

ERASMUS *Going* DIGITAL

18 OCTOBER 2018 - UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA

PROGRAMME GUIDE

About the Event

The Erasmus Going Digital event will focus on illustrating the impact of a suit of digitisation projects shaping the future of the Erasmus programme: [Erasmus Without Paper](#), the [Erasmus Dashboard](#), the Erasmus+ App and the [Online Learning Agreement](#). It will feature plenary as well as practical sessions about the digitisation of student mobility in the 21st century.

During the event, we will present and discuss current developments and share with colleagues in attendance the milestones foreseen for the coming months. The conference will also feature presentations of beta versions of two new tools that will be available for testing: the inter-institutional agreement manager (which is the newest component of the Erasmus Dashboard) and the Erasmus Virtual Assistant.

We encourage you to get acquainted with the tools that are already available in order to make the most of the conference. You can easily download the Erasmus+ App and access the Online Learning Agreement platform for students to familiarise yourself with those student platforms.

You can also register on the Erasmus Dashboard (or request access from your main institutional account holder, in case your HEI has already been granted access) to manage the learning agreements of your students and edit the institutional data that students see in the Erasmus+ App.

You can also find more technical information about Erasmus Without Paper [here](#).

All tools and platforms are freely available.

The tools in focus

We have the pleasure to showcase the positive impact of several flagship projects facilitating digitisation of the Erasmus+ mobility.

Erasmus Without Paper (EWP - for HEIs)

The project aims to set up a network that will allow any Erasmus+ HEI which organises student exchanges to be part of an **online exchange network** and therefore exchange its student data with any EU HEI system using the network in a secure and efficient way. The project is developing an IT infrastructure and common data standards for interoperability between HEI systems. To connect to the system, HEIs can either use commercial software (such as SOP's Mobility-Online and QS Unisolution's MoveON), build a connector to their own in-house system or use the EWP – Erasmus Dashboard (see below).

Read the EWP [Desk Research results](#) illustrating the current status quo, use the EWP [Developer's Hub](#) for instructions on how to connect to the system and visit the [homepage](#).

Erasmus Dashboard (for HEIs)

The Erasmus Dashboard is an online space to manage outgoing and incoming students, review, decline, comment, download and sign their Learning Agreements. It also doubles as a communication platform with exchange students, easily letting HEIs send group emails and push notifications to users of the **Erasmus+ App**. Last but not least, HEIs can add deadlines and custom information that will be displayed in the Erasmus+ App Step-by-Step guides. The Erasmus Dashboard is made available free of charge as part of the EWP project to all Erasmus+ HEIs in Europe.

More than 730 HEIs have already requested access to the Erasmus Dashboard. You can consult the [FAQs](#) and register [here](#).

Online Learning Agreement (OLA - for students)

The Online Learning Agreement (OLA) platform offers a simple and convenient way for students to complete their Learning Agreement online, have it signed,

receive comments from sending and receiving institutions as well as have an overview of the final version of the LA.

More than 19,000 Online Learning Agreements have already been generated and almost 90% of the students would advise their peers to use the platform.

The Erasmus+ App (for students)

The Erasmus+ App is a tool for Erasmus+ students and offers different services to support students throughout the mobility process. One of the services of the Erasmus+ App allows students to easily monitor the status of the Learning Agreements that they created through the Online Learning Agreement platform and monitor the signing process. Furthermore, the Erasmus+ App shows specific information from the students' home and host institutions that the institutions can edit in the Erasmus Dashboard. Lastly, the Erasmus+ App enables students to receive push notifications from their institutions, informing them about important milestones and deadlines in the mobility process.

The Erasmus+ App has been downloaded over 49,000 times already and offers a one-stop-shop for students. It is freely available on Google Play or Apple store.

European Student Card

The European Student Card will simplify mobility by enabling a easier access to student services during their mobility. The vision underlying the European Student Card (ESC) project is that of enabling students to assert their rights by connecting existing student cards to a digital system. Eventually, students should be able to seamlessly request accommodation, gain access to university canteens at student rates and access other services (e.g. library systems) beyond their own higher education institution, encouraging stronger cooperation between institutions and an increase of visiting, exchange or international students.

