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Policy overview



The European Education Area by 2025

- High-quality education, irrespective of socio-economic background
- No barriers to learning and training abroad
- Automatic mutual recognition
- Speaking two languages, in addition to one's mother tongue, is the norm
- Strong sense of a European student identity



Erasmus 2021-2027

Potential **tripling** of the budget to:

- Foster the European Education Area
- Support **higher volume of mobilities**
- Develop **European Universities**
- Achieve more **inclusion** and bigger impact

The **European Student Card Initiative**
plays a key role in achieving our
objectives



European Student Card Initiative



Digitalising and streamlining
student mobility administration
processes



Rolling out the “European Student Card”
and enabling easier and faster access to
campus and other services

Political mandate to build the European Education Area

- November 2017 Gothenburg Social Summit
- December 2017 European Council conclusions



Eurobarometer (2018)

“Nine in ten young Europeans think that the services offered by a European Student Card would be useful”



Communications

- *Building a stronger Europe: the role of youth, education and culture policies*
- *Digital Education Action plan*



The European Student Card Initiative will remain a **top priority** for new Commissioner and the next Erasmus



How?

- By supporting bottom up projects that work together towards achieving the objectives of the initiative:
 - Single online entry point for higher education institutions
 - Single online entry point for students
 - Developing unique European student identifier and secure online authentication services
 - Turning existing student cards into European Student Cards

Why?

- Simplify and streamline processes
- Enhance GDPR compliance
- Provide an overview of the mobility cycle
- Enable higher education institutions to cope with higher levels of mobility
- Free up time for staff to focus on quality and impact of international cooperation
- Contribute to wider inclusion



Scope?

By 2021:

- Erasmus intra-European student mobility for studies and traineeships (KA103)

By 2025:

- All mobile students within Europe

Other possibilities:

- Staff mobilities
- Erasmus international credit mobility (KA107)
- All mobile students going beyond Europe



Digital change is cultural change

- Step by step development and roll-out involving stakeholders
- Allow for time for defining institutional strategies and start preparation
- Flexibility vs. simplification through process streamlining and data standardisation and minimisation