

Erasmus without paper: all you ever wanted to know

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EWP ...
What started it all?

#### Erasmus without paper history

- EWP's story started a long time ago, partly in what is now GDN (RS3G Mobility Project)
- First informal meeting of stakeholders in December 2012 in Brussels
- First formal meeting held in Ghent in June 2013. Two more consortium meetings followed.
- EU-funded EWP project (2015-2017): kick-off meeting in Ghent in November 2015
- EWP 2.0 project (2018-2019 3 extra partners) launched in Warsaw in January 2018. It will end on 31 December 2019.



# Ambitious agenda for the pilot phase

- Mobility scenarios (desk research)
- Common data models
- Transport protocols and standards
- Solve the security and privacy issues
- Identity management
- Build connector modules (APIs)





# Erasmus Without Paper network

An electronic network that allows **realtime** data exchange among HEIs in order to



- replace a paper-based workflow by a digital one
- tackle the **administrative workload** for HEI staff and students



- streamline existing technical solutions and services
- create free public infrastructure for ALL HEIs



# Defining characteristics

- Ambition: enable interoperability among +2000 in-house systems and third-party solutions to exchange data electronically and securely
- Impact: digitize all key steps of the management of Erasmus+ exchanges (and other programmes)
- Scale: interconnect all ECHE holders & grow into a common platform for all internationalization processes
- **Timing**: key infrastructure needs to be fully operational before the next Erasmus programme (early 2021)



### We need more cooperation!

- Human & IT resources are scarce in HE
- International cooperation in software development is a solution
- Standardization and centralized quality measures is a must
- Project results need to be compatible with each other
- Open source will help the transition



# State of Play

- Erasmus Without Paper is just the beginning
- Today we launch the network
- We will now develop the competence centre, integrate external tools and concentrate on attracting new users
- Student data portability and digitalization will not stop in Europe



# Ultimate goals

- New services can be added at any time and not all have to be implemented (at once)
- EWP does not operate in a vacuum: OLA, EGRACONS, EMREX, ESC, E+ App, EVA, ESMO, Mobility Tool+...
- Consider eIDAS and GDPR as introduced in 2018
- Roll-out, documentation and training from 2019
- Data do not need to be restricted to exchange data



# Plus ... EWP is shifting its focus

- Reuse and recycle
- EWP as umbrella for existing open source tools:
  - Egracons
  - Online Learning Agreement/ Dashboard
  - European Student Card
  - Erasmus+ App
- We have launched the Open Source University alliance
- We need more impact/sustainability + avoid fragmentation



#### Ultimate dream

- EWP as the "electronic brain" of the new E+ programme
- Anticipate how workflows can be adapted and take advantage of new infrastructure

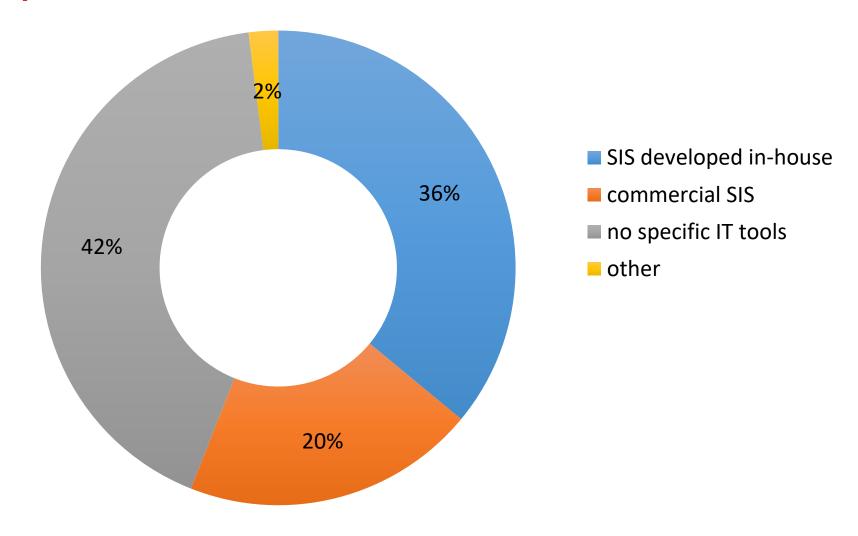


#### Target stakeholders in HEIs

- 1. IRO: to monitor these developments and help define a digital strategy with clear milestones
- 2. University leadership: need to be aware of the challenges and policy decisions ahead
- 3. IT teams: need to carry out a needs analysis and become 'international'



### Types of mobility software in use

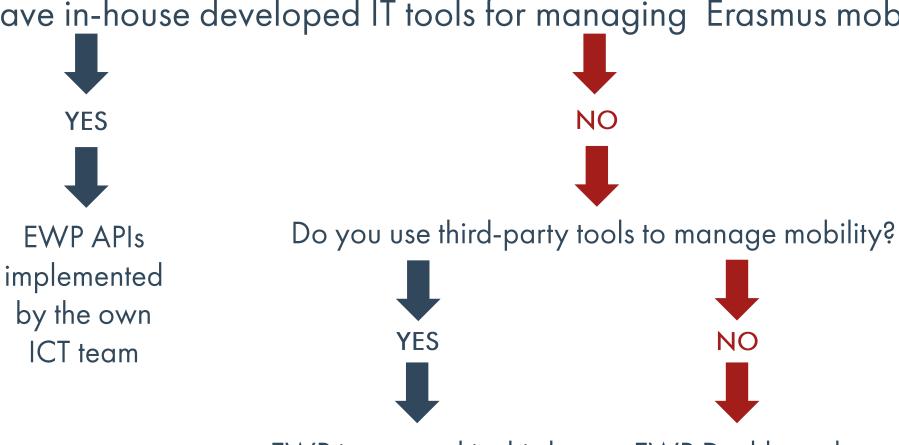


Mapping of IT infrastructure among ECHE holders



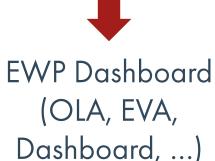
#### Which type of user is your HEI?

Do you have in-house developed IT tools for managing Erasmus mobilities?



EWP integrated in thirdparty software

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# No university will be left behind!



# EWP is here to stay!

- We are in constant touch with DGEAC and DGConnect and other related projects
- We have presented our vision to about 18 National Agencies
- Reception at the EAIE, Eracon, EUNIS, the Erasmus Going Digital, the Groningen Declaration Network and other conferences has been overwhelming
- More and more commercial and third-party software providers are contacting us about implementation
- We follow global developments closely



#### Digital change is cultural change!

Developing technology is easy.

Helping users to make the most out of it is the challenge



# Thank you for your attention!



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