Erasmus Going Digital

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About the EUF
Overarching purpose

Contribute to the modernisation of the EHEA through the betterment of student mobility
1. Ensure an increase of the quality and quantity of student mobility
2. Develop the digital dimension of the Bologna Process
3. Support knowledge-driven economies (UBC)
4. Promote active European citizenship
EUF in short

• Ambitious and results oriented
• Universities pooling ideas, expertise and contacts
• Focus on shaping EU policy
• Working closely with governments, student organisations and EU institutions
• Offices in Luxembourg and Brussels
Unknown International Relations Officer, circa 2013
In your opinion, the workload surrounding the management of Erasmus+ exchanges is

Answered: 978   Skipped: 72

- Very High: 46.7%
- High: 42.7%
- Average: 9.6%
- Low: 0.7%
- Very low: 0.2%
In your opinion, the changes introduced by Erasmus+ in 2014 have

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- **I don't know**: 12.0% (117)
- **Had no significant impact on the administrative workload**: 12.2% (119)
- **Decreased the administrative workload**: 8.1% (79)
- **Increased the administrative workload**: 67.8% (663)
Key initiatives
Online Learning Agreement (OLA)

• Launched in 2016, currently v3.0

• Tackles the most time consuming step of Erasmus mobilities

• More than 20,000 digital LAs generated to date

• Upcoming developments:
  • OLA for placements
  • Integration with online course catalogues
Erasmus+ App

• Launched in June 2017

• Single point of entry into the Erasmus programme for its beneficiaries

• Comprises:
  • Programme information
  • Step-by-step guides
  • Access to online tools
  • News and events
  • Crowdsourced student tips

• More than 50,000 downloads to date
Erasmus+ App v2.0

• New functionalities added in 2018

• Enable HEIs to
  • Manage custom checklists (step-by-step)
  • Send push-notifications to app users

• And enable students to crowdsourc city-specific tips
Erasmus without Paper

- Enable interoperability and **electronic exchange of data** among universities
- Public infrastructure for all +5000 ECHE holders
- Digitise all keys steps of mobility workflows
- Ensure readiness of core services well before the start of the next programme
Connecting to EWP
A flexible approach

EWP Dashboard
Free cloud-based solution

EWP Network
Optional upgrade of own IT tools
Erasmus (without Paper) Dashboard

• Launched February 2018

• Free online resource for IROs

• 714 universities registered and 1400 users
**Erasmus Dashboard – functionality**

1. Upload/nominate students and pre-fill LAs
2. Approve, decline and comment on LAs
3. Sign LA individually or in bulk
4. Manage lists of in/out exchange students
5. Contact students through group emails
6. Contact students through push notifications
7. Generate dynamic checklists per HEI
8. Define multiple levels of access/roles per HEI
Erasmus (without Paper) Network

• P2P network connecting individual HEI and third-party SIS providers (e.g. MoveOn and MobilityOnline)

• Undergoing last testing phase

• **Launch: 12-13 December**, Ghent University
Open Source University Alliance

• Promote cooperation and decrease redundant work across IT teams of European universities

• Repository of tools shared by/with developers

• Developers helping developers to improve security and reduce costs

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No university left behind!
Mapping progress
The Erasmus process (simplified)

University Partnership → Find information about Erasmus+ → Apply for Erasmus+

Prepare Learning-Agreement → Studying abroad New academic and cultural environment → Receive recognition for academic achievements
Find information about Erasmus+

Apply for Erasmus+

University Partnership

Prepare Learning-Agreement

Studying abroad
New academic and cultural environment

Receive recognition for academic achievements
App → Sending HEI → Receiving HEI → App → MT+

- Student applies for Erasmus+ exchange
- Reviews / accepts / declines
- Reviews / accepts / declines
- Student receives confirmation & OLS access
- Automatically receives mobility dossier (real time)
Still to come in 2018

- OLA for traineeships
- EWP network launch
- Open source university alliance
What to expect in 2019

- Erasmus Virtual Assistant and IIAm launch
- OLA course catalogue integration
- EWP network-dashboard connection
- EWP competence centre
- MT+ connection (tbc)
First findings
• **Students:** 87% would recommend OLA to colleagues

• **IROs:** 93% would recommend Dashboard to colleagues

• Erasmus Going Digital conferences: demand vastly outstrips offer of places available (similar pattern to that of EC organised webinar)
+400,000 hours of administrative work saved per year!
(across a population of 280,000 students)
How could Erasmus look like post 2020?
Single points of entry

Universities = EWP

Students = App
Single points of entry

- Electronic exchange of information
- Automatic MT+ reporting
- Access to information, events and checklists
- And electronic services for mobility

EWP

App
A more **modern and efficient** Erasmus programme where electronic exchange of data will be the rule, rather than the exceptio

• New tools, such as the Erasmus Virtual Assistant, sourcing data from multiple repositories to guide students in their exchange applications

• A more **attractive** mobility scheme for students and universities

Looking at 2020 and beyond
• Improved **student** experience
• Streamlined **IROs** roles and tasks, positive impact on both turnover and costs
• Enable sustained growth of the **programme**
Practical information
EWP network - resources for IT teams

https://developers.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu

https://github.com/erasmus-without-paper
EWP online tools - for IROs

https://www.erasmus-dashboard.eu

https://www.learning-agreement.eu
Open Source University Alliance

https://open-source-alliance.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu
Practical tips

Test early.

Take calculated risks.

Ensure leadership, IRO and IT work in concert.

Don’t underestimate training requirements.

Involve partners and students.
No thanks!

We are too busy
Thank you for your attention!

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EWP Project partners
OLA+ project partners
Erasmus+ App partners
European Student Card

• Preliminary roll-out in 2018
• Enable easy access to canteens, libraries and other student services
• Stepping stone for interconnected university campuses
• Second phase to start in 2019