

Welcome to session S09.01

ERASMUS VIRTUAL ASSISTANT: study choices matter

This session aims at...

- 1. Increasing knowledge of digitalisation trends in Erasmus+
- 2. Providing information to anticipate changes within your institution
- 3. Envisaging improvements of the student experience when going abroad with Erasmus+



Speakers

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Timing

- Erasmus+ Going Digital: Erasmus+ App 10 min
- Digitising the application process to study abroad 10 min
- World café exchanging experiences 25 min
- Questions & Answers 5 min





Polling

Let's get started

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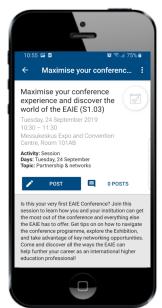
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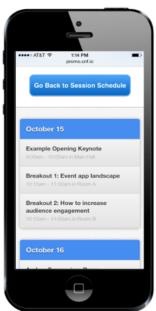
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Polling time

 Do you recommend that your mobile students use the Erasmus+ App?

- Yes
- No
- What is the Erasmus+ App?



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The Erasmus+ App





The European Education Area by 2025

- Spending time abroad to study and learn is standard
- School and higher education diplomas are automatically recognised across the EU
- Speaking two languages, in addition to one's mother tongue, is the norm
- Educational excellence is a reality for all, irrespective of people's socio-economic background
- People have a strong sense of their identity as Europeans and of Europe's cultural heritage and its diversity.

Enriching lives, opening minds

through EU-funded learning opportunities abroad, partnerships, support to reform

2014 - 2020

117 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over million people



2021 - 2027

30 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over million people

Future Erasmus Programme: Supporting the creation of a European Education Area

European Student Card Initiative



Digitising student mobility administration processes

Rolling out the "European Student Card" and enabling mobile students to gain access to campus and other services











Supporting bottom-up projects

Erasmus Without Paper

 Digitising administrative processes, secure data transfer between higher education institutions, and single entry point for administrators

Erasmus+ Mobile App

Single entry point for students

MyAcademicID

Developing unique student identity numbers and secure online authentication services

European Student Card project

 Turning existing student cards into European Student Cards









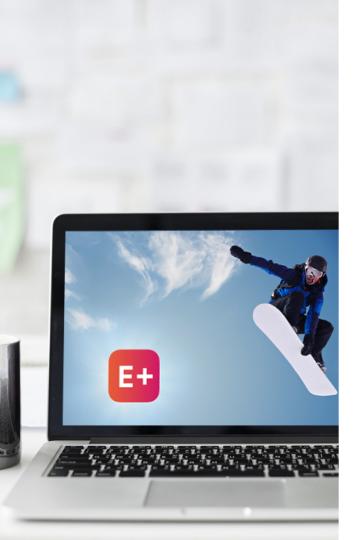




Erasmus+ App: Single entry point for students

- Existing Erasmus+ mobile app being redeveloped
- To ensure accessibility, services available via mobile devices plus desktops, laptops and tablets
- Online information and services for mobile students before, during and after their mobilities
- Research partnering universities and courses using data from new online Inter-Institutional Agreements
- Apply online for a period of mobility*
- Manage their Online Learning Agreements*
 - * if their higher education institution uses this service





Erasmus+ App: Single entry point for students

- Receive notifications and reminders to phone via push notifications
- Seamless access to Online Linguistic Support
- Connect with activities and events in their host university and surrounding area
- Virtual European Student Card on mobile device*
- Longer-term potential, complete host HEI enrolment process before leaving home HEI





Timescales and next steps

- Erasmus Without Paper and enhanced E+ mobile app to be ready for start of new Erasmus programme
- Mandatory use of electronic data transfers being staged in from 2021 (if tools are fit-for-purpose)
 - 2021 Online Learning and Inter-Institutional Agreements
 - 2022 Nominations
 - 2023 Transcript of records
- Over 1,000 universities already using parts of Erasmus Without Paper system
- European Student Card project moving from concept phase to beginning planning of roll out across Europe









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DIGITALISATION OF THE ERASMUS+ APPLICATION PROCESS



APPLYING ONLINE FOR ERASMUS+



What is it?

