

FINAL CONFERENCE

Agenda - 09.10.2024

Location: **Mundo Madou, Artemisia Room, Avenue des Arts 78, 1210, Bruxelles**

09:00- 09:30	Signing up
09:30- 09:40	Welcoming <i>Vasiliki Tsaklidou, Project Officer, ESU</i>
09:40- 10:00	Erasmus 4 All - An overview <i>Ana Reis & Julia Galli, Universidade Porto, Erasmus for All Project Coordinator</i>
10:00- 11:30	Presentation: In-depth analysis of mobility funding in Erasmus and beyond, <i>Ricardo Biscaia, Universidade Porto</i> Panel Discussion: Universities in focus: What is the lived experience from the institutions and the students' perspective? During this panel, we will dig into the reality of mobility lived by higher education institutions, international offices, and student unions. What are the struggles, and what are the solutions already found on a local and national level to make things better? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luísa Capitão, U.Porto, Director of International Relations Office• Alens Aleksandrs Čerņa, LSA – Student Union of Latvia• Matea Lozančić, Erasmus International Mobility Office, University of Rijeka <i>Moderated by ESU</i>
11:30- 12:00	Coffee/Tea
12:00- 13:00	Presentations and Q&A “Removing the main obstacles to European student mobility, A proposal for better and more inclusive Erasmus grants” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helena Alves, EUF Erasmus 4 All Impact Study: “Piloting a more inclusive Erasmus+ grant” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vera Kopsaj, University Sapienza
13:00- 14:00	Lunch by the Vegan Butcher

14:00- 15:30

Policy Recommendations, “The future of Erasmus is for all”

- **Vasiliki Tsaklidou**, ESU

Panel Discussion: What does the future of Erasmus look like on the policy agenda?

- **Katrina Sproge**, European University Foundation
- **Ana Duplava**, EURASHE
- **Christos Aivaliotos**, European Commission - DG EAC International Cooperation Unit
- **Tanja Kreetz**, DAAD

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15:30- 15:45

Coffee/Tea

15:45- 16:15

Breakout rooms: Looking forward

- What should the Erasmus+ grant cover?
- Next steps for a more inclusive mobility

16:15- 16:30

Conclusion & Closing Remarks

Arno Schrooyen, Vice President, ESU

1. Since the 1980s, many stakeholders have expressed concerns about the true inclusivity of the Erasmus+ program, often describing it as exclusive and elitist. In your opinion, do you believe the Erasmus+ program can genuinely become inclusive in the future?
2. What are the priorities for you to make the program more inclusive?
3. In the perspective of the next MFF negotiations, and knowing the added value of mobility and education, why do you think member states are not keen to increase the budget? And what
4. can be done to convince them of the importance of investing more in Erasmus+?
5. In the next session, we will split into smaller groups and ask some of the participants to look into what, beyond financial top-ups, can be done to make the program more inclusive. Could you give one or two examples you think are relevant and could contribute to the discussion?

1. What should the Erasmus+ grant cover, how much does a mobility cost? (we could also dig deeper into the costs that also arise before and after mobility) - **Jens - Duarte**
 - Brainstorm all types of costs that can arise when undertaking a student mobility abroad. Please list and divide them by whether they are due before, during or after the mobility.
 - Out of the types you identified, which ones should be mandatorily considered when calculating a mobility grant?
 - Should the student's expenses in home city be taken into consideration when assessing mobility costs?
 - How can we deal with ever-evolving cost of living differences, that can affect key components of the grant, but still keep the simplification principle in mind?

2. Except for the grant, what else can be done to make mobility more inclusive (a way to open the discussion to the other factors that make mobility not inclusive)? - **Lisa - Arno**
 - Besides financial reasons, what factors do you think are still preventing student mobility from being more inclusive?
 - What steps can the Erasmus+ programme take to ensure equitable access to mobility to all students, apart from financial support?
 - How could Universities support a more diverse cohort of outgoing mobility students?
 - What could be the role of student associations in encouraging more students from more diverse backgrounds to go on mobility?