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open badges platform

Guide for Adult Learners

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Why do you need badges?

In your class, you are the one who always provides support to your peers so that they better understand the teacher's instructions – you have good teamwork skills.

At school, for appointments you are always on time – you have good time management skills.

You are able to work alone and learn by yourself to reach your objectives - you have good learning to learn skills.

Do you know that these are skills very much appreciated by companies? Do you have any certificate for them? Probably not?

But it is possible to get them certified through a simple badging system provided by EU-OBP project.

What is a Badge?

A badge is a little digital image that can be a reward and an alternative or supplement to other certificates. The Badges can be displayed on social media or other places on the Internet. The hidden beauty of Open Badges lies in their metadata and is revealed when you click on the badge image. Metadata is an information contained within a badge that defines it: metadata includes name and description, links to other important details like the badge's criteria, evidence and issuer. Metadata also contains a description of what the badge earner had to do in order to gain it and a link back to the awarding institution for verification.¹

¹ <http://openbadges.org>

Badges are digital and visually appealing. They fit into social media, Europass, job sites or different blog sites.



Teamwork

What are the Badges for?

- Badges should be motivation for your learning.
- Badges can be an alternative assessment: perhaps a way of thinking beyond one-size-fits-all.
- Through badges you can be more engaged and could increase your interest through non-formal learning.
- Badges can recognize your learning beyond the academy or formal certificates.
- Badges are a way of increasing the development of your digital skills.



Benefits of using Badges

Open Badges are prepared for anyone who wishes to recognize skills gained through a variety of experiences, regardless of age or educational background. They allow you to follow your interests and passions and unlock opportunities in life and work by standing out from the crowd.

Organizations can create and issue Open Badges for you to earn, enabling you to build up your own unique collection and share them across the web. Each badge you earn contains data about your skills and the issuing organization within a portable image file. This data can be viewed when you display and share your badges, helping people find out more about you. ²

² <https://openbadges.org/get-started/earning-badges/>



You can share your badges in:

- Blogs, websites, e-Portfolios, and professional networks
- Job applications and Europass
- Social media sites - Twitter, Google+, Facebook, LinkedIn
- Even in your email signature

EU-OBP Open Badges

The EU-OBP project provides **more than 250 badges** related to raising soft skills and key competences, including communication in mother tongue, foreign languages, digital skills, numeracy, literacy, sciences and technologies, learning to learn, social and civic responsibility, initiative and entrepreneurship, cultural awareness.

Badges are available in English, Romanian, French, German, Slovene, Spanish, Greek and Swedish on our platform www.eu-obp.eu.

There are also 50 open badges available related to behaviours and attitudes evidenced by attending adult education courses and 50 badges related to key competences, like communication in mother tongue, foreign languages, digital skills etc., available via <https://badgr.io>.

EU-OBP represents also the continuation and upgrade of our previous common project based on open badges. Therefore, you can find step-by step instructions visualized via short videos developed by the consortium for the awarding process and all the steps you need to cover if you wish to represent your badges on social media, Europass or even prepare your own digital badge.

<https://www.open-badges.eu/en/tutorials>

