

# ***EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE***

*Simplifying, facilitating,  
connecting.*



Erasmus goes Digital Webinar- Dashboard  
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# Policy overview and context

# EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR UNIVERSITIES

SUPPORTING AND ENABLING  
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS  
ACROSS EUROPE



A European shared vision to support all types of higher education institutions to adapt to changing conditions across all their missions

Priority areas for transformation based and clear objectives

Concrete actions at EU level to enable and support the sector

Synergies with actions and national reforms



# Four flagship initiatives



Expand to **60 European Universities with more than 500 universities by mid-2024**, with an Erasmus+ indicative budget totalling EUR 1.1 billion for 2021-2027.



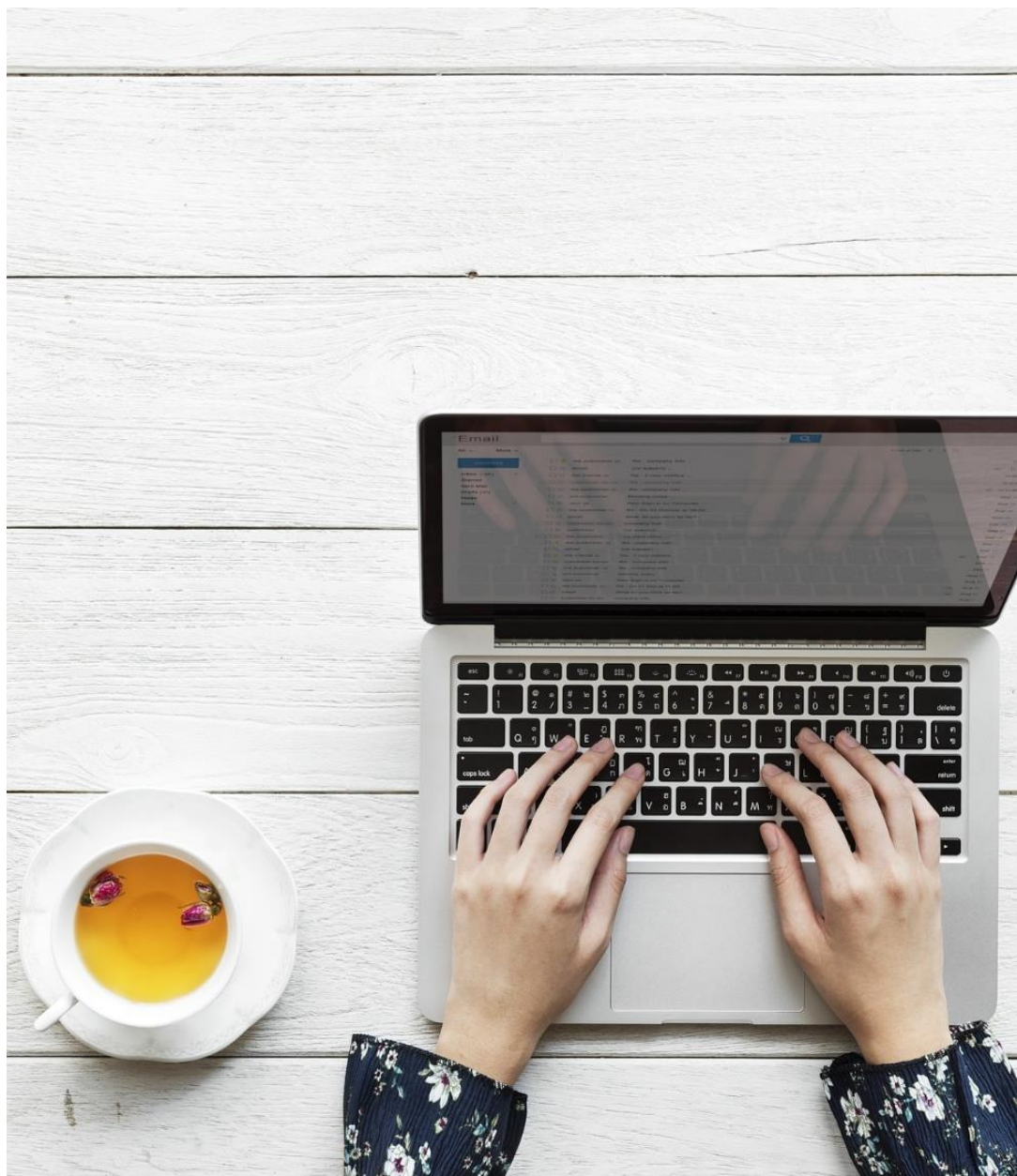
Work towards a **legal statute for alliances** of higher education institutions: pilot as of 2022 under Erasmus+ the implementation of existing European instruments



Examine options and necessary steps towards a **joint European degree**: pilot as of 2022 under Erasmus+ the first steps towards a joint European degree, in particular the development of European criteria for the award of a European Degree label



Scale up the **European Student Card initiative by starting deploying a unique European Student Identifier** to all mobile students in 2022 and to all students in universities in Europe by mid-2024



## How do we get there?



### Workstreams under European Student Card Initiative:

1. Connect all universities in E+ countries via a digital network - **Erasmus Without Paper (EWP) Network**
2. Offer a software for institutions without student information systems - **EWP Dashboard**
3. Offer a student facing infrastructure- **Erasmus+ App**
4. Issue an identifier to students to be able to identify them across IT systems - **European Student Identifier**
5. Ensure students can confirm their status abroad - **European Student Card**



# Support from the European Commission



**January 2022- December 2024: Tenders for implementing digitalisation of Erasmus+**

## ***Part 1- Erasmus Without Paper and Erasmus+ App***

*Goal: Improving and maintaining infrastructure in and around EWP:*

- *Interoperability improvement*
- *Dashboard improvement*
- *Further digitalization of mobility administration*
- *Incorporation of the E+ App after June 22*
- *Improve support services to HEIs and students*