See more information and [FAQs](#) on the [homepage](#) of the project.

To sum up:

- Online Learning Agreement for students - <https://www.learning-agreement.eu>

- Erasmus Dashboard for HEIs - <https://www.erasmus-dashboard.eu>
- Erasmus+ App (available in Google Play and Apple store)
- Erasmus Without Paper - <https://www.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu>
- European Student Card - <http://europeanstudentcard.eu>

A video summary illustrating the synergies between the tools is also accessible at the [European University Foundation YouTube Channel](#).

Agenda

October 18, 2018

Morning Registration and coffee

Address of the venue: Aula Magna, Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585 08007 Barcelona

Introduction and welcome

Presenting the Connecting Europe Facility (DG Connect)

Why and how is Erasmus going digital

Policy context, research findings and flagship initiatives

Enabling electronic data exchange among universities - Erasmus Without Paper (EWP)

Proof of the concept and use cases

- **The EWP Network**
- **The EWP Dashboard**
- **The Role of Commercial Providers**

Student interface and services

Coffee break

Rationale and project findings, use cases and the next steps in the development process of the following initiatives:

- **Online Learning Agreement (OLA)**
- **Erasmus+ App and the Erasmus Virtual Assistant**

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- **European Student Card**

Summary of the morning sessions

Networking Lunch

Parallel workshop sessions: Round 1

Please register [here](#). There will be two rounds, hence you will be able to attend two from the four different workshops. The places will be allocated on first come, first served basis.

Coffee break

Parallel workshop sessions: Round 2

Closing of the meeting

Workshop 1: Joining the EWP network - how and why

This workshop is geared to HEIs keen to connect existing IT systems to the EWP network with a view to enable electronic exchange of student data. The workshop will comprise information about requirements, timelines and useful resources. The Open Source University Alliance will also be presented, alongside with the forthcoming EWP competence centre.

Facilitator: Stefan Jahnke, European University Foundation.

Workshop 2: An insider's guide to the Erasmus Dashboard

The workshop is geared to HEIs keen to learn how universities are using the Erasmus Dashboard and the Erasmus+ App to manage online learning agreements, simplify administration – reducing related email traffic by 80% - and enhancing communication with exchange students. The workshop will comprise information about future Dashboard upgrades and discussions about most wanted features.

Facilitator: Nacho Rodriguez, University of Alcalá.

Workshop 3: The roll-out of the European Student Card

The workshop is geared to HEIs keen to learn how to start issuing European Student Cards to its students, featuring information about the project findings and recommendations, as well as connected EU level discussions.

Facilitators: Jean-Paul Roumegas, CNOUS, and Joachim Wyssling, European University Foundation.

Workshop 4: Towards a Digital Erasmus – obstacles and opportunities

This workshop will elicit a discussion about the needs, expectations, potential pitfalls and desired impact of digitisation process as far as the new Erasmus+ programme is concerned.

Facilitator: Joao Bacelar, European University Foundation.

