Erasmus+ Going Digital

The European University Foundation is engaged in providing all European Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) information about the impact of the Erasmus without Paper project, the Online Learning Agreement and the Erasmus+ App technologies on the Erasmus+ mobility.

► 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 online, have it signed, receive comments from sending and receiving institutions, as well as have an overview of the final version of the OLA.

It is available to students for free in the framework of mobilities between Erasmus Charter Holders.

More than 25,000 online Learning Agreements (LAs) 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.
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 features of the Erasmus+ App allows students to easily monitor the status of their LA — created and managed through the Online Learning Agreement. Furthermore, the Erasmus+ App can display specific information about the students’ home and host institutions, provided by the institutions themselves through the Erasmus Dashboard. Lastly, the Erasmus+ App enables HEIs to send push notifications to their exchange students, acting as a modern communication tool.

The Erasmus+ App has been downloaded more than 55,000 times and offers a one-stop-shop for students, freely available on Google Play and Apple store.

Erasmus Dashboard

The Erasmus Dashboard is a space to manage outgoing and incoming students: review, decline, comment, download and sign their online LAs. It also doubles as a communication platform with the exchange students, easily allowing HEIs to 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 for free as part of the EWP and OLA projects to all Erasmus+ HEIs in Europe.

More than 800 HEIs have already requested access to the Erasmus Dashboard, which is available at https://www.erasmus-dashboard.eu. For more information please consult the FAQs.
Erasmus Without Paper (EWP)

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

The EWP network is made available from late 2018 onwards; the EWP Network launch event took place in December hosted by the University of Ghent. See more information (streaming sessions 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 or visit the project homepage for relevant updates.

Open Source University Alliance

The Open Source University Alliance is an initiative of several university networks that have joined forces for the successful roll out 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.

To sum up:

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

A video summary illustrating the synergies between the tools is accessible via the European University Foundation Youtube Channel here and a more detailed illustration of the functionalities here.

**Erasmus Going Digital conference cycle**

The next conference and workshops will take place on 25th April 2019 and will be hosted by the University of Vienna - see more information and registration here.
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