



ERACON 2026 SESSIONS BY THE ERASMUS+ NA OF CYPRUS

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Erasmus+ Actions and European Youth Opportunities

As part of our participation in the **22nd Erasmus Congress and Exhibition (ERACON 2026)**, and in our capacity as a **co-organiser and sponsor**, we propose hosting a series of **presentations and interactive workshops** on **Wednesday, 24 June 2026**.

These sessions will focus on the **main priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Solidarity Corps (ESC)**, while showcasing **funding opportunities and capacity-building initiatives** that foster **youth participation, mobility, and learning** across Europe.

Abstract:

This session will present **four interlinked European initiatives** designed to strengthen **higher education, youth engagement, and mobility** throughout Europe. Participants will gain insights into the **key priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Solidarity Corps (ESC)**, with emphasis on **funding and capacity-building opportunities** that promote **youth participation, mobility, and lifelong learning**.

Through **interactive presentations and practical discussions**, the sessions will explore how **digital transformation, solidarity actions, mobility tools, and innovation funding** contribute to building a **more connected, inclusive, and empowered European community**.

Thematic Sessions and Activities

1. European Student Card Initiative (ESCI): Towards a digitally connected university environment

- Presentation of ESCI as a key pillar in the digital transformation of Higher Education in Europe.
 - Integration of the European Student Card (ESC) and the Erasmus Without Paper Network.
 - Practical benefits for students, institutions, and stakeholders — from data interoperability to simplified mobility procedures.
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2. European Solidarity Corps (ESC): Solidarity, volunteering and social participation in youth

- Presentation of participation opportunities for young people and organizations.
 - Sharing good practices and success stories from ESC projects.
 - The role of the ESC in promoting solidarity and social cohesion in Europe.
 - How the ESC supports youth professionals and informal youth groups.
 - Networking, training, and European cooperation opportunities.
 - Tools and methodologies for active youth engagement.
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3. European Youth Card: A tool for empowerment and mobility

- Presentation of the European Youth Card as a means of participation, access, and benefits for young people.
 - Link with Erasmus+ activities and local youth initiatives to foster inclusion and mobility.
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4. Funding Opportunities Beyond Mobility – Youth

- Overview of European and national programs supporting innovation, cooperation, and youth participation.
 - Practical guidelines for successful project proposals and effective project management.
 - Examples of good practices and sustainable partnerships beyond traditional mobility schemes.
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