



# European Student Card – Training Session (ESCI Day Italy)

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## 1 | What is the ESC?

# WHAT IS THE ESC?

The European Student Card Initiative (ESCI)

Student mobility in Europe is in constant development, and so is the need to simplify procedures and to promote greener and student-friendly alternatives.

As a response, the European Commission launched the **European Student Card Initiative (ESCI)** - under the Erasmus+ programme - to promote simpler, flexible, and easy-to-integrate solutions for student mobility.



# WHAT IS THE ESC?

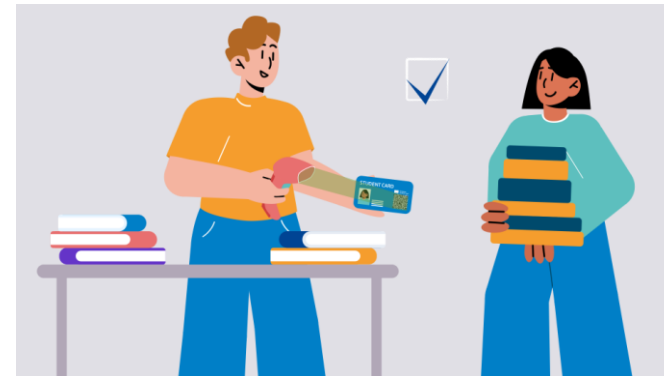
What is the European Student Card?

The **European Student Card** is not a new card nor an additional one, but simply each institution's current card, **adapted to take on a European dimension**. The goal of the ESC is to provide a European dimension to existing cards and **establish a common European identity for higher education students**.

With a European Student Card, a student can...



**Verify their student's status** quickly and reliably anywhere in Europe



**Access physical and digital services** during their mobility, like the library or public transport

# WHAT IS THE ESC?

## Main ESC components

The European Student Card upgrades the student cards of higher education institutions with a set of common visual and technical standards.

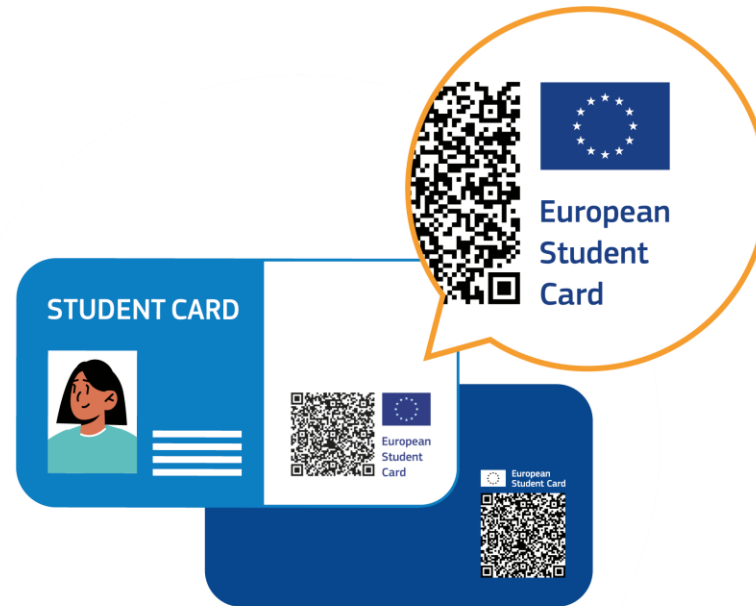
### ESI

A digital identifier used to uniquely identify students of European higher education institutions, linking them to a given ESC

### European Student Card Number (ESCN)

A unique card identifier that serves to identify student cards belonging to a given institution and to validate them

\* The ESI and ESCN are not meant to be printed / displayed on the student card



### European Student Card logo\* / QR code

Combines the European identity (text & flag) with a QR code, certifying the card authenticity across Europe and enabling the validation of student status

\* The new ESC logo replaces the previous combination of hologram + QR code (which will remain valid until 2028).

Identifiers

Visual element



Depending on the institution issuing the card, the ESC can be in a **digital** or a **physical format** and can be integrated into student cards **with any type of technology**. The ESC can be issued **directly** by the higher education institution or **co-branded**.

# WHAT IS THE ESC?

## Benefits of the European Student Card

The benefits of the ESC are upheld through its **European dimension**, as well as cooperation between higher education institution under the **reciprocity principle**.

