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SOFT SKILLS PASSPORT

WHERE AND HOW TO MANAGE YOUR BADGES



SoftSkills4EU:
Promote your Soft Skills with Open Badges



GUIDELINES

INFORMATION ABOUT OUTPUT

OUTPUT:

IO3 OPEN BADGES ECO-SYSTEM FOR UPSKILLING SOFT SKILLS

ACTIVITY:

IO3 A2: DEVELOPMENT OF SOFT SKILLS PASSPORT

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Promote your soft skills with open badges

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations with your SoftSkills4EU badge!

But... now maybe you ask yourself: "what to do with it?"

Your badge is clearly of good value when applying for a job, your soft skills are competences that are sought for, so we recommend attaching it to your cv.

A very good way to do that is through the Europass cv. Maybe you know Europass already, what you might not know is that Europass has undergone a total makeover. As of June 1, 2020 it will be available as an e-portfolio, where you can store all your data around learning and working experience (like your newly earned badge). From the e-portfolio you can generate a cv or a profile page, which contains essentially the same information that is specified on a classic cv. But for the profile page you only have to send a link (even with a valid-until date, if you want, so after that date your data is hidden again).

By the way: Europass is free to use.

Below you will find stepwise instructions how to use your SoftSkills-badges within Europass:

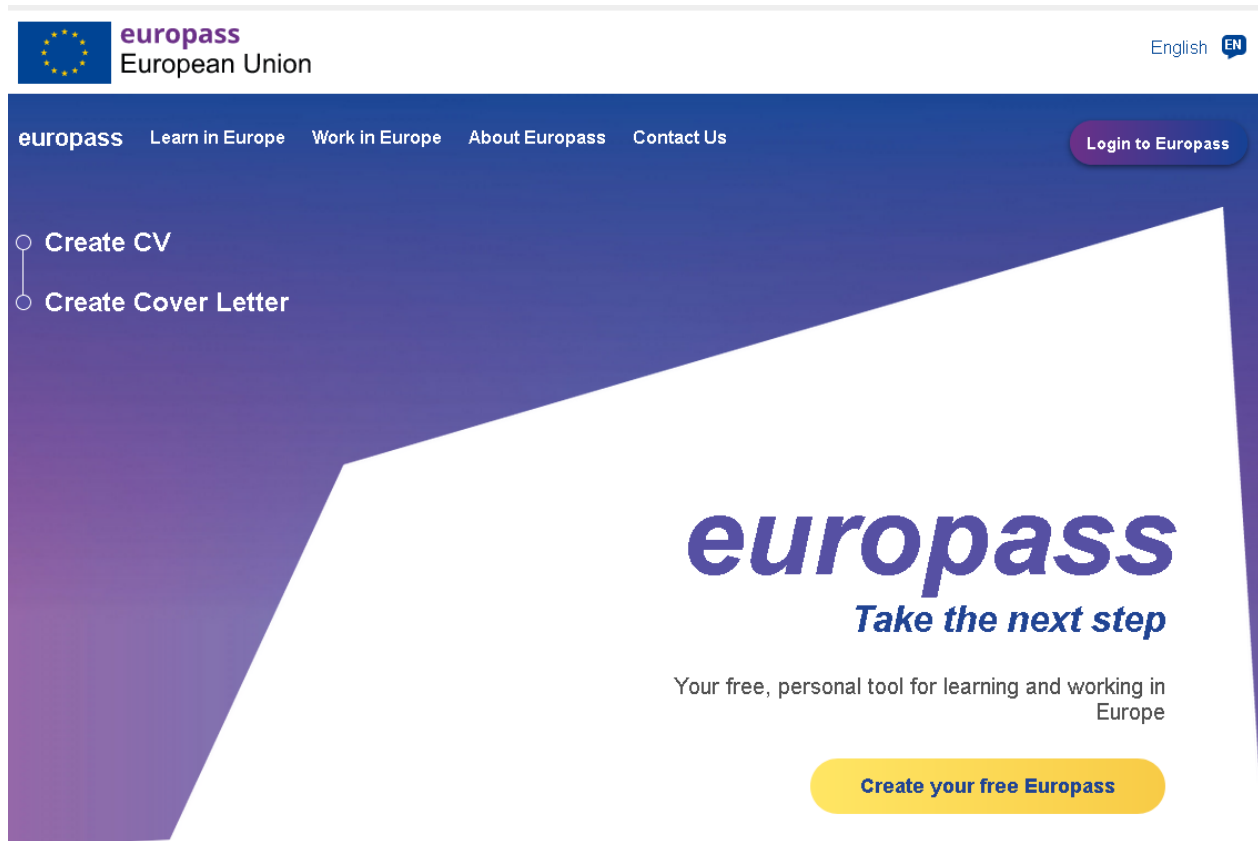
- Step 1: Create an EU-login and your Europass profile
- Step 2: Fill your basic profile data
- Step 3: Define a special section for your "soft skills"
- Step 4: Add your badges to this section
- Step 5: Create a cv or a profile page and use it for your job application



