



Advancing Global Mobility and Transparency: Groningen Declaration Network Welcomes Credential Engine as a New Signatory

Signaling a shared commitment to global worker mobility and transparency.

October 9th, 2024 (Washington, D.C.) - The Groningen Declaration Network (the GDN Network) welcomes Credential Engine as its newest signatory member, confirming their shared commitment to supporting learners and workers as they navigate the global education and employment marketplace.

“We are excited to deepen our collaboration with Credential Engine and welcome them into the GDN Network community as a Signatory,” said Jelger de Boer, president of the GDN Network. “Credential Engine’s leadership in the education and training data standards space is unique and critical to enabling and advancing credential portability for learners. With the focus on skills-based assessment and hiring, being able to share structured data about learning outcomes achieved even at the level of modular learning holds significant promise for our international partners.”

The GDN Network's goal is to build digital capacity across states and countries and to provide sustainable technology solutions for digital credential exchange that transform organizational capacity and expand and extend services for citizens.

An international nonprofit with a mission to bring transparency to the global credential landscape and foster improved mobility, Credential Engine manages the most comprehensive open-source data infrastructure to describe credentials, skills, quality, outcomes, transfer, and pathways.

Today the GDN Network consists of participants and signatories from countries around the world who endorse citizen-focused, privacy-compliant data exchange principles that support mobility. Credential Engine will add to the growing network of international thought leaders to assist, advise, and offer innovative changes in how we support students and workers, remove barriers to mobility, advance global economic growth, and advance equitable access and outcomes for all individuals.

“We are honored to become a Signatory to the Groningen Declaration, and to join the growing network of countries and organizations around the world committed to its principles of serving the academic and professional mobility needs of individuals worldwide,” said Scott Cheney, CEO of Credential Engine. “At a time of both growth and confusion in the credential marketplace and increased movement and displacement of people across the world, transparency, self-sovereignty, and equity are more essential than ever, and we are committed to being a positive force for good on each of these fronts.”

The GDN Network and Credential Engine will soon announce their joint plans for a series of webinars and initiatives with other GDN Network members.

About the Groningen Declaration Network (The GDN Network): *The GDN Network is an international, non-profit federated trust located in the Netherlands. It represents a voluntary network of like-minded organizations and individuals that seek to make digital student data portability happen. Its network of thought leaders from around the globe are collaborators who seek to support, advise, and offer innovative changes in the ways we share artifacts of academic learning. The GDN Network seeks common ground in best serving the academic and professional mobility needs of citizens worldwide by bringing together stakeholders in the digital student data ecosystem. It seeks to develop and support best practices and globally accepted standards for safe and citizen-oriented convenings and information exchanges. Learn more about the GDN Network at: groningendeclaration.org.*

About Credential Engine: *Credential Engine is a non-profit whose mission is to map the credential landscape with clear and consistent information, fueling the creation of resources that empower people to find the pathways that are best for them. Credential Engine provides a suite of web-based services that creates for the first time a public Credential Registry to house up-to-date information about all credentials, the Credential Transparency Description Language (CTDL) a common description language to enable credential comparability, and a platform to support customized applications to search and retrieve information about credentials. Learn more about Credential Engine at: credentialengine.org*

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