



Strategic partnership project

“European Badge Alliance”

2015-2017

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What is an Open badge?





Badge meta- data:

- Issuer
- Earner
- Description
- Criteria
- Evidence
- Standard
- Endorsement
- & more...



Badge Issuers



Digital badge pathways



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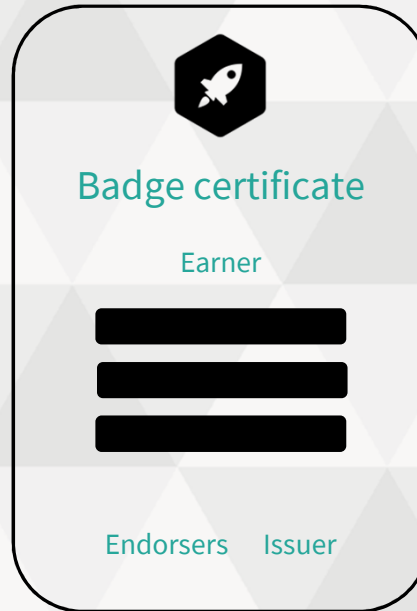
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Badge Earners



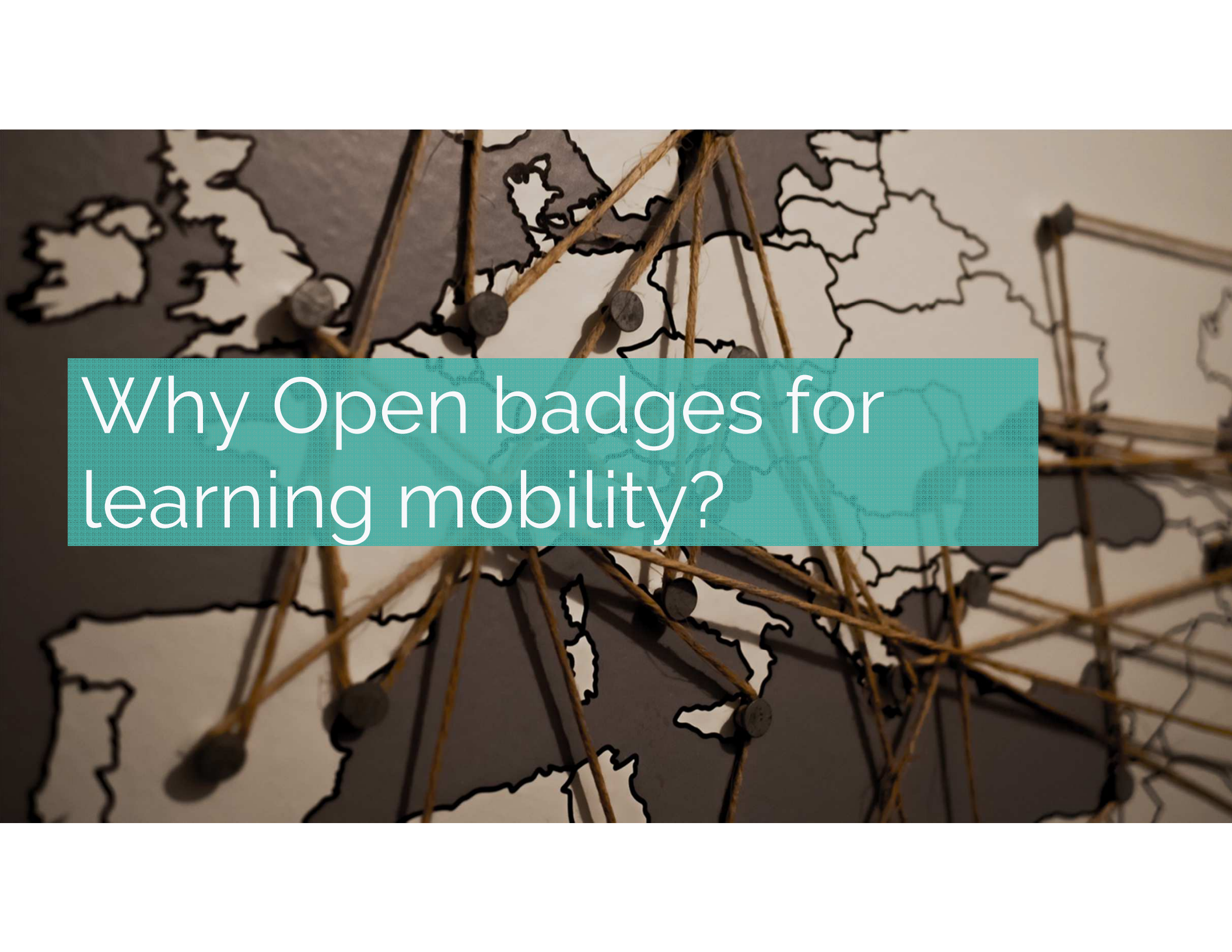
Badge earners profile



Digital badge certificates



Badge data viewers

A map of Europe is shown in the background, with several locations marked by small dark pins. Thin, light-colored strings are stretched between these pins, creating a network of connections across the continent. This visual metaphor represents learning mobility and the interconnectedness of educational paths.

Why Open badges for learning mobility?

To appeal to young people and to ensure greater impact on their lives, new settings where young people spend their time, such as modern city infrastructure and virtual space, as well as **new approaches using innovative online and offline tools** (such as gamification, GPS based activities, learning **badges** or design thinking), should be reflected upon and taken into account in the further development of education and training of youth workers.

Promoting new approaches in youth work to uncover and develop the potential of young people, EU Council conclusions, 21-11-2016

Learning methods are also evolving, and migrating from traditional formal education settings. **Recording and recognising this learning is proving problematic, but tools like Open Badges are filling this space.**

