



Erasmus+

Virtual Exchange

INTERCULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Welcome and Agenda

- Introduction to Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange project
 - What is Virtual Exchange?
 - How is it related to Erasmus+ Programme?
 - What are the main objectives of Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange
 - What activities are offered by the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange
 - How to get your agency or office involved?
 - Questions and answer session
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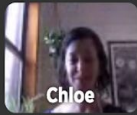
Panelists

- Sarah Guth, UNICollaboration
- Stephanie Siklossy - Search for Common Ground
- Waidehi Gokhale - Soliya
- Casper van der Heijden - Sharing Perspectives Foundation
- Francesca Helm - UNICollaboration

What is Virtual Exchange?

“Technology-enabled people-to-people dialogues sustained over a period of time”.

- Use of new media platforms to enable deep, interactive social learning
- Developed over 30 years from experience in the field of educational exchange and study abroad
- Making it possible for every young person to have meaningful, transnational and intercultural experiences.
- Prepares, deepens, and extends physical exchanges, and fuels new demand for physical exchange.



Hany 15:13:42
not when it is raining :)



Rafael 15:14:21
What is on your mind today?



 Talk! Send



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What is Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange?

- Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange is a groundbreaking pilot project established by the European Commission in 2018.
- Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange aims to expand the reach and scope of the Erasmus+ programme through virtual exchanges.
- This project will complement the traditional physical mobility programme.
- An accessible, innovative way for young people in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean to engage in meaningful intercultural experiences online, as part of their formal or non-formal education.

What is Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange?

- During the pilot phase, Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange will reach at least 8,000 young people.
- Aim to expand the project to reach 17,000 more people by end 2019.
- Established under a contract with the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, financed by the European Union's budget.
- Implemented by a consortium composed of Search for Common Ground, Anna Lindh Foundation, UNIMED, Sharing Perspectives Foundation, Soliya, UNICollaboration, Kiron Open Higher Education, and Migration Matters.

Target Audiences

Open to any young person aged 18-30 residing in Erasmus+ programme countries and the Southern Mediterranean.

- Young people (aged 18 to 30 years)
- Youth workers
- Students
- Higher education professors
- University managers/administrators
- Educators



Objectives

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Impact

- Encourage intercultural dialogue and increase tolerance through online people-to-people interactions.
- Promote various types of Virtual Exchange as a complement to Erasmus+ physical mobility, allowing more young people to benefit from intercultural and international experience.

Skill Building

- Enhance critical thinking and media literacy, and the use of Internet and social media.
- Foster soft skills development of participants, including the practice of foreign languages and teamwork, notably to enhance employability.

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EU Policy Framework

- Support the objectives of the 2015 Paris declaration to promote citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education.
- Strengthen the youth dimension of the EU neighbouring policy with Southern Mediterranean countries.

Testimonials

IIOC Refugee Student

“Cultivating Diversity Together course is not only vivid discussion. It is deep and eye-opening. I am breaking one stereotype every session! I am so interested in Erasmus Virtual Exchange. Being a trained facilitators is a good chance for Kiron students. Please keep us informed.”

Online Facilitated Dialogue Participant

“As we're counting sessions down, I feel like I am building strong relationships and widening my knowledge about a lot of things that I used to think about as 'simple,' but it turned out that they are very deep. I am loving this program.”

Online Facilitated Dialogue Participant

“I have never been in anyone of these places, so it was a little bit like traveling, even if in a virtual way. What I know now is that I want not only to stay in contact with them, but also to visit them. In fact, this summer I'm planning a trip to Tunisia, where three of my peers live, I'm very excited. I have started this program with an open mind and am very excited to be meeting new people with different cultural backgrounds.”



Activities

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ONLINE FACILITATED DIALOGUE

Three Virtual Exchange programmes connecting young people in non-formal discussions from various countries to each other for exposure to diverse views and cultures, language exchange and practice, and employability skills.



TRAINING TO DEVELOP VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROJECTS

Professional development for youth workers and university educators to learn how to develop a Transnational Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Project (TEP) in order to enrich and expand existing programmes.