## ***Part 2- European Student Card***

*Goal: Deploying European Student Card across EU*

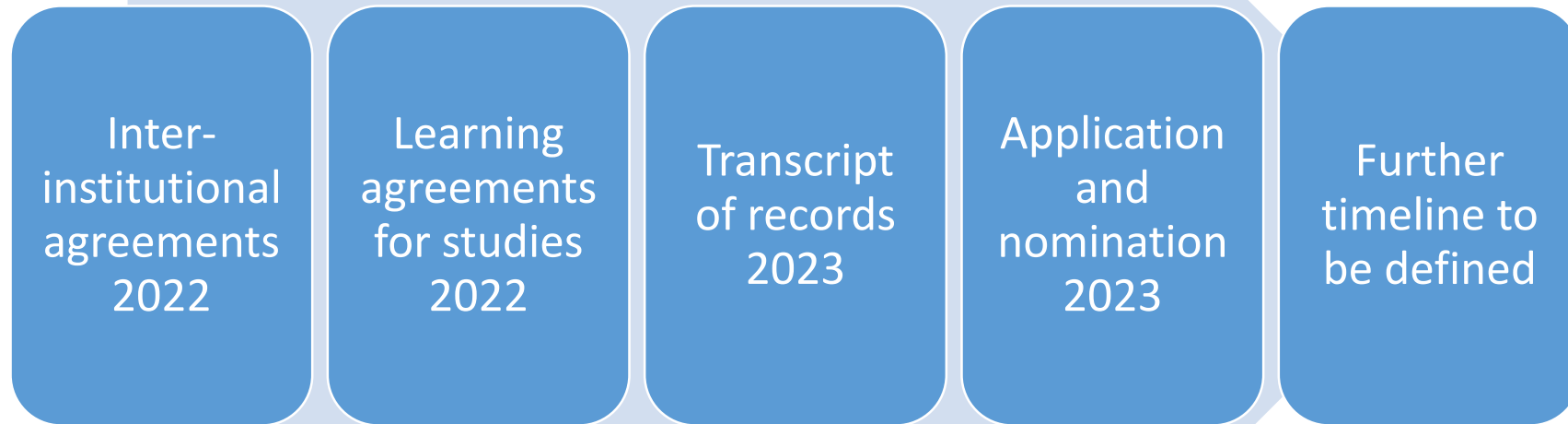
- *Incorporating European Identity into existing cards (hologram and QR)*
- *Enable ecard interoperability (Virtual card) with Erasmus+ app*
- *On and off campus services*
- *Communication towards students*



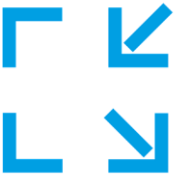


# Mobility roadmap

# Erasmus+ digitalisation timeline

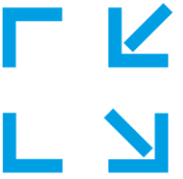


**Under the condition that the systems are fit for purpose**





# Roadmap



- Academic year 2021/2022 has been considered as a **transitional year**
- This transitional year **is extended** until the end of the calendar year 2022 (31/12/2022)
- Calendar year 2023 **digital readiness** (which is part of the ECHE commitments) will become subject to a monitoring process by National Agencies.
- **ECHE monitoring guidelines** will be published by June 2022
- ECHE monitoring will **reflect the efforts** HEIs make in order to advance in the digitalization process – qualitative evaluation



# Clarifications of timeline of IIA



- Mobility flows in academic year 2022-2023 will need to be captured either by paper agreements or by “old” IIA versions from the previous programmes accompanied by email exchanges.
- HEIs are strongly encouraged to **exchange digital IIAs as soon as possible** (already for mobilities starting in fall 2022) and not to wait until 31/12/2022



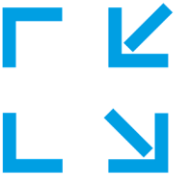


# Clarifications on LA

- **Consider year 2022 as a moment to switch to digital!**
  - Efforts to be put in place to advance the digitalisation process of learning agreements
  - Digitalisation of learning agreements advised already in fall 2022- in order to allow students to benefit from the Erasmus+ app features
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# Interoperability of EWP



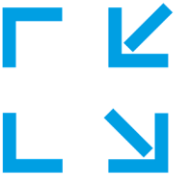
- The EWP+ Consortium is setting up a **Centralised Service Desk** to support HEIs
- The EWP+ consortium is putting in place a **governance structure** that will steer this process
- Within the current contract with EWP+ focus is being put on improving **interoperability between all systems**  
in EWP Network: Dashboard, software providers and in house systems.





# Erasmus+ App

# Available features on the Erasmus+ App



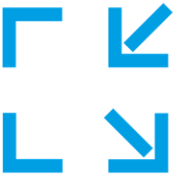
- Ability to manage some administrative procedures for EWP Dashboard users
- ESI-based European Student Card
- Multilingual information on mobility opportunities
- Deals, Tips & Stories
- Events by HEIs

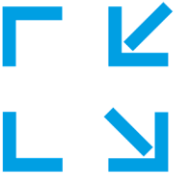


# Future features of the Erasmus+ App



- Ability to manage administrative procedures for all students
- Expansion to more administrative processes
- Fully digital European Student Card
- Integration with Online Language Support
- Review of mobility experience, especially traineeships
- Much more...





# The role of universities in Erasmus+ App project



- Populate the Erasmus+ app with information relevant to your university
- Urge students to use the app to complete the application and nomination process
- Urge your students to sign OLAs through the app
- Issue ESI so your students will be able to access the digital card on the app





**Thank you**

