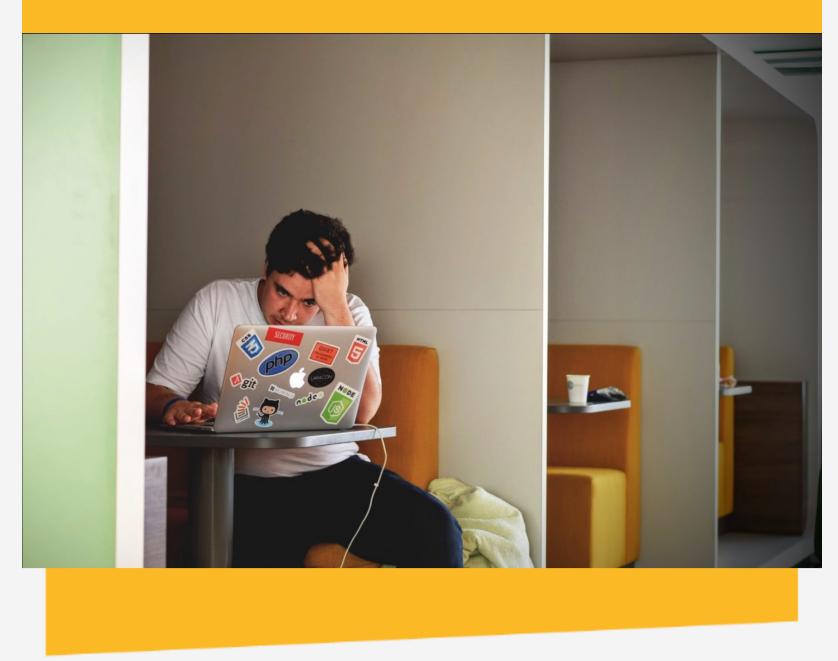
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Erasmus isn't for all. How can this change?

How many students from your institution are eager to participate in the Erasmus+ programme but are discouraged by financial difficulties and/or insufficient grants? In recent years, there have been increasing concerns that the manner in which Erasmus grants are calculated is **leaving many students behind**. While the programme aims to provide equal opportunities for students, the grant calculation method is based on a one-size-fits-all approach that does not take into account the **cost of living in different countries**. This has led to students receiving grants that do not cover their living expenses, making it difficult for them to fully participate in the programme.

The <u>Erasmus for All</u> project advocates for changes in the grant calculation process by offering **potential solutions** that could be implemented to address these issues. These proposals and the work of the Erasmus for All consortium aim to improve the current system towards a solution that is **more transparent and fair**, and that increases the sense of European identity that has been associated with Erasmus since its creation. <u>Learn more</u> and join the Erasmus for All consortium in advocating for change!

■ Teaching mobility & internationalisation practices.



The **mobility of academics** seems to take a back seat to other more popular internationalisation topics. We decided to put it back into focus because we believe it should be a cornerstone of internationalisation. In our new <u>Vision Series article</u>, we have examined how this opportunity is used by lecturers of some **EUF member institutions**, reflecting on trends and possible conclusions.

Calling to include Switzerland in Erasmus+.

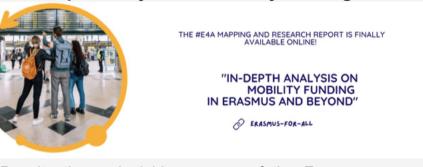
Different **student organisations**, including the Swiss National Youth Council, ESN Switzerland, Intermundo, and VSS-UNES-USU are calling for practical solutions to include **Switzerland in Erasmus+** and promote equal opportunities for young people across Europe. The EUF has joined their campaign. Read the <u>full statement</u>.

Best practices to prepare students for mobility.



Find out the results of the Compass project! A webinar on March 28th will present the findings of the research about the expectations and needs of students preparing to go on mobility, as well as a guide of good practices. Register here!

In-depth analysis on mobility funding.



Despite the undeniable success of the Erasmus+ programme, surveys and reports conducted in the framework of the Erasmus for All project indicate that participation levels are low due to students' (and their families) insufficient financial resources. The Erasmus for all consortium has published an In Erasmus And Beyond, outlining considerations for a more economically **inclusive scholarship**

Quality blended mobility in Higher Education.



How do we improve the quality of blended mobility opportunities offered by HEIs in Europe? This was the opening question of the HIBLend kick off meeting that took place in Brussels, last February. This 3-year project, funded under the Erasmus+ programme, aims to enhance the capacity of HEIs to develop high-quality blended mobility opportunities for students. During the meeting, the consortium partners discussed project planning and analysis of existing models and approaches to student blended mobility.

Lifelong learning opportunities for seniors. Erasmus+60 is a project that addresses a critical need for

educational opportunities for European citizens aged 60 and above. The project consortium is hosting two events: the <u>first one</u> will take place in a hybrid form on March 31st and will focus on the **education of seniors and intergenerational education**. The second event, a <u>hackathon</u>, will be held online on April 18th and will explore well-being factors of studying for seniors, **lifelong learning resources** and more.

Share with your students! Recent years showed us that a

Recent years showed us that a **sense of belonging** is very important in facing the everyday changes and challenges of student life. The UNICOMM project team invites international and working students within your HEI to take part in a <u>short survey</u> that will help them design valuable activities addressed to people studying in HEIs in the European Union. Upon completing the survey, respondents will be able to take part in free online workshops on intercultural skills.

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the future of learning mobility in view of its policy proposal later this year. The <u>consultation</u> will be open until May 3rd.

Report on mutual recognition of qualifications.

The future of Learning Mobility: consultation.

Last month, the Commission published a report assessing how far Member States have come in automatically and mutually recognising qualifications from higher education and upper secondary education and training as well as the outcomes of learning periods abroad.

Interesting events

EU Student eCard Stakeholders Forum Venice, March 9th - 10th The latest in the enhanced digital infrastructure / Read more

Before Mobility: Matching Students Expectations with University Practices Online, March 28th Compass webinar / Read more

Technical Workshop for the In-house Mobility Software Providers

Thessaloniki and online, March 30th - 31st Enhancing cooperation with the In-house mobility software providers / Read more

How to Provide Educational
Offers for Senior Citizens on
the University Campus
Brno and online, March 31st
Education of senior citizens
and intergenerational
education / Read more

Erasmus+ 60 Hackathon
Online, April 18th
Third-age learning perspectives
in modern society / Read more

EUF Open Space
Split, Croatia, June 7th - 9th
Take the first step to your
Erasmus+ project / Read more

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- Only 1 week left to secure your spot at #ErasmusGoesDigital on May 3rd in Brussels! Join us for insights on the o... https://t.co/rQkvvFOlqh 12:2 2PM
- Registrations are now officially open for the EU #Student #eCard Conference & Training event!
 June 27th-28th

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