STEP 1: CREATE AN EU-LOGIN AND YOUR EUROPASS PROFILE

The Europass portfolio has become available on July 1, 2020.

Go to: <https://europass.eu/> and you click "Create your free Europass".



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Europass website. At the top left is the Europass logo, which includes the European Union flag and the text "europass European Union". To the right of the logo is a language selector showing "English" and a small "EN" icon. Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: "europass", "Learn in Europe", "Work in Europe", "About Europass", and "Contact Us". On the far right of the navigation bar is a purple button labeled "Login to Europass". On the left side of the main content area, there are two menu items: "Create CV" and "Create Cover Letter", each preceded by a small circle icon. The main content area features a large white graphic with the word "europass" in a large, bold, blue font, followed by the tagline "Take the next step" in a smaller, italicized blue font. Below this, the text reads "Your free, personal tool for learning and working in Europe". At the bottom of the graphic is a prominent yellow button with the text "Create your free Europass".

Then you reach the next page, where you need to register to create a profile. (To save your profile, you need to register, so do not use the option to enter as “guest”)

Create your Europass ✕

To save your information and use all the tools that Europass offers, register now.

Europass is your free set of online tools and information that helps you manage every step of your learning and career.

[Register](#)

Are you already registered? [Login here](#)

..... or

You may continue as a guest without registering. Be aware that the information you enter will be deleted after 48 hours.

[Continue as a guest](#)

You also might see the following page instead, where you can also register (called here “create an account”)

EU Login
One account. many EU services

Where is ECAS? English (en)

webgate.acceptance.ec.europa.eu requires you to authenticate

Sign in to continue

Use your e-mail address

[Next](#)

[Create an account](#)

Or

Or use the eID of your country

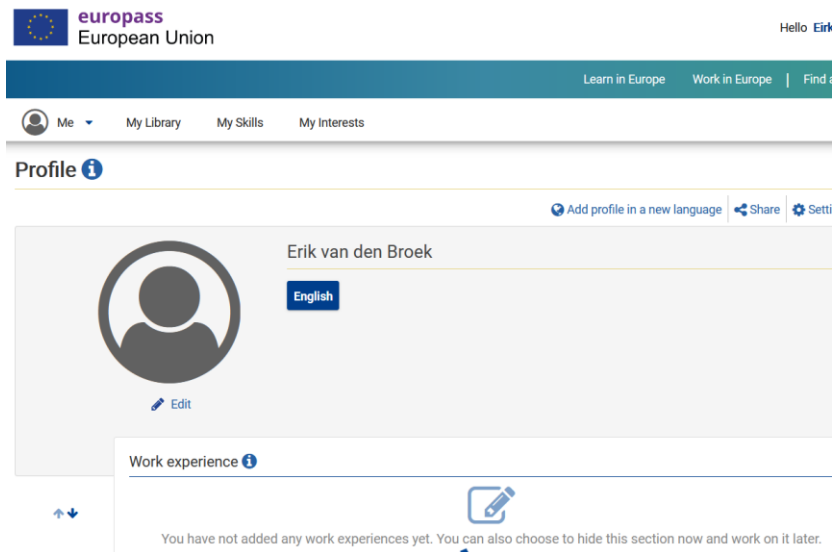
[Select your country](#)

If you already have an EU-Account, or a national eID, you can log in right away, otherwise choose “Create an account”, fill in the necessary data, reply to the confirmation email and log in.

