

Cooperation across borders, languages and disciplines
European Universities – Relevant and high-quality higher education

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Rome Communiqué

Adopted at the Rome Ministerial Conference on 19 November 2020:

“Cooperation and mobility connect our systems and foster the development of intercultural and linguistic competences, broader knowledge and understanding of our world. Direct contacts and synergies among our diverse cultures and higher education systems through mobility of staff and students contribute to the excellence and relevance of higher education (...) making it attractive and competitive on the global scale”

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Iceland

Erasmus+ higher education
Higher education students can study or train in a company, and staff can teach or train abroad.

TOP 3 Sending institutions

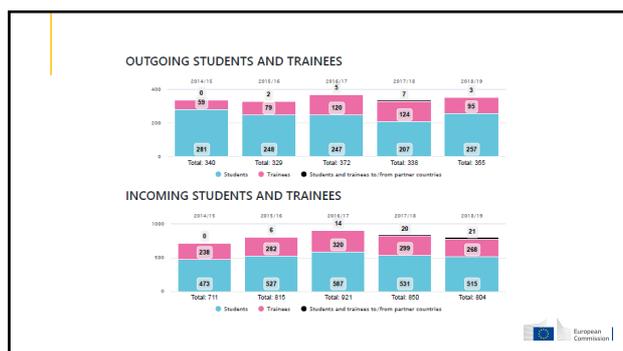
1. HASKOLI ISLANDS
2. LISTAHASKOLI ISLANDS
3. HASKOLINN I REYKJAVIK EHF

TOP 3 Receiving countries

1. Denmark
2. United Kingdom
3. Germany

Students, Trainees, Students and Trainees to/from partner countries, Total outgoing/incoming Students and Trainees

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Benefits for students

- Significant enhancement of transversal skills such as intercultural understanding, problem solving, team work and communication skills
- Increased self-confidence and resilience
- Better understanding of own strengths and weaknesses
- 70% of Erasmus+ students and trainees gain new insight about their career choices and report happier careers and expanded professional opportunities

And also numerous benefits for local students

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Benefits for staff and universities

STAFF

Direction/Period	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Outgoing	163	254	281	264	235
Incoming	264	370	492	462	416

- Nearly 80% of academics report their experience abroad has led to the development of more modern and innovative teaching practices and curricula in their faculties
- Mobile staff are more likely to invite staff from enterprise to contribute to their courses (60% vs 40%)
- Over 25% of projects under Erasmus+ contribute to strengthening entrepreneurial education and entrepreneurship – with nearly a third of these projects resulting in start-ups and spin-off enterprises.

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European Commission priorities

- Recovery**
Repair the economic and social damage brought by the pandemic
- Green deal**
Making the EU's economy sustainable and Europe climate neutral by 2050
- Digital**
A European way to digital transformation respecting fundamental rights
- Social Inclusion**
Ensuring equal and equitable opportunities and eradicating discrimination

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Education is essential to the vitality of European society and economy. The European Education Area aims to bring to the education and training communities the support they need to fulfil their fundamental mission, in challenging and exciting times
– President von der Leyen

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Transforming European Higher Education

- Centre of the “knowledge square”
- Closer and deeper cooperation
- Innovative learning and teaching addressing societal challenges
- Increased quality, relevance and competitiveness
- More mobility and Automatic recognition
- Quality assurance of joint transnational activities

A single university cannot deliver on this alone

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CO-CREATION with all of you

Transformation Agenda for Higher Education

European Universities as testbeds

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European Universities Initiative

- 41 ALLIANCES
- More than 280 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
- Up to € 5 million from Erasmus+
Up to € 2 million from Horizon 2020 per alliance
- 27 MEMBER STATES + Iceland, Norway, Serbia and Turkey + United Kingdom

Building the universities of the future

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European Universities – Why?

- Skills for the future
- Cooperate within different cultures
- Tackling biggest societal challenges
- Across languages, borders, sectors and academic disciplines

Bring Europeans Together & International competitiveness of higher education

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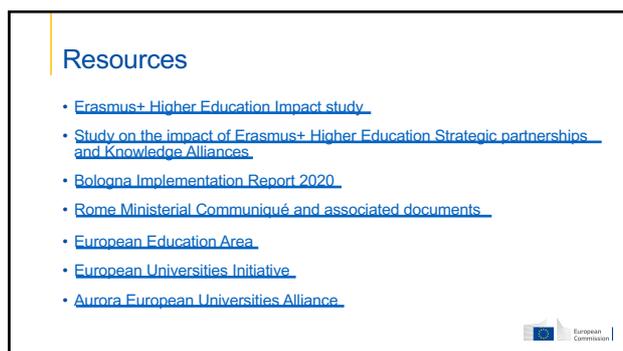
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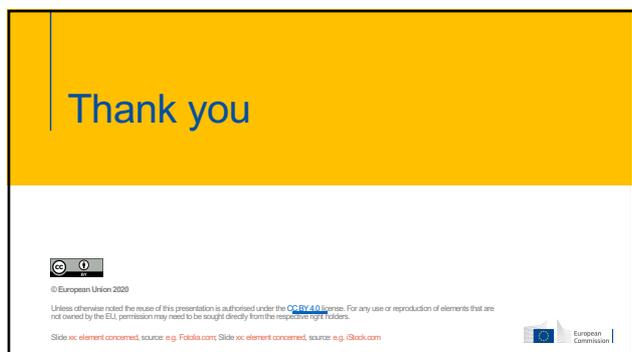
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