- The opportunity for HEIs to go fully in the management of their mobilities, by
 - Handling digital Inter-institutional Agreements
 - Setting requirements for the application and nomination of students
 - Enabling a digital application form
 - Forwarding digital nominations to partner institutions
- Implementing it on the Erasmus+ mobile App
- Enabling the feature in Erasmus Without Paper



How does it work?

- Implementing it on the Erasmus+ mobile App
 - As a single entrance point to the programme for students
- Enabling the feature in Erasmus Without Paper (EWP)
 - To connect existing digital application and nomination information systems
- Implementing the feature on the Erasmus+ Dashboard
 - To enable access for HEIs which do not want to use EWP

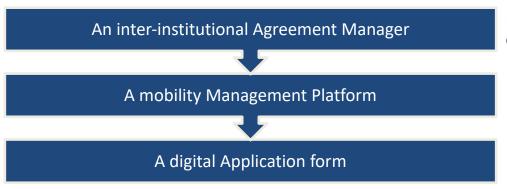


This is not...

 a replacement for other existing international mobility management tools.



Example of Applying to Study Abroad



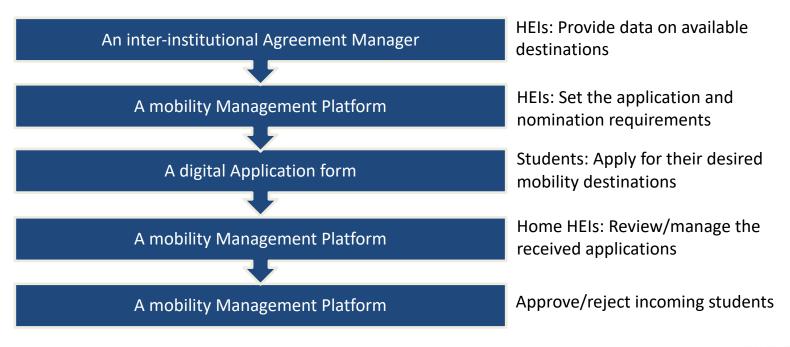
HEIs: Provide data on available destinations

HEIs: Set the application and nomination requirements

Students: Apply for their desired mobility destinations



Example of Applying to Study Abroad





Students get the possibility to

- Get access to language level requirements
- Receive information on accommodation arrangements
- Contact details from the home and host institution
- Provide data only once
- Information on support structures and services



Advantages

- Streamlined application process with required information automatically provided to the students
- No re-entry of information that is used by students and HEIs during the mobility process
- Reduced time and workload for students and HEI staff
- Potential to link more information and services in the future





A DIGITAL ERASMUS APPLICATION

A DIGITAL ERASMUS EXPERIENCE





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World Café

Your turn!

World café

 How to make the student application process more modern and student centred?



Polling time

- How to make the student application process more modern and student centred?
- Open question: please enter keywords



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World café

 How do you streamline the nomination of your mobile students between partner institutions?



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Q&A time

Polling time

- After everything you have heard, and if we deliver what we have promised, will you recommend to your students to use the app?
- Yes
- No
- What is the Erasmus+ App?



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In case you want to follow-up:

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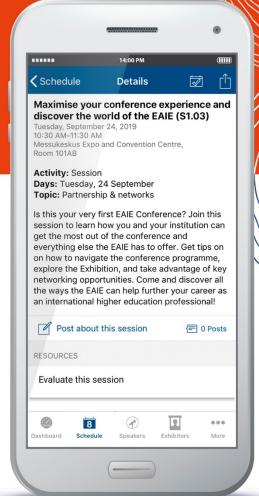
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