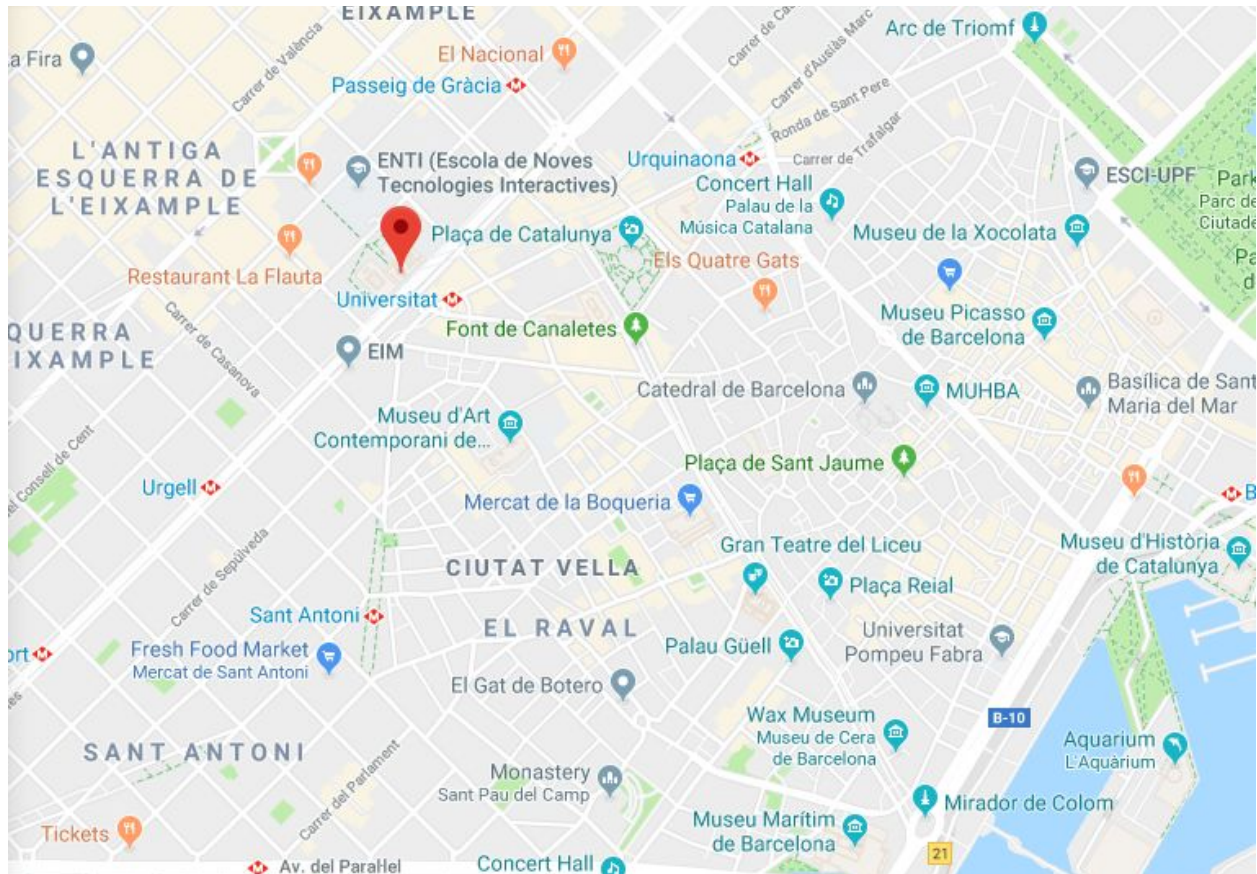
Important! As preparation for the workshops (especially Workshop 2), please register or request access for the Erasmus Dashboard (www.erasmus-dashboard.eu) (if your institution is already using the platform, please ask for access from the main institutional account holder).

Please consider downloading the Erasmus+ App (available on [Google Play](#) and [Apple Store](#)).

Practical information

To/from the airport:

Address: Aula Magna, Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585 08007 Barcelona or see the [location on the map](#):



Practical information:

How to get from the Barcelona-El Prat airport to the meeting venue?

You can easily reach the venue from the Barcelona El Prat airport (from Terminal 1 & 2) with public transport. Go to itinerary [here](#).

Hotel suggestions close to the meeting venue:

Hotel Jazz***

www.hoteljazz.com

Hotel Ciutat Barcelona***

www.ciutatbarcelona.com

NH Barcelona Barri Gòtic***

www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-barcelona-barri-gotic

Estimated price x night: 80 €

Eurostars Rambla****

www.eurostarshotels.co.uk/eurostars-ramblas

Estimated price x night: 70 €

Barcelona Hotel Colonial****

<http://www.hotelcolonialbarcelona.com>

Estimated price x night: 85 €

Other (and cheaper) accommodation options:**Generator Hostels**

www.generatorhostels.com/destinations/barcelona

Located in the city centre and a cheap option considering accommodation rates in Barcelona.

AB Apartment Barcelona

www.apartmentbarcelona.com

They have some apartments spread all over the city. Rates and availability can be found at their website.

Useful maps:

Download Barcelona metro map in [pdf](#)- [jpg](#)

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