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About the Event

The conference and workshops will focus on illustrating the impact of a suit of digitisation projects shaping the future of the Erasmus programme: Online Learning Agreement, Erasmus Dashboard, Erasmus Without Paper, the Erasmus+ App under the umbrella of European Student Card Initiative. It will feature plenary as well as practical sessions about the digitisation of student mobility in the 21st century.

During the event, we will present and discuss current developments and share with colleagues in attendance the milestones foreseen for the coming months.

We encourage you to get acquainted with the tools that are already available in order to make the most of the conference:

- You can register on the Erasmus Dashboard (or request access from your main institutional account holder, in case your HEI has already been granted access) to manage the learning agreements of your students and edit the institutional data that students see in the Erasmus+ App.
- You can also easily access the Online Learning Agreement platform for students to familiarise yourself with the Erasmus+ App.
- More technical information about Erasmus Without Paper can be found here.

All tools and platforms are freely available.
The tools in focus
We have the pleasure to showcase the positive impact of several flagship projects facilitating digitisation of the Erasmus+ mobility.

► Erasmus Dashboard – HEI platform

The Erasmus Dashboard is an online space to manage outgoing and incoming students, review, decline, comment, download and sign their Learning Agreements. It also doubles as a communication platform with exchange students, easily letting HEIs send group emails and push notifications to users of the Erasmus+ App. Last but not least, HEIs can add deadlines and custom information that will be displayed in the Erasmus+ App Step-by-Step guides.

The Erasmus Dashboard is made available free of charge to all higher education institutions (HEIs) that are Erasmus Charter for Higher Education holders. More than 900 HEIs have already requested access to the Erasmus Dashboard. You can consult the FAQs and register here.

► Online Learning Agreement (OLA) – students’ platform

The Online Learning Agreement (OLA) platform offers a simple and convenient way for students to complete their Learning Agreement for studies or traineeships online, have it signed, receive comments from sending and receiving institutions as well as have an overview of the final version of the LA.

More than 30,000 Online Learning Agreements have already been generated and almost 90% of the students would advise their peers to use the platform.

For more information please contact us at support@erasmusapp.eu or consult the FAQs.

► Erasmus Without Paper (EWP)

The project aims to set up a network that will allow any Erasmus+ HEI which organises student exchanges to be part of an online exchange network and therefore exchange its student data with any EU HEI system using the network in
a secure and efficient way. The project is developing an IT infrastructure and common data standards for interoperability between HEI systems. To connect to the system, HEIs can either use commercial software (such as SOP’s Mobility-Online and QS Unisolution’s MoveON), build a connector to their own in-house system or use the EWP – Erasmus Dashboard.

The EWP network is made available from late 2018 onwards; see (streaming sessions from the Network Launch as well as presentations) [here](#).

IT teams interested in understanding how to connect their information systems to EWP can find more information at the EWP Developer’s Hub and visit the project homepage for relevant updates or see the overview on the future plans [here](#).

► The Erasmus+ App

The Erasmus+ App is a tool for Erasmus+ students and offers different services to support students throughout the mobility process. One of the services of the Erasmus+ App allows students to easily monitor the status of the Learning Agreements that they created through the Online Learning Agreement platform and monitor the signing process. Furthermore, the Erasmus+ App shows specific information from the students’ home and host institutions that the institutions can edit in the Erasmus Dashboard. Lastly, the Erasmus+ App enables students to receive push notifications from their institutions, informing them about important milestones and deadlines in the mobility process.

The Erasmus+ App has been downloaded more than 60,000 times and offers a one-stop-shop for students, freely available on Google Play and Apple store.

► Open Source University Alliance

The [Open Source University Alliance](#) is an initiative of several university networks that have joined forces for the successful rollout of a public repository of open source code and software.

Currently, the majority of universities with IT tools that support the management of student mobility or those who are still developing them, do so largely on their own, either by starting from scratch or by updating software they have previously developed. This is slow, expensive and inefficient. An alternative to this individual
approach is for the HE community to share the source code of their applications, eliminating redundancy and letting their developers build on and adapt each other’s work and do so adopting to international standards. It would dramatically accelerate their ability to maintain state of the art systems, and the advantages of such an approach extends beyond cost cutting and increased efficiency to promoting collaboration and exchange of expertise among IT teams, which in turn leads to higher security and quality standards.

► European Student Card Initiative

The European Student Card Initiative under the supervision of European Commission aims to enable every student to easily and safely identify and register themselves electronically at higher education institutions within the EU when moving abroad for studies, eliminating the need to complete on-site registration procedures and paperwork.

It is an umbrella initiative bringing together relevant projects and a step forward in the transition towards a digital era and a truly European Education Area where spending time abroad to study and learn is the norm, and educational excellence is a reality for all.

See more information in the webinar recording or the informative page of the initiative.

To sum up:

- Erasmus Dashboard for higher education institutions - [https://www.erasmus-dashboard.eu](https://www.erasmus-dashboard.eu)
- Online Learning Agreement for students - [https://www.learning-agreement.eu](https://www.learning-agreement.eu)
- Erasmus+ App (available in Google Play and Apple store)
- Erasmus Without Paper - [https://www.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu](https://www.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu)
- The Open Source University Alliance - [https://open-source-alliance.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/](https://open-source-alliance.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/)
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