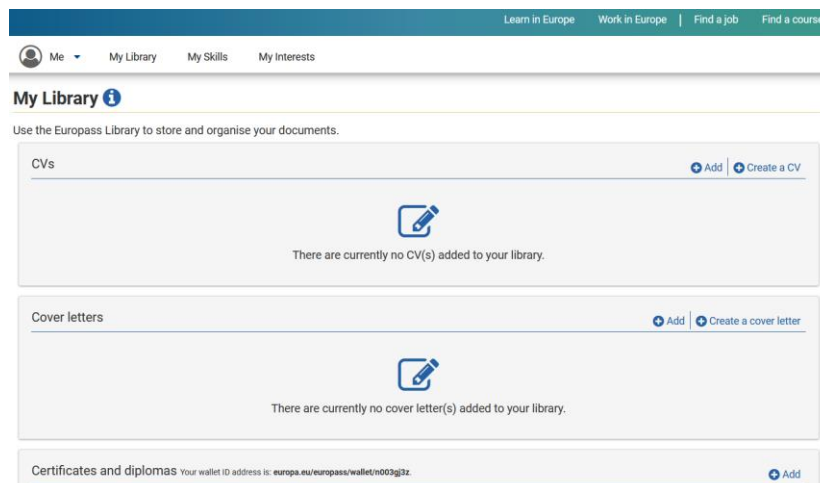
When logged in, click on: “Create your free Europass”.

STEP 2: FILL IN YOUR BASIC PROFILE DATA

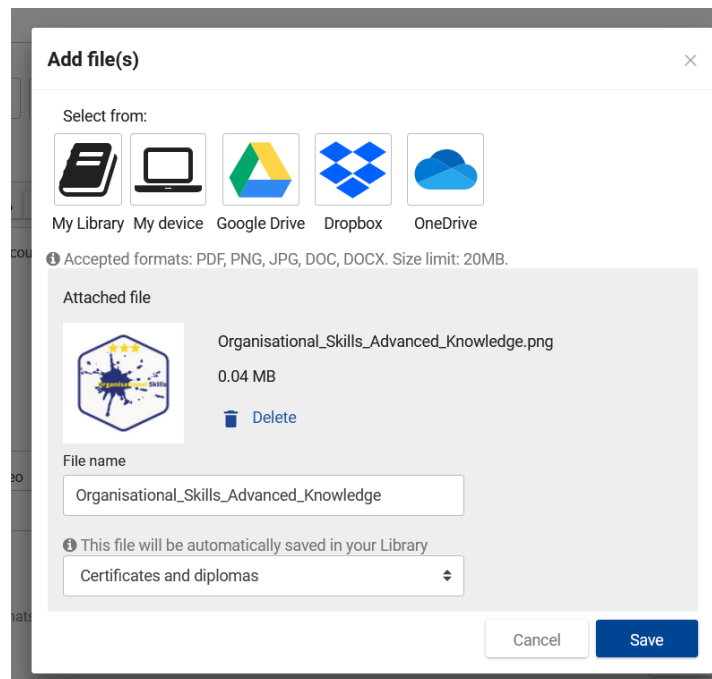
Here you fill in the data that is necessary for a good cv. Specify as much (or as little) personal data you wish, and of course your educational and work history. Online help can be found within the application



Through the menu option "My Library", and the section "Certificates and Diploma's" you can upload your soft skills badges.



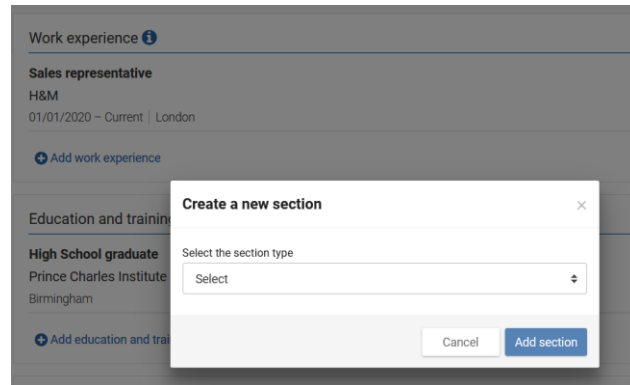
And “through certificates and diplomas” you can upload your badges (that you downloaded from SoftSkills Academy) from your device to your library.



