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Newsletter

Our 2023 Annual Report is here!



EU Foundation 2023 Annual Report Released.

The EU Foundation 2023 Annual Report is officially out! Last year marked a special milestone as we celebrated our 20th anniversary under the motto, 'Changing Universities. Changing Europe'.

In the 2023 Annual Report, we showcase our commitment to internationalisation in higher education by making student mobility more accessible and inclusive, streamlining administrative processes through digitalisation, promoting green initiatives, and improving the quality of the student experience.

From our network's expansion - which in 2023 has welcomed universities in Bosnia, Georgia and Albania - to systemically impactful initiatives, the 2023 Annual Report captures the essence of our two decades of achievements.

Student Mobility Summit - More mobility, less carbon footprint.



After the success of the previous Student Mobility Summit, we will be back with a new edition early next year with a new focus. This time, we will explore the sustainability aspects of mobility. The event will take place on 4-6 February 2025 at the University of Barcelona. Let's work out together how to balance mobility and sustainability! More details will be available in early September!

Exploring the Gap Between Mobile and Non-mobile Students: Feedback Needed.



The Erasmus GAP project investigates the reasons for the gap between mobile and non-mobile students. It explores how institutions are developing their strategies and operational processes to reduce this imbalance. Please help us build the bridge by sharing your experiences through this survey. Your responses will be greatly appreciated and will assist us in creating a toolkit for higher education institutions to self-assess how to manage this critical issue.

What Skills Can Students Gain from Sustainable Travel?

Travelling is part of the journey and the entire Erasmus mobility experience. Just like in a board game where you can draw new cards and move towards the finishing line, you practice new skills at each turn of the journey during your travel. As part of the Sustainable Erasmus+ Travel project, we are working on a repository of green soft competencies, which will be available by the end of the summer. If you do not want to miss SET updates, sign up for our mailing list.

Conference on Students' Well-being.



The final event of the WISE project will take place on 4-5 September in Brussels, focusing on well-being initiatives for students in Europe. The agenda will include discussions on inclusive universities, good practices, and the presentation of the project's results. Places are limited. If you are interested, please contact us here for more information.

New Erasmus+ Crossroads announced.



Under the framework of the Erasmus+ Crossroads initiative, Ghent University is organising a staff training "Lump sum funding in Erasmus+ projects: practice, lessons, impact" on 13-15 November. The main goal of this staff training is to share experiences and expertise regarding the lump sum model during the application phase (pre-award) and project implementation (post-award) of Erasmus+ projects.

Open Space 2024 in Murcia: A Resounding Success.



The Open Space 2024 event in Murcia was an outstanding success, with 100% of survey respondents confirming they built new contacts and 96% expressing high satisfaction. Key highlights included excellent networking opportunities, a welcoming and inspiring environment, and valuable insights into Erasmus+ project practices. The event, attended by staff from around 30 European universities, sparked numerous new project ideas and fostered discussions on internationalisation, project implementation, EU policies, and emerging topics like AI and mobility-acquired soft skills. 100% of respondents would recommend Open Space to colleagues, underscoring its role in promoting collaboration and innovation within the Erasmus+ community. Read our summary.

Roundtable Recording on Micro-Credentials Now Online.

The recording of the DocTalent4EU online roundtable, "From Micro-credentials to Digital Credentials: Current Developments in Higher Education and Research", is now available. Whether you were unable to attend the live session or wish to revisit the valuable insights shared, you can now watch the entire event here. This roundtable featured expert contributions from representatives of DG EMPL, the University of Limerick, and the University of Porto, who discussed the latest policy frameworks and practical applications of micro-credentials and digital credentials in higher education and research.

Literature Review on Intercultural Competence.

In the literature review for the PADMICA project, the authors aim to introduce relevant literature on the adaptation of international students and intercultural competence. The document concludes with recommendations for planning and implementing intercultural interventions.

WiseLearn: the Learning Platform for Seniors.



Seven English-language e-learning courses, produced by the Erasmus+60 consortium, are now available on the e-learning platform, WiseLearn. We encourage you to spread the word about these new courses among your friends and colleagues, so that many 60+ learners can benefit from them.

Interesting events

WISE Final Conference Brussels, September 4th-5th Save the Date / Read more

Erasmus For All Final Conference Brussels, October 10th Save the Date / More info coming soon

Erasmus Days Multiple locations, October 14th-19th Several events organised by Erasmus+ programme stakeholders / Read more

Lump Sum Funding in Erasmus+ Projects: Practice, Lessons, Impact Ghent, November 13th-15th Erasmus+ Crossroads staff week / Read more

MEGA Final Conference Brussels, December 5th Save the Date / More info coming soon

More Mobility, Less Carbon Footprint Barcelona, February 4th-6th, 2025 Student Mobility Summit / Read more

Higher Ed news

Twenty years of the Bologna Process. ESU has published the 10th edition of "Bologna With Student Eyes". This publication offers insights from the perspectives of 37 national unions of students across Europe, aiming to inspire decision-makers on the future of the Bologna process.

New University alliances. Surpassing the goal of 60 European Universities alliances by mid-2024, the Commission announced the establishment of 14 new alliances, bringing the total to 64 and involving over 500 universities. Additionally, a Community of Practice will become operational this autumn.



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