



New Erasmus Without Paper Back to the future White Paper!

Erasmus Without Paper (EWP) has been leading the digital transformation of student mobility administration for over a decade. Now, having onboarded nearly all Higher Education Institutions in Europe doing study mobility, EWP is the world's most advanced digital ecosystem for student mobility. However, transitioning from old-fashioned, paper-based systems to digital workflows has not been without its challenges.

The '[Erasmus Without Paper Back to the Future' White Paper](#), shaped by consultations with around 500 universities, offers ambitious yet practical recommendations to simplify and advance processes, moving beyond mere digitisation to full-scale digitalisation. [Read more](#)

If you are interested in delving more deeply into the discussion and the recommendations, we invite you to join the [special webinar](#) on May 23rd!

Erasmus+ Overshoot Day.



April 23rd marked the Erasmus+ Overshoot Day, a symbolic reminder highlighting the moment when students, despite receiving an Erasmus+ grant, **exhaust their financial support** and must rely on personal resources to sustain their stay abroad. Through data from the ESNsurvey and participant feedback, the campaign aimed to raise awareness and advocate for improved **support mechanisms** for all students wishing to partake in the transformative Erasmus+ experience. Learn more about this Erasmus+ Overshoot Day and the calculation methodology [here](#).

Help us map intercultural preparation and debriefing practices.



Is there a need to prepare internationally mobile students to deal with interculturality? To what extent can intercultural preparation and/or debriefing courses improve their international experience? The PADMICA team invites you to [participate in a survey](#) to map initiatives related to intercultural preparation and debriefing. Please help us to get a comprehensive picture by completing the **questionnaire for institutions** and promoting the **questionnaire for students**.

The role of course evaluation.



**Accessing comprehensive information** about courses at host institutions is crucial for students interested in undertaking a mobility experience, enabling them to make informed decisions regarding mobility destinations. However, existing quality assurance mechanisms often overlook the specific needs of mobile students. A [recent article](#) published on the AsCOLA website analyses the challenges faced by mobile students and discusses the expected impact of the **AsCOLA tool**. Planned for launch in the second half of 2024, the AsCOLA tool aims to empower students to shape their learning path, address inconsistencies in course quality, and foster transparency and trust between students and higher education institutions.

Contribute to better student housing.



Accommodation remains a key challenge for international mobility, and **HOME2** is dedicated to creating inclusive and supportive housing environments for students. As part of this initiative, the project consortium has launched two surveys to comprehensively **map the landscape of international student accommodation**. Valuable insights are particularly sought after from **staff working in International Relations Offices and University Housing Offices**. Your participation in filling out the questionnaires is crucial as it significantly contributes to increased understanding of your organisation's resources and your own experiences in supporting mobile students. Please also consider sharing the surveys with relevant colleagues to ensure comprehensive feedback.

How can we contribute to students' wellbeing?



The **quantitative study** carried out in the WISE project has been published! In this report, key considerations on students' well-being have been analysed from both the perspective of students and higher education institutions. The quantitative study shows interesting findings on student well-being, factors leading to student well-being, and different **perceptions and approaches of institutions** in this regard. The **report** is available on the project website.

The SET project webpage has been launched.



In the Sustainable Erasmus+ Travel project, the focus is on **green travel as a learning experience**. We aim to improve students' opportunities to engage in more environmentally sustainable habits during their mobility and to change their mindset regarding the trip to the mobility destination. Learn more about the background to the sustainable travel concept and the planned activities on the [new project website](#).

Key Transferable Skills for PhD candidates.

A PhD can open doors to many sectors beyond academia. What are the **skills needed** by those that decide to pursue **non-academic career paths**? The DocTalent4EU project researched and outlined the key transferable skills that bridge the gap between academia and other professional avenues. Read more about the findings [here](#).

Interesting events

**Internationalisation in Higher Education**  
Online, May 16th  
*Empowering Innovative Teaching and Learning Practices Across Borders* / [Read more](#)

**Critical Thinking Integration: COIL and AI Tools for HE Enhancement**  
Riga, May 20th-24th  
*Erasmus+ Crossroads staff week* / [Read more](#)

**New Ways of Thinking about Internationalisation through Innovations in Technology**  
Mostar, May 20th-24th  
*4th International Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Week* / [Read more](#)

**The Future of Mobility in Light of Geopolitical Changes**  
Brussels, May 21st  
*Erasmus+ Salon* / [Read more](#)

**Training on Project Management**  
Porto, May 22nd-24th  
*Erasmus+ Crossroads staff week* / [Read more](#)

**EWP Back to the Future Webinar**  
Online, May 23rd  
*Save the date* / [Read more](#)

**EUF Open Space**  
Murcia, May 28th-31st  
*Take the first step to designing your Erasmus+ project* / [Read more](#)

**Blended Intensive Programme on Project Management**  
Cadiz, June 3rd-7th  
*Strengthening partnerships through Erasmus cooperation projects* / [Read more](#)

**Bridging the Generation Gap in Higher Education**  
Rotterdam, June 10th-13th  
*Erasmus+ Crossroads staff week* / [Read more](#)

**ELTE Intercultural Staff Training for Staff Members of Higher Education Institutions**  
Budapest, June 10th-14th  
*Erasmus+ Crossroads staff week* / [Read more](#)

Higher Ed news

**Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027.**  
The Commission adopted the [second strategic plan](#) for Horizon Europe which sets out three key strategic orientations for EU's research and innovation funding for the last three years of the programme.

**European degree unveiled.**  
The European Commission proposes blueprint for a [European degree](#), aiming for greater cooperation between institutions.

**Internationalization of Higher Education.**  
The International Association of Universities (IAU) has published the 6th edition of its [Global Surveys](#), which examines internationalisation trends worldwide over the past five years.

**European Education Area public consultation.**  
The European Commission's [public consultation](#) seeks input from stakeholders to evaluate the interim progress of the European Education Area. Open until June 27th, it welcomes contributions from individuals and organisations to enrich the evaluation evidence base.