**A student on mobility arrives at their host higher education institution:**



**Students** can have their student status recognised at the host higher education institution through their ESC, and develop a stronger sense of shared European identity



The ESC is recognised by the **host higher education institution**, allowing the **student** to access various on and off-campus services



**Host higher education institutions** can easily and securely validate the student status of incoming mobility students



**Student service providers** are provided with a reliable method to verify student status, while at the same time expanding their users' network and gaining greater visibility among ESC cardholders



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## 2 | How does the ESC work?

# HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

## What is the ESC Router (ESC-R)?

The European Student Card Router (ESC-R) is a **platform** that allows higher education institutions and other card issuers to **issue and manage ESCs**, as well as **verify student status**.

The screenshot displays the 'Organisations' management interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: HOME, EUROPEAN STUDENT CARDS (with sub-items: Cardholders, Card Management, Import Cards), ORGANISATIONS (highlighted), CARD VALIDATION, DOCUMENTATION (with sub-items: Backwards Compatibility, Current Version), ADMINISTRATIVE USERS, and LOG OUT. The main content area has a blue header 'Organisations' with a '+ New' button. Below the header is a table with columns: Name, Identifier, Country, Organisation type, Active, and Actions. Each column has a search or filter input. The table lists ten 'Anonymous org' entries with varying countries and active statuses. A 'Filter columns' button is located in the top right of the table area.

Name	Identifier	Country	Organisation type	Active	Actions
Anonymous org 1		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	👁️ ✎️
Anonymous org 10		(DE) - Germany	Higher education institution	No	👁️ ✎️ 👤
Anonymous org 101		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	👁️ ✎️
Anonymous org 102		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	👁️ ✎️
Anonymous org 103		(CZ) - Czechia	Higher education institution	No	👁️ ✎️ 👤
Anonymous org 104		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	No	👁️ ✎️ 👤
Anonymous org 105		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	No	👁️ ✎️ 👤
Anonymous org 106		(BE) - Belgium	Higher education institution	No	👁️ ✎️ 👤

# HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

## User categories in the ESC Router (ESC-R)

The European Student Card Router (ESC-R) supports different kinds of user categories, including **higher education institutions, public authorities, and third-party processors**.



**Higher education institutions** issuing student cards in any **EU/EEA\* Member State or European microstate**



**Public authorities** issuing student cards at local, regional or national level in any **EU/EEA Member State or European microstate**



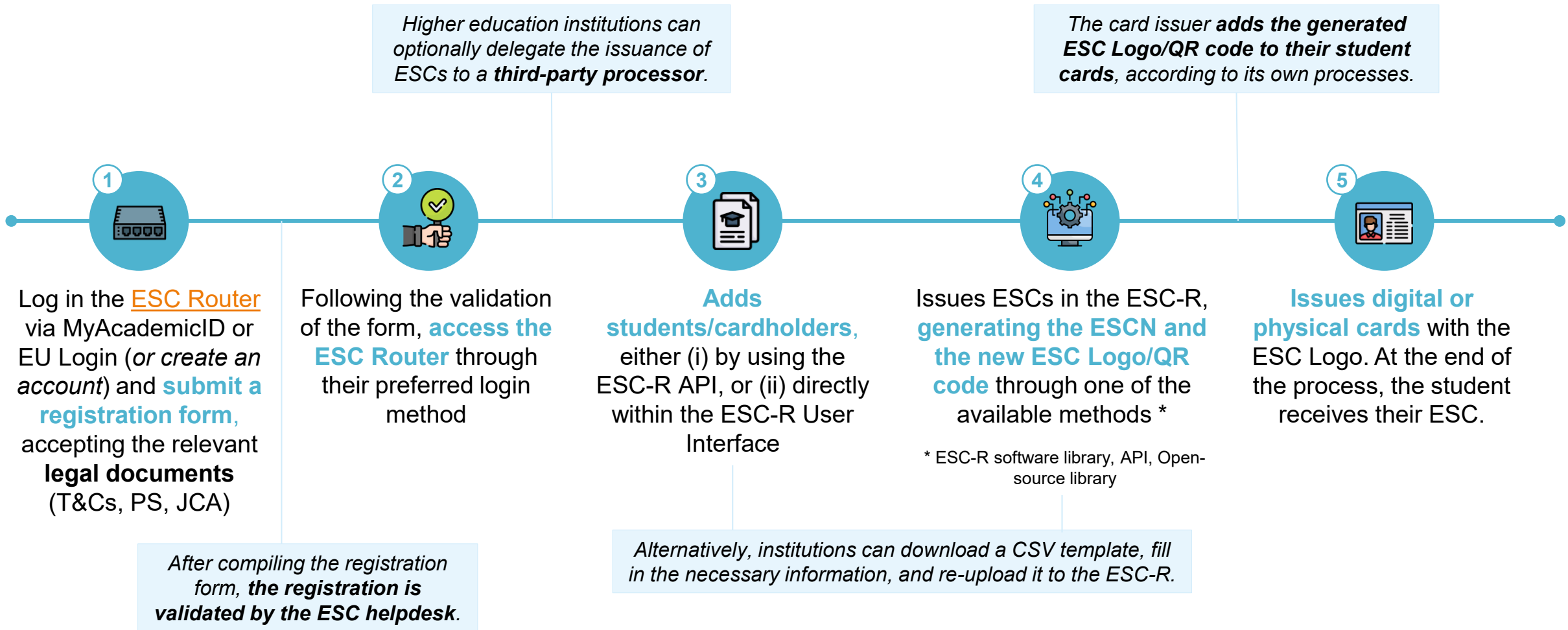
**Third-party processors** issuing student cards on behalf of higher education institutions or public authorities registered to the ESC Router

