EUF Newsletter October 2023

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Ready to time-travel to the future of student mobility?

Registration is now open for the Student Mobility Summit "EWP Back to the Future". The event, organised by the EUF and the University of Barcelona, will take place from **January 30th to February 1st, 2024**, in the vibrant city of Barcelona.

The Student Mobility Summit program is packed with engaging sessions and speakers, and in-depth discussions on the digitalisation of the student mobility journey. Our presentations and roundtables will provide you with the latest insights. Plus, we are offering training sessions tailored to different needs, effectively empowering you to harness the power of digitalisation in your work.

Whether you are just beginning your journey into the world of EWP or you are a seasoned user looking to fine-tune your expertise, our summit offers something special for everyone.

Explore the full program and find registration details on the summit website!

#### The EUF network is expanding.

We are thrilled to announce the expansion of the EUF network! <u>University of Bordeaux</u> and <u>University of</u> <u>Milan</u> have become new charter members while <u>Aleksandër</u> <u>Moisiu University of Durrës</u>, <u>Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State</u> <u>University</u> and <u>Yeditepe University</u> have joined us as associate members. But that's not all: our network now stretches across 32 countries, extending its reach from Norway to Georgia! With these additions, the EUF network comprises 83 universities committed to fostering innovation, collaboration, and excellence in European Higher Education.

#### A two-part insight on Blended Student Mobility.



Blended Student Mobility (BSM) has rapidly gained prominence, transforming higher education by offering students the best of both worlds: engaging in inperson and online learning as part of their academic

journey. The HIBLend project partners have delved deep into the world of BSM, conducting extensive research that unveils numerous possibilities for students and institutions. Curious about the available options? <u>One article</u> takes you through the **core elements** of Blended Student Mobility, while the <u>other one</u> presents various **models and approaches** that offer benefit to students and institutions alike.

#### **EAIE** completed: an eventful week in Rotterdam.



It is not easy to summarise how much has happened in just a few days at EAIE. To start, we hosted a **welcoming reception** for the representatives of the member institutions and were delighted to meet old and new friends in person. Several other meetings took place during the conference. We also had the opportunity to

# Network events

Changing Universities, changing Europe conference Rotterdam, November 30th EUF Lustrum Celebrations

> Interesting events

Students' Mental Health: Students Thriving or Simply Surviving? Online, October 19th EUROSTUDENT Talks / <u>Read</u> more

**Erasmus Without Paper** Online, October 25th *Town Hall Meeting / <u>Read more</u>* 

Staff Training Week Porto, November 15th-17th Project Preparation and Management / <u>Read more</u>

CZEDUCON 2023 Brno, November 21st-23rd Conference on Internationalisation of Higher Education / <u>Read more</u>

European Lifelong Learning Stakeholders Forum Brussels, November 27th Side Event of the European Education Summit / <u>Read more</u>

The European Education Area: A reality for all Brussels and Online, November 30th Sixth European Education Summit / <u>Read more</u>

**Lifelong Learning Week 2023** Brussels, November 27th-

present a selection of the **EUF**'s diverse activities. Through a workshop, three sessions, a virtual session and eight posters, we gave an insight into the topics we are working on: blended mobility, staff training, digital tools, sustainable mobility, students' well-being, inclusive grant system models, accommodation issues, dissemination, transversal skills in doctoral education, curricula-matching as well as third age education.

#### Interview with MEP on Erasmus+ grant system.



As partners of the "Erasmus for All" Erasmus+ KA2 project, we are on a mission to make student mobility more **accessible and equitable** by enhancing the Erasmus+ grant system. Last month, two of our

colleagues from the EUF Secretariat had the privilege of interviewing <u>MEP Romeo Franz</u>, and the insights gained were invaluable. Stay tuned for more updates about the project.

### Learning Beyond 60.



Last month, approximately 20 students aged 60 and above attended the Learning, Teaching, and Training (LTT) event in Split, Croatia, organised by the Erasmus+60 project partners. This short-term

mobility experience opened doors to **education for those aged 60** and beyond, promoting intergenerational learning. Over the course of a week, participants tested diverse online courses, provided feedback, and savoured the beauty of Split' history and culture. This LTT experience proves that learning knows no age limits. Read the <u>complete article</u> now!

#### **—** Toolkit to prepare students for mobility abroad.



The <u>Compass toolkit</u> was developed to support International Relation Officers and International Student Organisations to assist young people in preparing for their mobility journeys abroad. A **step-bystep guide** will help you

reach out to students preparing for mobility and returning from one, as well as recruit students to become ambassadors of the Compass platform, connecting international and local students.

#### The latest from EWP.

The <u>Erasmus Without Paper Champions</u>, including a number of EUF member universities, are institutions using various systems to connect to the EWP Network (the EWP Dashboard, in-house systems and third party systems) from all across Europe. We want to extend our warmest congratulations to these EUF member EWP champions for their commitment to successfully implementing EWP. Want to learn about **good practices** in implementing EWP? Read an interview with the University of Iceland and another interview from Lund University. Additionally, if you couldn't attend the **EWP webinars** in September, you can catch up by watching the recorded sessions on the European Student Card Initiative's YouTube channel.

December 1st Key Competences for All: a Lifelong Learning Approach to Skills / <u>Read more</u>

Recognition Culture in Higher Education. Bonn, December 11th-12th International Perspectives on Lifelong Learning and Student Mobility / <u>Read more</u>

# **New call for European University Alliances is out.**

The call seeks to establish a Community of Practice of European Universities alliances, facilitating the sharing of best practices and experiences for the benefit of the higher education sector. Read more

#### Feedback on the Erasmus+ programmes.

The European Commission has opened a <u>public consultation</u> to evaluate whether Erasmus+ is working as intended. The consultation will run until the 8th of December 2023.

## **2024** Erasmus work programme.

The European Commission has just released the <u>Erasmus work</u> programme for the upcoming year.



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