Europass 2020: A vision for meeting the current and future needs of modern European citizens in recording and promoting skills, qualifications and experience.

By Europass Innovation working group, 2016

Project objectives



To identify, test and mainstream open badges as a method for the recognition of competences acquired by young people through mobility.



To improve Youth workers competences dealing with recognition processes of non-formal or informal learning.



Raise awareness on the importance of improving recognition of key competences learned through mobility among decision makers.



To increase the integration and interaction among non-formal, informal and formal learning, including vocational educational training.

Competences being developed through youth mobilities

1. Cooperating in teams
2. Dealing within culturally diverse groups
3. Negotiation skills
4. Ability to achieve
5. Communication in foreign languages
6. Entrepreneurship - putting ideas into practice
7. Confidence in discussions
8. Creative expression skills
9. Discovery of opportunities for pers./prof. life
10. Learning competence

Source: RAY survey on youth mobility project impact, 2012

Top 10 skills to thrive in 4th industrial revolution by 2020

1. Complex problem-solving
2. Critical thinking
3. Creativity
4. People management
5. Coordinating with others
6. Emotional intelligence
7. Judgement and decision-making
8. Service orientation
9. Negotiation
10. Cognitive flexibility



Source: The Future of Jobs, WEF, 2016

SKILLS GAP *in the EU*



21.2%

OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE EU
ARE UNEMPLOYED

90% OF JOBS NEED
DIGITAL SKILLS



BUT
ONLY **HALF** OF THE EU
POPULATION IS DEEMED
DIGITALLY SKILLED



5.1% NEETS

NOT IN EDUCATION,
EMPLOYMENT, OR TRAINING

EU-28 2014



WE HIRE ICT
PROFESSIONALS!