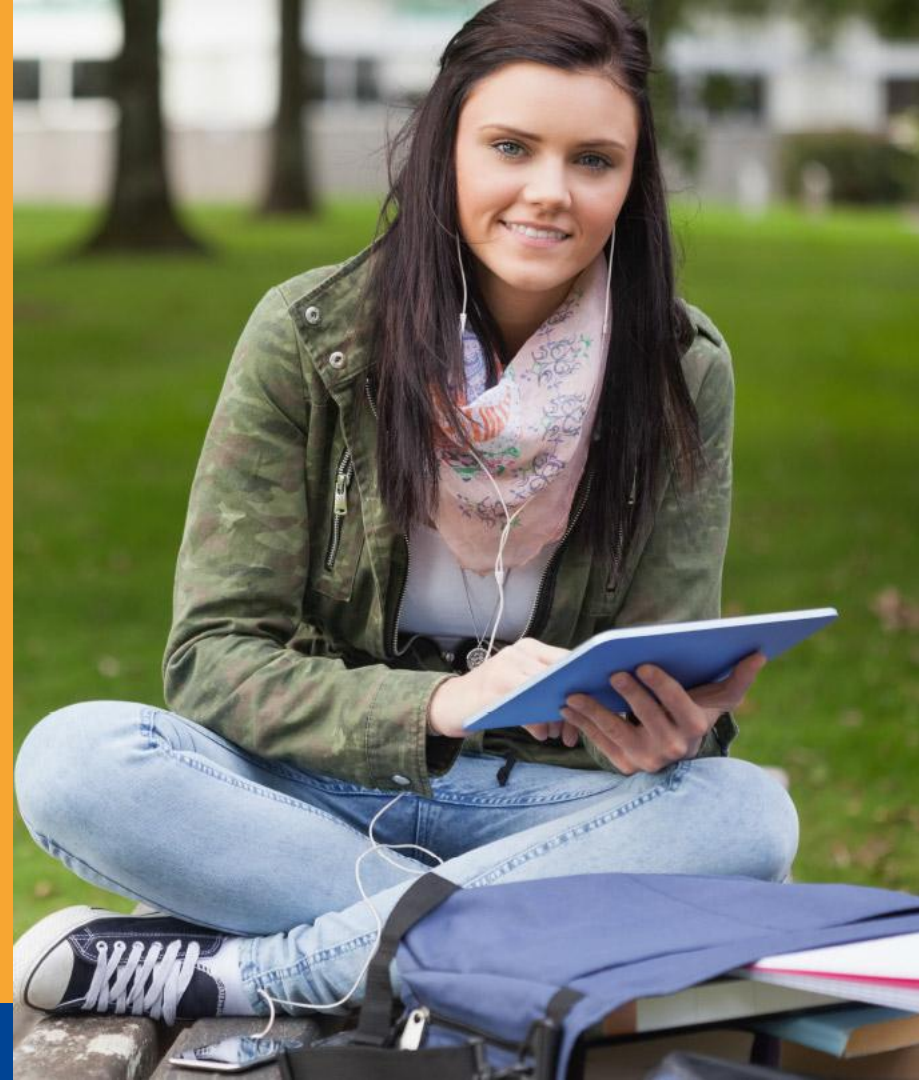
ADVOCACY TRAINING

Bringing young people from different backgrounds together to develop parliamentary debate skills with the support of a network of trained debate facilitators, fostering listening and understanding through advocacy training.



INTERACTIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSES

Access open online courses across cultural contexts and national boundaries to learn with peers from diverse backgrounds using bite-sized video lectures, supported by skill building activities and facilitated intercultural discussions.



Facilitation Training

Training in facilitation tools such as active listening, summarizing and reframing, making observations, and addressing diverse group dynamics.

Hands-on facilitation practice with other trainees and extensive, individualized feedback from trainers.

Extensive individualised coaching as member of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Facilitator Community.



Recognition Open Badges

- Recognition of participation in Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange activities works through a system of Open Badges
- There are badges for each of the different activities and also for trainers and facilitators



How to get involved?

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange HUB

https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual_en

- Main gateway for participation
- Explanation on project activities and information on upcoming activities
- Expression of interest forms available for each activity

Upcoming activities

Online facilitated Dialogue - Autumn sessions from October to December

Trainings for professors and youth workers in May-June for implementation of projects in the autumn

Advocacy training and debates - from June to September

IOOCs - Autumn programme October to December, various enhanced MOOCs over summer and in autumn, currently finalising schedules.

Facilitation Training - Advanced Facilitation training will run in May-July, August-September and October-December. French/Arabic facilitation training rounds are being planned for the summer months.

Introductory Facilitation training will take in August-September.



Questions?

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