\* *European Economic Area*

**Note:** ECHE holders in third countries (other than EEA) associated to the Erasmus+ Programme and ECHE holders in the Western Balkans (Region 1) are also eligible to adopt the ESC.

# HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

How to issue ESCs through the ESC-R



More detailed information on how to implement the ESC is provided within the [General specifications](#) (including comprehensive explanations on the ESC and its main business processes), [Technical specifications](#) (including guidelines for implementation), and the [ESC Graphic Charter](#).

# HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

## Student status verification

When scanning the QR code\* of a European Student Card to validate the status of a student, the **higher education institution** or **service provider** is presented with a validation page.

**Desktop view**

European Student Card  
Establishes a common European identity for higher education students.

Valid

Issuing institution:  
📍 Anonymous org 41

Expiry Date:	2026-10-01
Activation Date:	2018-07-11

Students can get their **student status** verified easily across Europe with their European Student Card.

About the ESC [+](#) FAQs [?](#) Service desk [🗨](#)

**Mobile view**

European Student Card  
Establishes a common European identity for higher education students.

Valid

Issuing institution:  
📍 Test Organisation

Expiry Date:	2025-10-31
Activation Date:	2025-10-01

Students can get their **student status** verified easily across Europe with their European Student Card.

[+](#) [?](#) [🗨](#)

\* For basic validation, no specific equipment is required to scan the QR code of an ESC. The QR code can be simply scanned with a smartphone or a similar device.



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### 3 | ESC Router Demonstration

# HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

## Registration Form



<b>Organisation Type</b> ⓘ *	<b>User email</b> *
<input type="text" value="Select one of the options"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>
<b>Organisation identifier</b> ⓘ *	<b>Full name (first name, last name)</b> *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Organisation name</b> *	<b>Alternative contact addresses</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="name@mail.com"/> + Add
<b>Country</b> *	<b>Other comments</b>
<input type="text" value="Start typing..."/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>City</b> *	
<input type="text"/>	

Accept legal documents and submit



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## 5 | ESC Service Catalogue

# ESC SERVICE CATALOGUE

ESC Service Manager & Service Catalogue

## For students



**The ESC Service Catalogue** will be a dedicated platform accessible to students, allowing them to search for and find services available to those holding a European Student Card.

## For higher education institutions and service providers



**The ESC Service Manager**, the 'behind-the-scenes' version of the ESC Service Catalogue, is already available. Higher education institutions and service providers can easily list the services they provide to ESC holders through the ESC Service Manager.

[Find here the guidelines for its use!](#)



## Some key features of the service catalogue include:



### Digital Catalogue

*A digital directory of student services that accept the ESC*



### Filterable Listings

*Easily search and filter services by city, country, and type*



### Map view

*Browse through all the services available in a map view*



### Service Contributions

*Higher education institutions and external service providers can add services using dedicated forms*

# ESC UPDATES

## ESC Service Catalogue – Map View



Search

Search by name or descriptio...

Country

Start typing a country name...

City

Search by city name...

Tags

Select one or more tags...



