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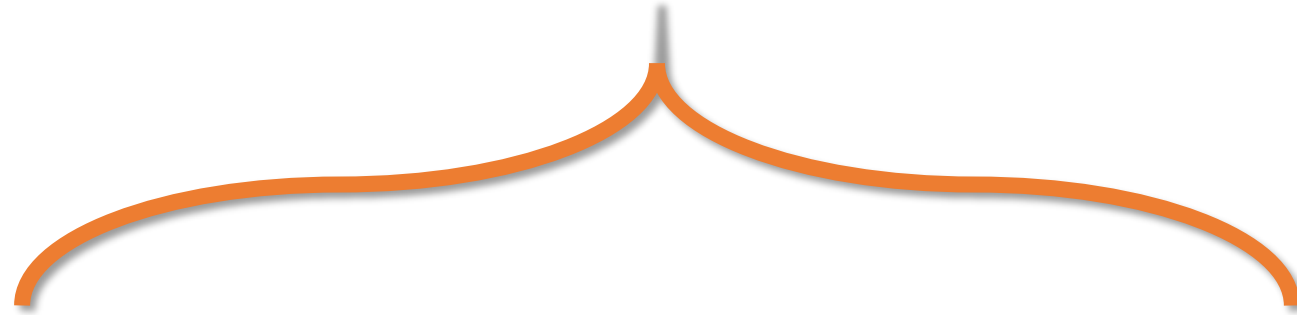**Higher Education Unit**

European Student Card Initiative

Timescales

- Mandatory use of Erasmus Without Paper Network to exchange data on mobile students *(if tools are fit-for-purpose)*
    - 2021 – Online Learning and Inter-Institutional Agreements
    - 2022 – Nominations
    - 2023 – Transcript of records
- Aim for all students to have European Student Card by 2025 (completion of set up of European Education Area)

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European Student Card Initiative

Digitalising student mobility administration processes to increase quality and enable more mobilities

Rolling out the "European Student Card" and enabling mobile students to gain access to campus and other services

Supporting bottom-up projects

- *Erasmus Without Paper*
  - Digitising administrative processes, secure data transfer between higher education institutions, and single entry point for administrators

- *Erasmus+ Mobile App*
  - Single entry point for students

- *MyAcademicID*
  - Developing unique student identity numbers and secure online authentication services

- *European Student Card project*
  - Turning existing student cards into European Student Cards

Single point of entry for mobility coordinators

- Manage the whole lifespan of a student mobility – before, during and after the mobility

- Electronic applications and nominations

- Secure student data exchange

- Messages and reminders to students

- Automatically export data to Mobility Tool+

- Can manage Inter-Institutional Agreements and Online Learning Agreements, Nominations and Transcript of Records

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Single entry point for students

- Existing Erasmus+ mobile app being redeveloped

- Online information and services for mobile students <u>before</u>, <u>during</u> and <u>after</u> their mobilities

- Research partnering universities and courses, and apply online for a period of mobility
  - Needs universities to be using the online Inter-Institutional Agreements

- Manage their Online Learning Agreements
  - Need universities to be using Online Learning Agreements

Erasmus+ mobile app

- More easily access Online Language Support

- Connect with activities and events in their host university and surrounding area
  - Woking with European Students Union and Erasmus Student Network

- Virtual European Student Card on mobile device

- All services available on smartphones and on desktop / laptop computers

- First version to be ready mid-2020, full service 2022.

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Integration with Mobility Tool+

- Developing capability to transfer data to and from the Erasmus+ Mobility Tool+

- Pilot already working – transmitting fixed data from MT+ to EWP Network (look-up tables, etc)

- Second phase almost complete – enabling mobility data to be transferred from EWP Network to MT+

- One connection completed, still has to be built into user interfaces

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MyAcademicID

- Specifying a new standard for unique European Student Identifier (ESI) numbers

- Developing system to enable students to securely identify and authenticate themselves online, linked to EU-wide eIDAS citizen online authentication service

- Enables universities to trust the student data sent from other institutions and by students themselves

- In France, builds on existing national student identifier scheme

- Final specifications due in spring 2020.

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GDPR and digitalisation

- EWP systems simply continue the existing purpose of exchanging students' personal data to set up and support a mobility – just a new way of exchanging data

- EWP Network data transfers more secure than exchanging students' personal data by unencrypted emails between HEIs

- HEIs need to ensure students give permission for data transfer (should already be doing so!)

- Terms of Service for EWP Dashboard should cover the HEI for using it to store and exchange student data

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GDPR and European Student Cards

- European Student Card system has been analysed by GDPR experts and declared compliant

- Minimum data transferred from university to ESC Router – unique ESC card number, expiry date, email address, and whether student is under-graduate or post-graduate (important information for some service providers)

- Student can manage data themselves if they wish to.

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Sustainability of the initiative

- Projects currently funded by Erasmus+ centralised and de-centralised grants and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) grants.

- New project funding calls in progress (CEF Core Service Platform and Erasmus+ Mobile App enhancement)

- Investigating how to ensure sustainable funding under next Erasmus programme

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Funding for HEIs and NAs

- Digitalisation remains a priority for current and next Erasmus programmes

- Foreseen funding opportunities in the next programme
  - Cooperation projects (KA2)
  - Policy experimentation (KA3)
  - TCAs
  - Blended intensive programmes

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Next steps

- Online Learning Agreement available now via EWP – over 1,500 universities using it via Dashboard and direct links with in-house mobility tools
- New Inter-Institutional Agreement manager available soon from EUF
- New IIA template also going to be released soon
- ECHE (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education) renwal process to be communicated soon
- Universities should begin renewing inter-institutional agreements online via the IIA Manager

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Next steps

- Join the Erasmus Without Paper Network
- Trial the Online Learning Agreements and Inter-Institutional Agreements in real-world situation
- Begin process to roll out the European Student Card to your students
- Prepare for electronic data transfer to be mandatory:
  - 2021 – OLA and IIA
  - 2022 – Nomination and acceptance of students
  - 2023 – Transfer of records

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Thank you for your attention!

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