



Applying ECT Micro-Credentials to the MOOC

The ForestWell Tourism MOOC is a versatile and comprehensive educational resource designed to support both ForestWell businesses and VET educators. It offers a well-structured format that includes 7 modules, 31 topics, 125 learning hours, 7 quizzes, additional materials, and 40 real-world case studies. This course is adaptable to a variety of learning contexts, offering high-quality content that addresses the needs of forest well-being-based tourism.

For VET Educators

This MOOC empowers VET educators to deliver comprehensive training in forest wellbeing tourism. While the course itself does not provide formal ECT micro-credentials, it does provide the foundational tools and resources necessary to align with ECT standards. Educators can adapt the course content to fit their organisational frameworks, tailoring it to meet specific educational requirements. The flexibility of the course allows educators to integrate the material into their programs and offer certificates, including ECT-recognised micro-credentials, to learners upon successful completion. A customisable certificate template is provided to support this process at the bottom of the MOOC home page. <https://forestwelllearning.eu/courses/introduction-to-forestwell-tourism/>

For Businesses

The MOOC also serves as a valuable training resource for ForestWell businesses, helping them enhance their staff's skills and knowledge in forest well-being-based tourism. Businesses can use the course to improve operations and implement sustainable practices. However, for staff to receive formal qualifications or certifications, businesses must collaborate with certified educators who deliver the adapted course content and award the corresponding credentials. This dual-purpose approach ensures that the ForestWell Tourism MOOC remains a dynamic and impactful tool for promoting sustainable tourism practices, catering to the educational needs of VET institutions while empowering businesses across Europe.

Further Information on European Approaches to ECT Micro-Credentials

1. Guidelines for European Micro-Credentials (Definitions, Approaches and Guidelines)
<https://education.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-01/micro-credentials%20brochure%20updated.pdf>

2. A European Approach to Micro-Credentials (Formal Document)

In 2022, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted a Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability. The Recommendation seeks to support the development, implementation and recognition of micro-credentials across institutions, businesses, sectors and borders.

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/education-levels/higher-education/micro-credentials>