All categories

Accommodation

Culture

Entertainment

Food and drink

Services

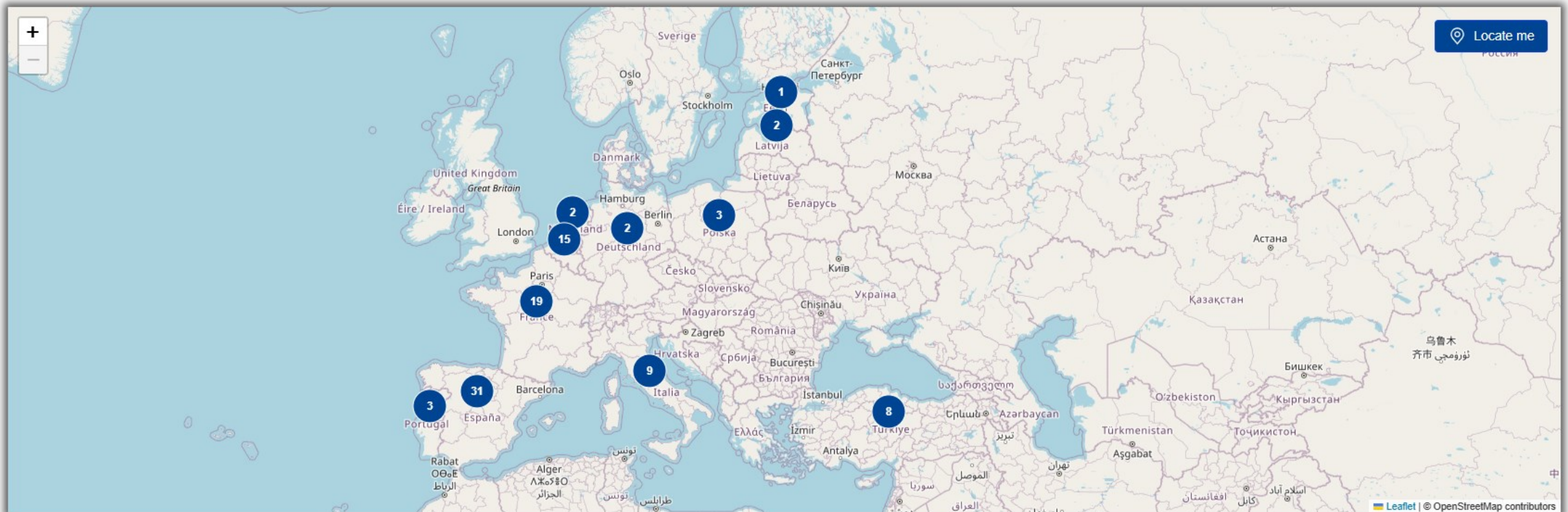
Shopping

Sport

Study

Travel

Other



Please zoom in to a specific area to check the services that matches the selected filters, take into account that the blue circles counts services per country including all the territories of that country, without taking into account the filters



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## 8 | Other Information and Resources

# OTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

## ESC Trainings & Resources

Join the next European Student Card Webinar on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2026!

Join us for this [fully online session](#) dedicated to current and potential ESC issuers.

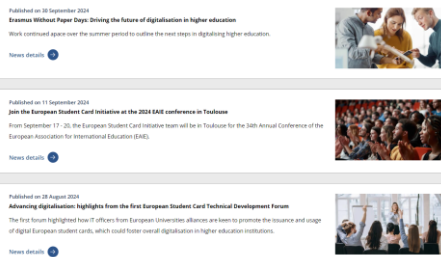
During this event, our team will present the **latest features on the European Student Card Router (ESC-R)**, covering the issuance process of European Student Cards and recent developments.

Scan the QR code to register for the webinar!



### ESCI News Articles

The **latest news, events, and updates** on the ESC, Erasmus+ App and Erasmus Without Paper are regularly published on the [ESCI Website](#).



### ESCI Newsletter

You can subscribe [here](#) to the **ESCI Newsletter**

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Subscribe to ESCI newsletter

The European Student Card Initiative is a movement towards efficient and secure management of student mobility. By subscribing to the newsletter, you are not only keeping informed, you are becoming a part of the mobilisation journey. Ordered every two weeks to your email box with updates about Erasmus Without Paper, the European Student Card, the Erasmus+ App as well as invitations to events and useful resources.

For more information about the European Student Card Initiative, please visit the [European Student Card Initiative Portal](#).

