

# Erasmus: what's next?

States General of the Erasmus Generation



**WG: Increasing the number of the Erasmus student mobility, pursuing the "Education and Training 2020" European strategic framework**

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# Discussion main topics



- ✓ Achievement of the ET 2020 strategic objective: the EU average of **at least 20% of higher education graduates** should have had a period of higher education-related study or training (including work placements) abroad, representing a minimum of **15 ECTS** credits or lasting a minimum of **three months**.
- ✓ Social inclusion
- ✓ Students with **disadvantaged backgrounds**
- ✓ Students with special needs
- ✓ Erasmus as an opportunity for all: increasing **promotion**, visibility, accessibility
- ✓ Increasing student **services** (i.e. housing, public transport...)

## Discussion main outcomes



*“There is often a lack of information and promotion of the Erasmus experience. In some countries more conferences or even media advertisements would be useful. A lot of people are simply not aware of this possibility”*

*“The Erasmus life experience has been overly promoted, focusing too less on the academic value that it has.  
Some students don’t want to (or are not able to) invest a big amount of money on something that is considered only as “fun” ”*

## Discussion main outcomes



*“A lot of problem would be solved if everybody could ask for help from a student with, at least, one previous Erasmus experience”*

*“Many young people give up the idea to just apply or to continue with the (many) remaining steps to make Erasmus bureaucracy done”*

*“In some countries the Universities (and the IROs) are still not fully equipped to manage big numbers of outgoing and incoming students. Often the IROs have economic and logistic difficulties that make their huge work even harder to be done”*

# Group's final proposals



1. More **quality information** on mobility Programmes (from conferences to social and TV advertisements)
2. Additional points in the **final grade**
3. Implementing the “**Buddy system**” in all the Institutions, to help both outgoing and incoming students
4. **Simplifying bureaucracy** also thanks to fast and efficient online systems
5. **Strengthening the International Relations Offices** and provide up-to-date information on the websites of Higher Education Institutions

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Thank you for your attention

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