*ICT
INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY

825,000

UNFILLED VACANCIES FOR ICT*
PROFESSIONALS BY 2020



Project achievements



8 Frameworks - 8 Badge Systems

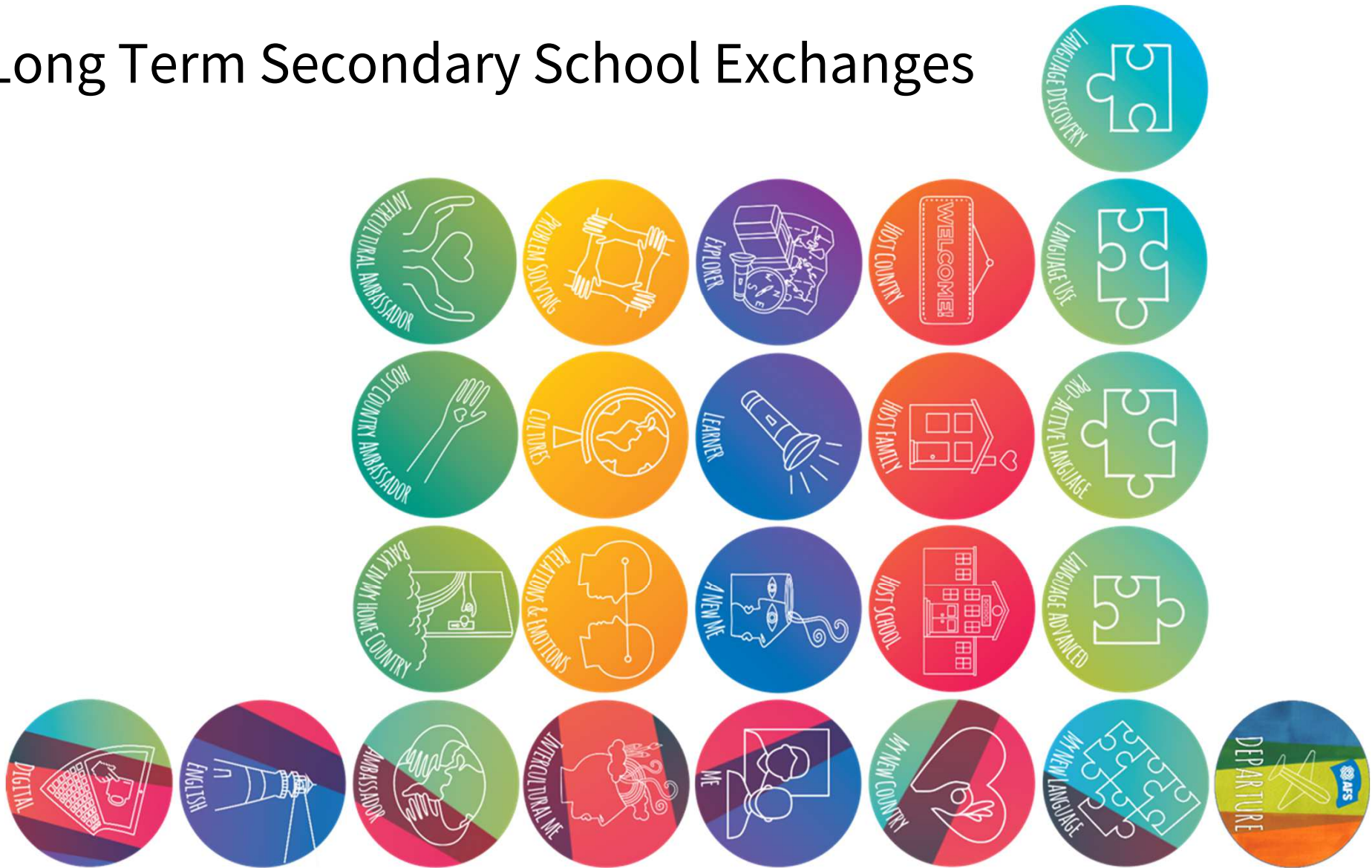


- Long-Term Secondary School Exchanges
- VET Mobility
- International Training Activities
- International Placements



- International Facilitators
- Junior Trainers
- Senior Trainers
- Organizers for International Activities

