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Programme Highlights

List of presentations & sessions by 15 May 2026

Updated new list will be published once per week until the congress detailed programme is published

CODE	PLENARY INVITED
IS1	 Mr. Johannes Gehringer, European Commission Title of presentation to be announced
CODE	THEMATIC SESSIONS
TS1	NATIONAL AGENCY OF CYPRUS FOR ERASMUS+ AND THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS Erasmus+ Actions and European Youth Opportunities
TS1.1	<u>EUROPEAN YOUTH CARD: A TOOL FOR EMPOWERMENT AND MOBILITY</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the European Youth Card as a means of participation, access, and benefits for young people. Link with Erasmus+ priorities and local youth initiatives to foster inclusion and mobility. Glykeria Kalamata, Youth Officer, Youth Board of Cyprus
TS1.2	<u>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND MOBILITY – YOUTH</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <u>European Solidarity Corps (ESC): Solidarity, volunteering and social participation in youth</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of participation opportunities for young people and organizations. • Tools and methodologies for active youth engagement.

	<p>Natalia Kouhartsiouk, Programme Officer Foundation for the Management of European Lifelong Learning Programmes</p>
TS1.3	<p>EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE (ESCI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment with Erasmus+ and digital transformation • Policy framework • Key components (European Student Card, Erasmus Without Paper, Erasmus+ App) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ESC: State of play ○ ESCI+ Consultation: Present the outcomes of the consultation, drawing on the online survey as well as the nine online and in-person workshops conducted in 2026 • Future developments and roadmap • Strategic vision and objectives of ESCI <p>Ildiko Hegedus, Programme manager at European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) – European Student Card Initiative Nuria Moyes Prellezo, Project Manager at NTT DATA</p>
CODE	ROUND TABLES
RT1	 <p>ERASMUS+ thematic Mr. Johannes Gehringer, European Commission Thematic to be announced</p>
RT2	<p>THE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY BAROMETER: WHAT WE LEARNT SO FAR THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE Emma Zeniou, Vice-president, European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators</p>
CODE	WORKSHOPS/NETWORKING
EWS1	<p>HOW TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL STEAME-TEACHER FACILITATORS ACADEMY AT YOUR UNIVERSITY Gregoris Makrides, President of the European Federation of STEAME Teacher Facilitators Academies</p>
EWS2	<p>NETWORKING WORKSHOP FOR ERASMUS+ FUNDING PROGRAMMES 2026-2027 Gregory Makrides, President – EAEC, Cyprus Thomas Economou, EAEC Team</p>
EWS3	<p>CREATIVE IN GREEN Workshop Elpi Margariti, EACG, Cyprus</p>
EWS4	<p>BEYOND MOBILITY- BUILDING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH THEMATIC STAFF WEEKS AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT Fatima Weininger-Hollósi, Head of International Mobility Program at Budapest Metropolitan University, Hungary</p>
EWS5	<p>European Universities alliances, EUonAIR European University on AI in Curricula, Smart UniverCity and (Return) Mobility - Impact, Insights, problems and the Road Ahead Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece</p>
CODE	PRESENTATIONS
EP1	<p>THE DIGITISATION OF ERASMUS+ PROCEDURES IN HIGHER MUSIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS Sara Primiterra, Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen (AEC), Brussels, Belgium</p>
EP2	<p>FROM MOBILITY TO LOYALTY: A CRM PLAYBOOK FOR ERASMUS+ PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE AND PARTNER ENGAGEMENT</p>

	<p>Prof. Dr. Duda Gheorghe Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hab. Daniel Adrian Gârdan Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania</p>
EP3	<p>INTERNALIZATION AT HOME - UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR Alenka Marušič, University of Maribor, Slovenia</p>
EP4	<p>STRATEGIC STAFF MOBILITY IN ERASMUS+ DELIVERING IMPACT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTERNATIONALISATION Frances Pottschulte Paul Finnerty Erasmus Courses Ireland, St Patricks Bridge, Cork, Ireland</p>
EP5	<p>INCLUSION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS: A WHOLE -SYSTEM APPROACH TO CO-CREATING AN INNOVATIVE INTERNSHIP SUPPORT MODEL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. Olga Mitchell, Munster Technological University (MTU), Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown, Cork, Ireland.</p>
EP6	<p>BEYOND MOBILITY: THE ROLE OF COVES IN STRENGTHENING SKILLS THROUGH INTERNATIONALISATION Concetta Fonzo, Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Deputy Laura Evangelista, Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Coordinator EQAVET National Reference Point, Corso d'Italia, 33 – Rome, Italy</p>
EP7	<p>FROM FORMAL REPRESENTATION TO PARTICIPATORY IMPROVEMENT: STUDENT VOICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION Concetta Fonzo, Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Deputy Laura Evangelista, Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Coordinator EQAVET National Reference Point, Corso d'Italia, 33 – Rome, Italy</p>
EP8	<p>FROM MOBILITY COORDINATOR TO CAREER ARCHITECT: WHY INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION IS THE NEW GOLD STANDART FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH Anzhela Lokshyna, Director of the Academy of career development "ALPHA+" Ukraine</p>
EP9	<p>EU-GANOM: IMPROVING SKILLS AND RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF IN ERASMUS+ AND HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS Claire Dutertre, Nantes Université, Nantes, France</p>
EP10	<p>SMILE – SUPPORTING MOBILITY AND INTERNATIONALIZATION FOR LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT IN SOMALI HEIS Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece</p>
EP11	<p>GREEN TOUR GREEN SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM' Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece Zoi Katsiri, Univerity of Piraeus, Greece Andreas Papp, Unversity of Piraeus, Greece</p>
EP12	<p>OCEAN – OPENING COLLABORATION FOR EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC NETWORKS IN THE MALDIVES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece Zoi Katsiri, Univerity of Piraeus, Greece Andreas Papp, Unversity of Piraeus, Greece</p>
EP13	<p>SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece</p>

EP14	<p>WRITING WINNING EU PROJECT PROPOSALS WITH AI: A PRACTICAL METHODOLOGY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, VET, AND ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS</p> <p><u>Jörg Zell</u>, Interaktiv GmbH, Germany</p>
EP15	<p>D.E.F Deaf Entrepreneurs for the Future</p> <p><u>Thomas Economou</u>, EACG, Cyprus</p>
EP16	<p>OUT OF THE BUBBLE - REIMAGINING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INTEGRATION THROUGH CURRICULAR INNOVATION</p> <p><u>Julia Stadl</u>, Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol, Austria</p>
EP17	<p>OLS COMMUNITIES, IMMERSIVE 360° CONTENT AND GAMIFICATION: THREE KEYS TO FACILITATE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY</p> <p><u>Christophe Debarge</u>, CLL, Belgium</p>
EP18	<p>INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEKS REVISITED: FROM MOBILITY EVENTS TO INSTITUTIONAL INTERNATIONALISATION</p> <p><u>Silvia Baldassari</u>, Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol, Austria</p>
CP1	<p>FROM COMPETENCE TO CURRENCY: RETHINKING WORKFORCE READINESS IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND GREEN TRANSITION</p> <p><u>Evgenia Pavlakou</u>, New York College, Greece</p>