

ON THE 15th, 16th AND 17th OF OCTOBER,
THE #ERASMUSDAYS ARE WORLDWIDE WITH 2 500 EVENTS !

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic affecting people's everyday life around the world, Erasmus+ players all over the world are coping with the uncertain sanitary situation and proposing challenging alternatives to citizens for them to keep studying and training abroad.

More than 2 500 physical or digital events are organized worldwide on the **15th, 16th and 17th of October**. The events world map is available on the official #ErasmusDays website: www.erasmusdays.eu. **These events show locally what European Union brings to citizens.**

Educational and training institutions, companies, research centres, employment agencies, associations and NGOs... So many international players from school education, higher education, adult education, vocational training, youth and sport, have organised events to celebrate the #ErasmusDays. They have gathered citizens, journalists and policy makers to join and testimony of the impact of Erasmus+ projects. A huge network of **10 million Erasmus+ alumni** benefitted from the programme since 1987 and is ready to share its experience on social networks with the #ErasmusDays hashtag.



66 countries are taking part in the 2020 edition so far:

Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Croatia, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Uzbekistan, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Vietnam.

The involvement of all these countries is a major sign of **the Erasmus+ programme being the soft power of the European Union**. From Portugal to Russia, from Iceland to Palestine, from Latvia to Armenia, from Cyprus to Azerbaijan, Belarus, Myanmar, Paraguay and Ukraine... the #ErasmusDays prove the European Union leading role in the implementation of democratic issues and dialogue among countries despite political and diplomatic tensions.

The #ErasmusDays expand throughout the world thanks to the involvement of Erasmus + National Agencies and Offices, the support of the European Commission (DGEAC) and of the European Parliament.

The #ErasmusDays 2020 are organized under the high patronage of the European Commission and of **David Maria Sassoli**, President of the European Parliament.

Sabine Verheyen, Chair of the Culture and Education Committee at the European Parliament recorded a video message to launch the #ErasmusDays 2020 and to ask for a more ambitious budget for the 2021-2027 programme.

Kostis Giannidis, President of the Erasmus Student Network, also delivered a call to action video message to boost the organization of events and the sharing of testimonies.



A significant variety of events

This fourth #ErasmusDays edition features both digital and physical events to adapt to the local and international sanitary context. **These blended events foresee the blended mobility embedded in the 2021-2027 Erasmus+ programme.**

These concrete actions aim to highlight actively the opportunities provided by the European Union in the fields of education, training and solidarity.

Webinars, open doors, partner virtual meetings, photo exhibitions, online escape games, radio shows, memes competitions, food tasting... Many events are organized. This diversity illustrates the wide variety of citizens concerned by the Erasmus + programme: students, trainers and teachers, job seekers, companies, organizations, municipality...etc. Parents, policy makers, journalists and professionals are invited to join the events near them.

Here are examples of events organized in France (887 events):

- *The kindergarten and elementary school in Aulnay de Saintonge holding the Erasmus+ project "Play to grow" will organize virtual and physical Olympic Games. Children, teachers, foreign teachers from partner countries and the local community will participate in the event;*
- *The French Red Cross Institutes will create the Take care together virtual mosaic with photos and videos;*
- *The Cap Ulysse association will invite citizens to join workshops on multiculturalism and solidarity.*

... and in other countries outside the European Union.

Algeria (61 events)

The Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla will present three ongoing projects about universities governance, development of institutional means for the integration of refugees in higher education and improvement of language teaching techniques in Algerian universities.

Armenia (1 event)

The National Erasmus+ Office will invite Erasmus+ alumni to share their experiences.

Azerbaijan (1 event)

The National Erasmus+ Office will present the Erasmus+ programme through a Facebook live.

Belarus (1 event)

The National Erasmus+ Office will share the Erasmus+ projects' results with local institutions and civil society.

Honduras (1 event)

The Honduran Erasmus+ Alumni will share their mobility experiences from different perspectives (studying and living abroad; exploiting the acquired knowledge once back home).

Jordan (4 events)

The National Erasmus+ Office will stream a conference on career planning and new Europass platform.

Kazakhstan (42 events)

The students of the National Conservatory of Kurmangazy of Almaty will play an online concert and testimony on Erasmus+ experiences.

Palestine (1 event)

TEFL team will conduct an open day to introduce the project outputs to the students at Al Quds Open University.

Russia (26 events)

The Buryat State Academy of Agriculture of Ulan-Ude will propose an online meeting to higher education institutions participating in mobility and agricultural universities of the Far Eastern Federal District Russian Federation to share the experience of participation in international academic mobility.

Vietnam (1 event)

Ho Chi Minh City University of Natural resources and Environment will host the Seminar on "Building the network among Vietnamese partners in implementation of Erasmus+ funded projects".

A European photo exhibition

During the #ErasmusDays, the *Adult learning European exhibition* will highlight Erasmus+ projects dealing with inclusion issues. This photo exhibition is available online (<https://epale.ec.europa.eu/>). 12 posters gathering projects from 28 countries are available for free downloading on the EPALE platform : each actor involved in adult learning in Europe can organize an event for the #ErasmusDays.