Long Term Secondary School Exchanges



Vocational Education and Training Mobilities



International Training Activities



International Placements



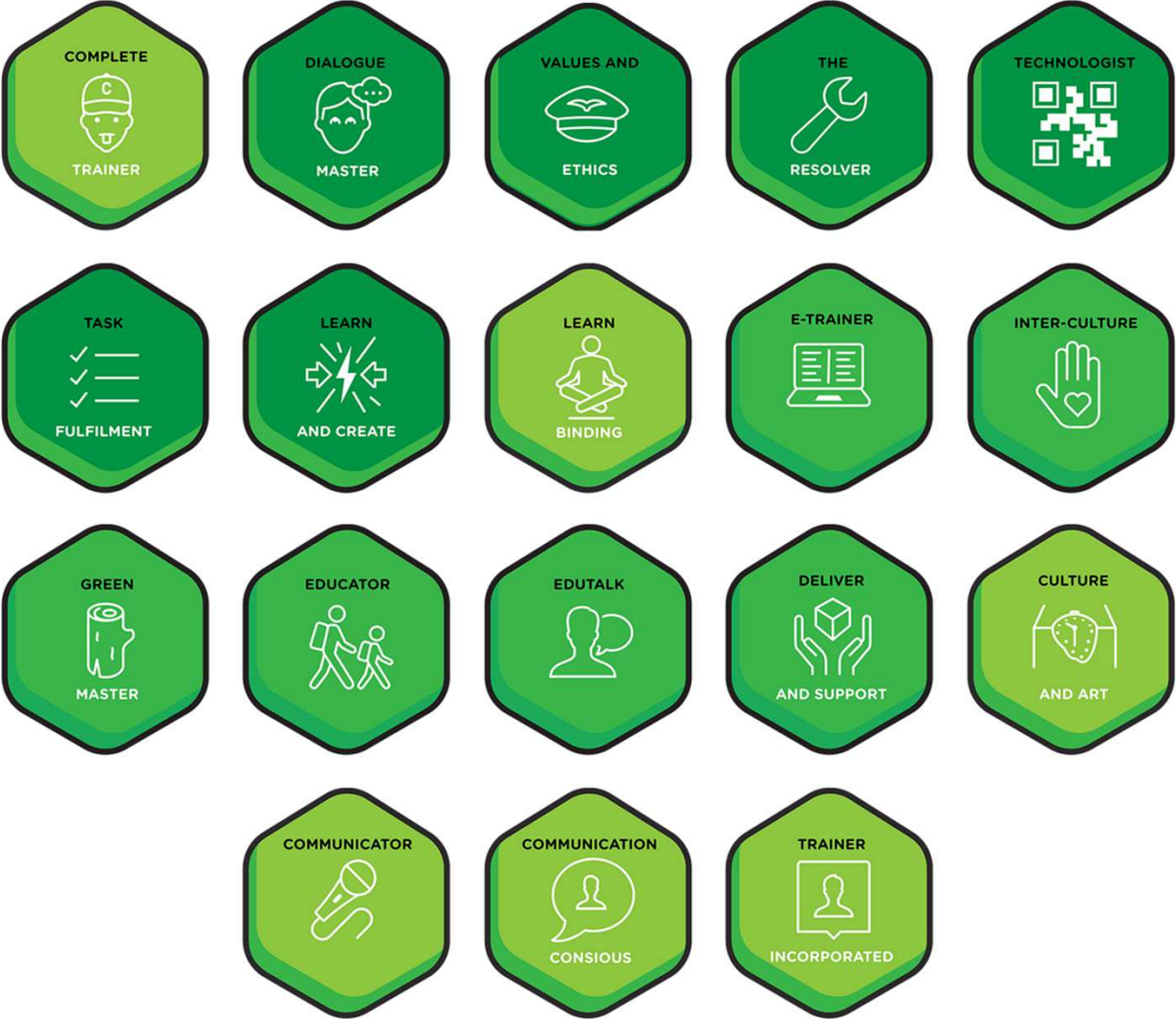
International Facilitators



Junior Trainers

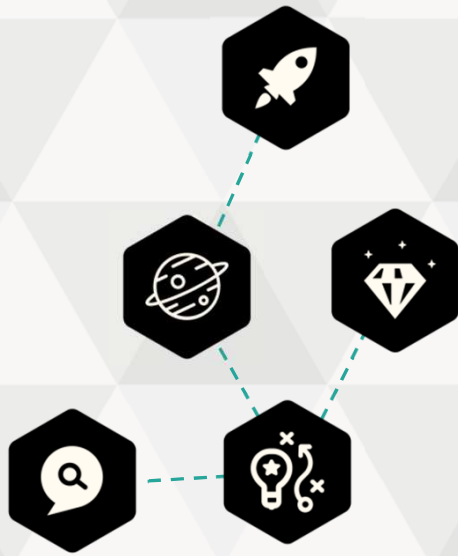


Senior Trainers



Organizers of International Activities





1146 issued open
badges
– 231 in progress



290 badge earners
8 projects

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