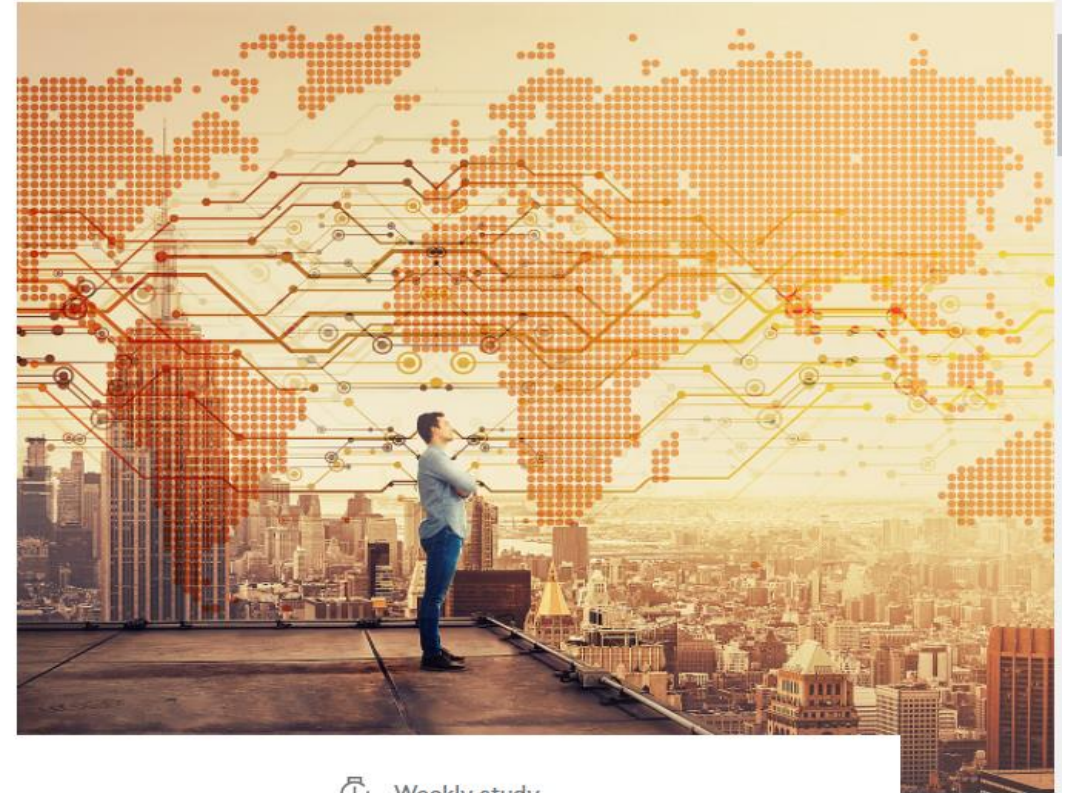
"A micro-credential is a **proof** of the **learning outcomes** that a learner has acquired following a **short learning** experience. These learning outcomes have been **assessed** against transparent standards." - EC (2020, p.10).

Key Challenges for Industry & HE

- Timeframe

- Higher education vs Training

- Notion that this is an on demand model

- Rapid MC development? Is this realistic?

- Where does expertise sit in bespoke areas?

Next Steps

- University-wide awareness and consultation regarding new and redesigned offerings
- Mainstreaming existing provision in alignment with DCU Micro-Credential Framework
- Implementing Industry Engagement Models

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