

**Invitation to our 1st International Stakeholder Dialogue
“Digital Credentials for Higher Education Institutions”
(German title: “Digitale Bildungsnachweise für Hochschulen - DiBiHo”)**

Berlin, May 2021

Dear colleagues,

dear partners,

We are excited to introduce you to our newest research project "Digital Credentials for Higher Education Institutions" (DiBiHo), a joint undertaking between the Technical University of Munich (TUM), the Hasso Plattner Institute for Digital Engineering (HPI) at the University of Potsdam and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Building on the whitepaper of the Digital Credentials Consortium (DCC), we are further exploring requirements for a trustworthy, distributed and internationally interoperable infrastructure standard for the use of digital credentials for (German) HEIs in an international perspective.

We would be delighted if you could join us at our first international stakeholder dialogue

on **Wednesday, June 16th 2021**

**4 – 6 p.m. (CEST) | 3 – 5 p.m. (BST) | 10 – 12 a.m. (EDT) | 9 – 11 a.m. (CDT) |
7 – 9 a.m. (PDT)**

in WebEx

Meeting Link:

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This dialogue is to be part of a series of dialogues throughout the duration of the project and aims to introduce and create awareness for the project and its goals, foster open discussion and collect feedback on proposed concepts and eventually facilitate a wide adoption of results achieved. Our workshop sessions will focus on strategies for Building Institutional Trust and we look forward to discussing different aspects with you:

Workshop 1: International compatibility and regulatory frameworks

Which regulatory aspects are particularly challenging for international academic collaboration? How can varying institutional traditions be accommodated?

Workshop 2: Interoperable standards and processes within HEIs

How can differing administrative processes be digitised and adapted to a future international system? How can HEIs benefit from these processes with minimum effort?

Workshop 3: Trust and Transparency

How can trust in the system and thus digital credentials be established? How does the transparency of the system and openness of the design affect acceptance by stakeholders? How open should verification be and which parties need to be involved in the verification process?

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For further information, please find the meeting agenda and some technical information enclosed.

Please feel free to forward this email to colleagues and let us know whether you will be able to take part and which workshop session you would like to attend by replying to this email or registering [here](#).

Towards the end of the event, we would like to take a photograph with all participants. We will announce the screenshot beforehand; if you do not want to appear in the photo, we ask you to briefly switch off your camera.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at dibiho@daad.de

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Kind regards,

Alexander Knoth, Hans Pongratz, Christoph Meinel and Matthias Gottlieb

for the DiBiHo team

Please note:

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Agenda

3.45 p.m.	Get connected
4.00 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions Kathleen Clancy German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
4.20 p.m.	Project overview: Digital Credentials for (German) Higher Education Institutions in an international setting Dr. Hans Pongratz Senior Vice-President for IT-Systems and Services (CIO) Technical University of Munich (TUM) Dr. Matthias Gottlieb Project Manager DiBiHo and Senior Researcher Technical University of Munich (TUM)
4.35 p.m.	Keynote: The case for standards in achieving interoperability Kim Hamilton Duffy Chair W3C Credentials Community Group MIT – Massachusetts Institute of Technology Digital Credentials Consortium Philipp Schmidt Director of Digital Learning and Collaboration, MIT Media Lab MIT – Massachusetts Institute of Technology
5.00 p.m.	Over to you: Stakeholder Insights on Building Institutional Trust Discussion on opportunities and challenges to implementing common and compatible standards for Digital Credentials in an international context. Workshop 1: International compatibility and regulatory frameworks <i>Which regulatory aspects are particularly challenging for international academic collaboration? How can varying institutional traditions be accommodated?</i> Workshop 2: Interoperable standards and processes within HEIs <i>How can differing administrative processes be digitised and adapted to a future international system? How can HEIs benefit from these processes with minimum effort?</i> Workshop 3: Trust and Transparency <i>How can trust in the system and thus digital credentials be established? How does the transparency of the system and openness of the design affect acceptance by stakeholders? How open should verification be and which parties need to be involved in the verification process?</i>
5.45 p.m.	Closing Remarks

Event information

Organisers Technical University of Munich
Hasso Plattner Institute for Digital Engineering, University of Potsdam
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

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The meeting room will be open from 3.30 pm (CEST), half an hour before we start our meeting.

Technical hints A quick guide on how to join WebEx can be found here:
[Video Conferencing - Get Started with Cisco Webex Meetings for Attendees](#)

During the interactive part of our meeting, we would like to use the online tools [Mentimeter](#) and [Miro](#) with you. The access links will be made available via chat during the WebEx meeting. Your contributions will be anonymous, registration for an account is not required.

If you experience problems accessing WebEx, we will be happy to assist you over the phone:
Tel. +49 30 2022 08-45 (Leo Peters, DAAD)

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