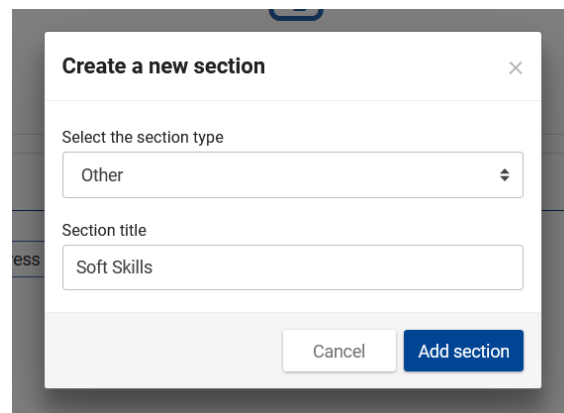
STEP 3: DEFINE A SOFT SKILLS SECTION

This is an interesting feature of the new Europass, to add self-defined sections to your profile, to describe special competencies.


Go to your Profile and Create a new Section





There is a drop-down list with possible titles for the new section. Choose "Other" and give the title: "Soft Skills".





Define a section for soft skills, and add a subsection for each of the five groups within the “SPOCC-Framework” (Social, Personal, Creative, Cooperative and Organizational Skills)
Add a short description of what (for example) “Creative Thinking Skills” are and do the same for the other modules:


Soft Skills  [Edit name](#)

Organisational Skills  [Edit](#) |  [Delete](#)

Skills that are needed in every commercial and non-commercial organisation. Like investigating what the internal or external customer is expecting and delivering good service to meet those needs, working within limited time scales, prioritizing and concentrating on the task to deliver good results. It is also about finding solutions to problems, planning and delegating more long term activities, keeping schedules and reporting progress. So these skills do come handy in your personal life too! Imagine you want to renovate your kitchen, that needs some careful goal setting, planning and time management too.
For this module I received a badge on advanced level

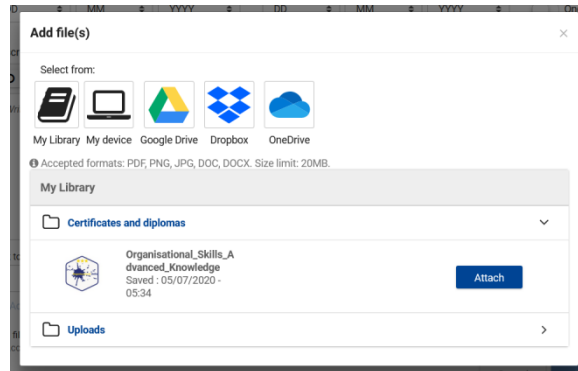
Creative Thinking Skills  [Edit](#) |  [Delete](#)

How to be innovative, implement changes and think analytically. I followed a course at academy-softskills4.eu where specifically innovativeness, constant improvement, analytical thinking, implementing changes and fostering creativity skills were covered.

 [Add Soft Skills](#)

STEP 4: ADD YOUR BADGES TO THE SOFT SKILLS SECTION(S)

And after step 3, the earned badges can be added from the Library to your soft skills section:




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[Additional information ^](#)

 [Organisational_Skills_Advanced_Knowledge](#)

STEP 5: GENERATE YOUR CV OR PROFILE PAGE

After completing the profile, the end user can either create a CV from this profile, or can create a link to his profile page.

TIPS FOR THE EUROPASS E-PORTFOLIO



Fill in the other profile information, like your educational background and work history. When you keep that information always up to date you can always easily generate a CV or a profile page to use in a job application.



When applying for a job, use the Profile Page option (instead of the cv) and send the temporary link to the employer. This protects your privacy better than sending all your data on a cv and not knowing where that data is put. But make sure to give the company enough time to read your data....