Main Information

Email \*

First name \*

Last name \*

Country of residence \*

Organization type \*

### FAQs

[FAQs](#) are also available under the ESCI Website

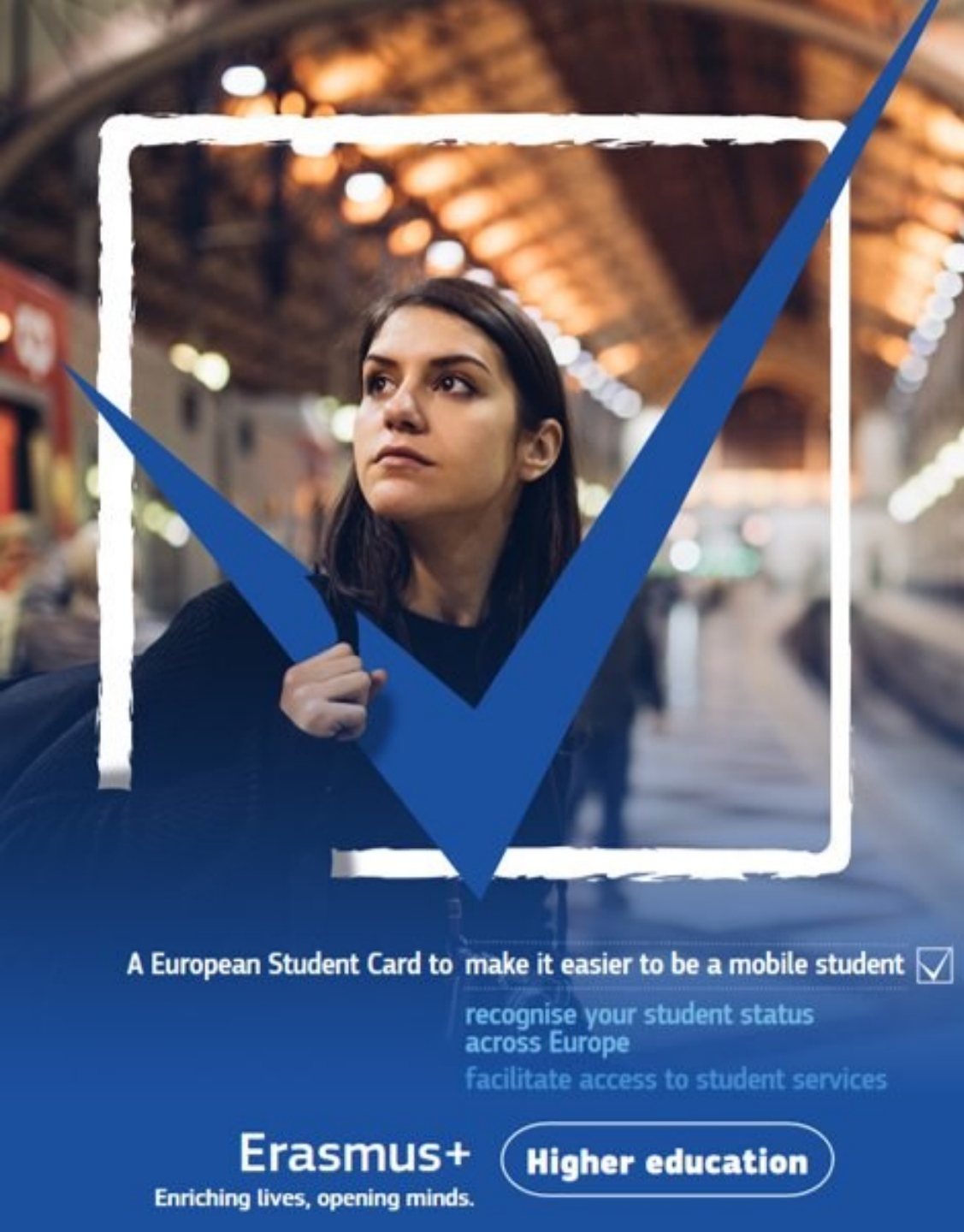
- + If one partner institution is not able to exchange digital inter-institutional agreements or digital learning agreements through the EWP Network yet, do we need to postpone the planned mobility cooperation?
- + Is there a deadline for my institution to ensure all our existing inter-institutional agreements outside EWP are transferred to the network?
- + My institution does not use any software for managing student mobility. Can we still join?
- + My institution has concluded many inter-institutional agreements outside the EWP Network, are these agreement considered valid?
- + How much does it cost to use the EWP Dashboard?
- + What is the European Student Identifier (ESI) and how can my institution obtain it?

### Helpdesk

If you don't find the answer to your question, contact the ESC support team through our:

[ESCI Helpdesk](#)





# Stay tuned!

For any further questions and support, please contact us through our [Helpdesk](#).



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