The next European Education programme is just around the corner, commencing on 1 January 2021. For the past year, the doctrine of the European Commission has been that the next Erasmus programme is supposed to be an evolution, rather than a revolution. Yet, the European Commission’s ambition is to utilise the increased funding to evolve the programme substantially. This includes a range of new initiatives, mobility formats etc.

Considering the post-COVID era, internationalisation will require everyone working in the field to adapt to this new reality and contribute to encouraging and organising mobility that is innovative, inclusive and safe at the same time.

The virtual training co-organised by ECIU and YERUN will take place in the mornings of the 4 and 5 November 2020. The aim of the event is to prepare practitioners to take full advantage of the next programme and be fully prepared for some of the key initiatives the EC plans to introduce from January onward.
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9:15 - 9:30  DOOR OPENING

9:30 - 9:45  WELCOME BY ECIU AND YERUN
            Silvia Gomez Recio (YERUN Secretary General)
            Olga Wessels (Head of ECIU Brussels Office)

9:45 - 10:45  ERASMUS 2.0 - THE NEXT PROGRAMME 2021-2027
              & MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS - THE NEW KEY ACTION 1
              Elena Tegovska (Team Leader, DG EAC B.1)

10:45 - 11:00  COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 11:30  NETWORKING SESSION FOR PARTICIPANTS

11:30 - 12:30  ERASMUS GOING DIGITAL & EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD
                INITIATIVE
                Harpa Sif Arnarsdottir (Policy Officer, DG EAC B.1)

12:30 - 13:00  BLENDED MOBILITY AND BLENDED EDUCATIONAL
                PROGRAMMES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF
                Harpa Sif Arnarsdottir (Policy Officer, DG EAC B.1)

13:00 - 13:05  WRAP-UP & GOODBYE
9:15 - 9:30  DOOR OPENING

9:30 - 10:30  ERASMUS PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS IN KEY ACTION 2
& THE NEXT STEPS OF THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES
INITIATIVE
Elena Tegovska (Team Leader, DG EAC B.1)
Bruno Castro (Policy Officer, DG EAC C.3)

10:30 - 10:50  SYNERGIES WITH OTHER EU PROGRAMMES
Claire Morel (Head of Unit, DG EAC C.2)

10:50 - 11:05  COFFEE BREAK

11:05 - 12:30  PROJECT DESIGN AND WRITING
Stefan Jahnke (Eductics)

12:30 - 13:00  WRAP-UP & GOODBYE
Day 1

Erasmus 2.0 - the next programme 2021 - 2027
Mobility of individuals - the new Key Action 1
This session will provide a general introduction of the next Erasmus programme and all its new features and opportunities, as well as give an overview of the political framework and policy context in which the new programme has been developed. In exchange with the European Commission, practitioners will have the chance to find out more about the new priorities (e.g. inclusion, democratic participation & European identity, environmental sustainability and health) and how the new programme will impact their daily work.

The second part of this session will focus on the new Key Action 1. The core of the Erasmus+ programme has and will continue to be the mobility of individuals. During this second part of the session all new and familiar elements of the Key Action 1 will be discussed, particularly in the post COVID19 era. What challenges do practitioners face when organising mobilities for students and staff? What can be expected of the new programme to better support Higher Education Institutions? Will doctoral students be able to go on a mobility experience? These and other questions will be clarified during this session.

In discussion with Elena Tegovska, European Commission (Team Leader, DG EAC B.1 Higher Education).

Erasmus going Digital & European Student Card Initiative
A major novelty of the next programme is the introduction of mandatory digital mobility management as announced by the European Commission. The session on Erasmus going digital will help you understand what elements of the mobility management need to be digitalised in the first year of the programme, introduce you to possible pathways to achieve digitalisation and enable you to plan for your digitalisation strategy for the upcoming years.

The Introduction of a single European identifier for European and an ESC label for all plastic and virtual student cards will enable access to services across campuses and a clearer and easier identification and authentication of students during their mobility. This session will introduce you to how to best adapt to these new changes.

In discussion with Harpa Sif Arnarsdottir, European Commission (Policy Officer, DG EAC B.1 Higher Education).

Blended mobility and blended educational programmes for students and staff
The COVID crisis has demonstrated the flexibility of Higher Education Institutions in creating a virtual learning environment for its students. The next Erasmus programme plans to utilise such virtual opportunities to complement the traditional onsite mobility. This session will discuss how to strategically implement blended Erasmus mobility to make Erasmus more accessible and give students and staff the chance to get in touch with the programme without having to immediately engage in an onsite mobility.

In discussion with Harpa Sif Arnarsdottir, European Commission (Policy Officer, DG EAC B.1 Higher Education).
Day 2

Erasmus partnership projects in Key Action 2 & the next steps of the European Universities Initiative.
Every year the EC provides funding for cooperation projects. Strategic Partnerships, Capacity Building projects and Knowledge Alliances are just some of the opportunities for HEIs to receive funding to implement cross-border projects with a minimum of three partners. This session will give an overview on which opportunities the next programme will provide. Moreover, with the selection of the European University Alliance pilots many higher education institutions are now directly or indirectly involved in one of the European Commission’s most ambitious initiatives under Erasmus+. What are the next steps of this initiative and what does it mean for higher education in Europe?

In discussion with Elena Tegovska and Bruno Castro, European Commission (Team Leader, DG EAC B.1 Higher Education and Policy Officer, C.3 International Cooperation).

Synergies with other EU programmes
The Erasmus+ programme has many synergies with other EU programmes relevant for Higher Education. The research programme Horizon Europe, which will also commence in 2021, is a great example of a complementary programme that allows higher education institutions to focus on e.g. mobility of researchers. This session will provide you an overview of different opportunities and how to benefit from those.

In discussion with Claire Morel, European Commission (Head of Unit, DG EAC C.2 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions).

Project design and writing
This session will provide an introduction on how to design successful projects and apply for EU co-funding to realise and implement ambitious ideas surrounding the internationalisation of higher education.

Facilitated by Stefan Jahnke, Eductics