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DECISION

on the Implementation Procedure of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) for training programmes completed with micro-credentials at Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca

The Administrative Council of Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, convened in a meeting on 23 September 2022,

DECIDES:

The Implementation Procedure of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) for training programmes completed with micro-credentials at Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, as enclosed herewith, is hereby approved.

RECTOR,

Professor Daniel DAVID, PhD



Addendum to the Administrative Council Decision No. 12.687/23.09.2022

***Implementation Procedure of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)
for training programmes completed with micro-credentials at Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-
Napoca***

An ever-increasing number of secondary and tertiary graduates face the necessity to periodically upgrade the competences attained during their initial training, in order to meet the constantly developing needs of society and the labour market, and/or even to acquire them in a new format. Indeed, the present world challenges, such as the pandemic recovery, the transition to green energy and accelerated digitisation, have made it necessary for some people to upgrade their skills, retrain and/or even acquire new ones.

In this context, a fast, flexible and cost-effective option for acquiring and/or upgrading skills, further training or retraining, without pursuing a complete degree programme or a comprehensive continuous training programme, is provided by low volume learning opportunities, short modules or open courses - in formal/non-formal/informal contexts - which result in the award of *micro-credentials*. Due to their flexible format, micro-credentials appeal to a much wider audience than traditional degree programmes, creating learning opportunities even for full-time workers and fostering social inclusion.

Micro-credentials certify the learning achievements of the training programme graduate, where training activities have been delivered face-to-face, in blended learning or online and assessment has been conducted transparently. They belong to the person who acquired them, can be shared and are portable. Micro-credentials may be used individually, or they may be cumulated in order to acquire a relevant certificate for skills or even occupations certified under the law.

Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca (UBB) has been offering low volume training programmes for several years, but this procedure provides a broader and more explicit approach to obtaining micro-credentials, under the new European regulations.

Training programmes duration is set in terms of hours. Transfer credits (ECTS) may be awarded for completing such a programme, commensurate with the length of time and the amount of content in the course. One credit is awarded for 25 hours of teaching activity and individual training (e.g. lectures, seminars, assignments, practice, individual study, projects, exams, reviews). It is recommended that 10-12 hours of the 25 hours required for a credit should be spent on teaching activity.



The micro-credential certificate may be issued in hard copy or digital format and will comply with the national and international regulations in force regarding micro-credentials and the study documents system. The certificate will specify the name of the programme/ open course, the format of the activity (face-to-face, blended or online), the duration in hours and the number of ECTS credits awarded. The micro-credential certificate of achievement will be signed by the chief secretary and the dean of the issuing faculty (or the management of other academic units involved in the programme), respectively by the chief secretary and the rector of Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca.

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