



# OBEC

One Block for Educational Credentials



## Staff training completed

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At the end of October the partners came together in Sisak, Croatia for a week of joint activities, the first ever opportunity for the partners to safely work together in person. For the first three days, a "Train the Trainers" activity was held in order to prepare for the various courses which all partners will teach over the coming months. With the presence of a representative of the ECTA platform, which was chosen for providing certification to learners based on Blockchain technology, the trainers could also clarify doubts and prepare themselves for the national trainings to come.

Each partner also presented the content of the different course modules that they will teach in order to receive feedback and suggestions.

Lastly, the partners held the mid-term meeting of the project to discuss what has been learned so far, project visibility and quality, upcoming tasks and events, and the timeframes for them.

### What is OBEC?

OBEC is a project exploring how Blockchain technology can be used to promote recognition of skills and qualifications. It is doing this by testing out an innovative system for issuing and validating learning credentials. OBEC's ultimate goal is to encourage the professional and academic integration of migrants, exchange students, and individuals with alternative learning backgrounds.

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# Upcoming courses

Each partner will teach at least one course on a topic of interest to their selected audience. The courses are planned to take place over the next months, dates to be shared soon!

For more information on the course and to sign up for it, please follow Swideas on social media or keep an eye on our webpage for OBEC: <https://swideas.se/obec-en>

## How OBEC will issue credentials

Over the summer of 2021 the OBEC partners researched into different platforms already available which harness blockchain technology in order to provide solutions to the problems of diploma and skills recognition between countries. From a number of different options, the most suitable one was chosen.



ECTA is a platform for registering competencies based on Blockchain. It allows skills and qualifications to be issued to learners in a transparent, credible, and immutable way. Its main benefits include total authenticity, decentralisation, trust and immutability, less bureaucracy, and direct interaction between learners and academia with recognition of acquired competencies.

So in short: each learner on each course will be able to quickly and easily create a profile on ECTA to which the modules they complete and the associated skills they learn will be accredited. ECTA will then serve as reliable proof of their successful participation.



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