

Towards a European Education Area

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The European Education Area by 2025

A Union where young people receive the best education and training and can study and find jobs across the continent



- ❖ **Spending time abroad** to study and learn is the standard
- ❖ School and higher education **diplomas are automatically recognised** across the EU
- ❖ **Speaking two languages, in addition to one's mother tongue**, is the norm
- ❖ **Educational excellence** is a reality for all, irrespective of people's **socio-economic background**
- ❖ People have a strong **sense of their identity as Europeans** and of Europe's cultural heritage and its diversity.

Key Initiatives



- ✓ Council Recommendation on Automatic Recognition
- ✓ The next Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027
- ✓ European Student Card
- ✓ European Universities Initiative

Automatic Mutual Recognition

*The Council Recommendation calls for establishing, by 2025, the steps necessary to achieve automatic mutual recognition of academic qualifications and outcomes of learning periods abroad for the **purpose of further learning** and without having to go through a separate recognition procedure.*

What is automatic recognition?

*Automatic mutual recognition of a qualification: "the right for holders of a qualification of a certain level that has been issued by one Member State to be considered for entry to a higher education programme in the next level in any other Member State, **without having to go through any separate recognition procedure.** This shall not prejudice the right of a higher education institution or the competent authorities **to set specific evaluation and admission criteria** for a specific programme. It does not prejudice the right to check if the qualification is authentic."*

What is automatic recognition?

Automatic mutual recognition of the outcomes of a learning period abroad: "the right to have the learning outcomes of a learning period recognised, as agreed beforehand in a learning agreement and confirmed in the Transcript of Records, in line with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Concretely, it means applying the rule set out in the 2015 ECTS Users' Guide that state that all credits gained during the period of study abroad or during the virtual mobility – as agreed in the learning agreement and confirmed by the Transcript of records - should be transferred without delay and counted towards the students' degree **without any additional work or assessment** of the student."



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Steps to be done by Member States

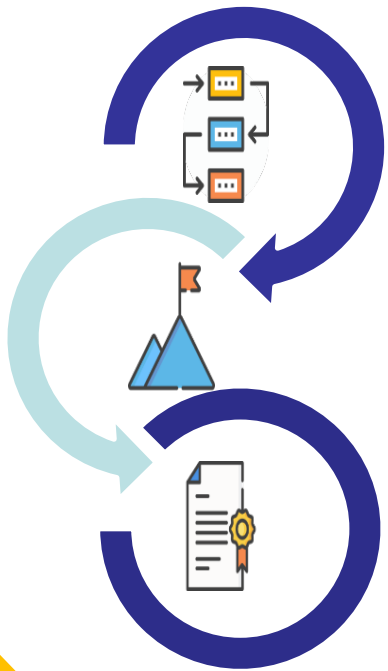
- ✓ ***Development of national guidance***
- ✓ ***Capacity building of NARICs***
- ✓ ***Communication and dissemination***
- ✓ ***Monitoring of automatic recognition of learning periods abroad and of qualifications***

How to get there

- Improved transparency and trust: quality assurance, qualifications frameworks, Bologna structure, course catalogues
- Main Commission actions:
 - 1) mutual learning and exchange
 - 2) development of digital tools
 - 3) synergies between EU transparency tools;
 - 4) European sources of funding

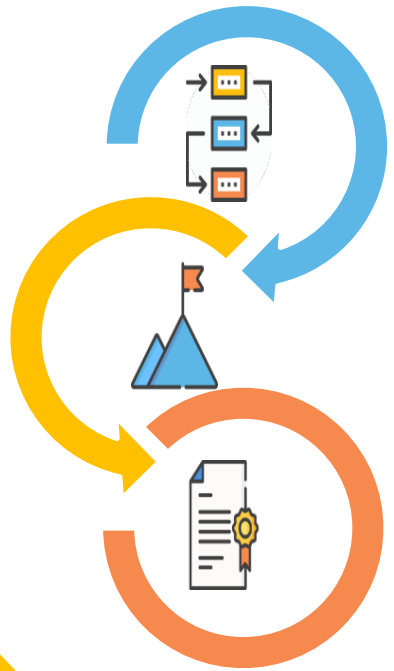


Mutual learning and exchange



- Meetings of Directors General of Higher Education
- Discussions in the different Council formations
- Meetings of the ET 2020 Working Group
- NARIC meetings
- Peer Learning Activities

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education



- ✓ A quality label for Erasmus
- ✓ Underlines principles that HEIs must respect to take part in Erasmus
- ✓ Adapted to reflect the changes in the new Erasmus programme:
 - Supporting automatic recognition of learning outcomes abroad;
 - Encouraging HEIs to support students in finding accommodation;
 - Making the programme more digitally- and environmentally-friendly

Objectives of the European Student Card initiative



- ➔ Make it as easy as possible **for students** to be mobile in Europe by:
 - enabling them to manage all steps of their mobility online through the Erasmus+ Mobile App;
 - having the European Student hologram added to their student cards so they can be easily recognised across Europe.
- ➔ Simplify mobility management and reduce administrative burden **for universities** by:
 - digitising and streamlining student mobility management

Recommendations to EU leaders in Sibiu on 9 Mai

*"1 out of every 4 Euros will be spent on climate action, while programmes for youth, such as **Erasmus**, will receive more than twice as much funding"*

"Promote teaching and learning about the European Union at all levels of education, to strengthen learners' knowledge of the European Union, its values, functioning and field of activities. The EU should build partnerships with educational institutions at national and regional levels to ensure European civic education becomes a part of formal learning. Bring Erasmus and European Solidarity Corps alumni into this effort. Ensure that EU citizens are made aware of their rights."



Future Erasmus Programme

Supporting the creation of a European Education Area by 2025

- *More inclusive and accessible*
- *More participatory*
- *More forward-looking*
- *More international*
- *Simpler and less bureaucratic*





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