



# ERASMUS CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION ERACON AND CAREER-EU PROGRAMME 2026

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## Programme Highlights

*List of presentations & sessions by 26 May 2026*

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

CODE	PLENARY INVITED
IS1	 <b>Mr. Johannes Gehringer, European Commission</b> Title of presentation to be announced
CODE	THEMATIC SESSIONS
TS1	<b>NATIONAL AGENCY OF CYPRUS FOR ERASMUS+ AND THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS</b> <b>Erasmus+ Actions and European Youth Opportunities</b>
TS1.1	<u>EUROPEAN YOUTH CARD: A TOOL FOR EMPOWERMENT AND MOBILITY</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the European Youth Card as a means of participation, access, and benefits for young people.</li> </ul> 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"> <li>• Overview of European and national programs supporting innovation, cooperation, and youth participation.</li> <li>• Practical guidelines for successful project proposals and effective project management.</li> <li>• Examples of good practices</li> </ul> <u>European Solidarity Corps (ESC): Solidarity, volunteering and social participation in youth</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of participation opportunities for young people and organizations.</li> <li>• Tools and methodologies for active youth engagement.</li> </ul>

	<p>Natalia Kouhartsiouk, Programme Officer Foundation for the Management of European Lifelong Learning Programmes</p>
TS1.3	<p><b>EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE (ESCI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment with Erasmus+ and digital transformation</li> <li>• Policy framework</li> <li>• Key components (European Student Card, Erasmus Without Paper, Erasmus+ App) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ESC: State of play</li> <li>○ 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</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Future developments and roadmap</li> <li>• Strategic vision and objectives of ESCI</li> </ul> <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>
<b>CODE</b>	<b>ROUND TABLES</b>
RT1	 <p><b>ERASMUS+ thematic</b> <b>Mr. Johannes Gehringer, European Commission</b> Thematic to be announced</p>
RT2	<p><b>THE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY BAROMETER: WHAT WE LEARNT SO FAR THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE</b> <b>Emma Zeniou</b>, Vice-president, European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators</p>
CRT1	<p><b>FROM MOBILITY COORDINATOR TO CAREER ARCHITECT: WHY INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION IS THE NEW GOLD STANDART FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH</b> <b>Anzhela Lokshyna</b>, Director of the Academy of career development “ALPHA+”, Ukraine</p>
<b>CODE</b>	<b>WORKSHOPS/NETWORKING</b>
EWS1	<p><b>HOW TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL STEAME-TEACHER FACILITATORS ACADEMY AT YOUR UNIVERSITY</b> <b>Gregoris Makrides</b>, President of the European Federation of STEAME Teacher Facilitators Academies</p>
EWS2	<p><b>NETWORKING WORKSHOP FOR ERASMUS+ FUNDING PROGRAMMES 2026-2027</b> <b>Gregory Makrides</b>, President, European Association of Erasmus Coordinators – EAEC and European Association of Career Guidance - EACG, Cyprus <b>Thomas Economou</b>, European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus</p>
EWS3	<p><b>CREATIVE IN GREEN Workshop</b> <b>Elpi Margariti</b>, EACG, Cyprus</p>
EWS4	<p><b>BEYOND MOBILITY- BUILDING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH THEMATIC STAFF WEEKS AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT</b> <b>Fatima Weininger-Hollósi</b>, Head of International Mobility Program at Budapest Metropolitan University, Hungary</p>
EWS5	<p><b>European Universities alliances, EUonAIR European University on AI in Curricula, Smart UniverCity and (Return) Mobility - Impact, Insights, problems and the Road Ahead</b> <b>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</b>, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece</p>
EWS6	<p><b>SignVET: Assistive Technologies for Education</b> <b>Thomas Economou</b>, European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus</p>

	<b>Elpiniki Margariti</b> , European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus
<b>CODE</b>	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>
EP1	<b>THE DIGITISATION OF ERASMUS+ PROCEDURES IN HIGHER MUSIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS</b> <b>Sara Primiterra</b> , Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen (AEC), Brussels, Belgium
EP2	<b>FROM MOBILITY TO LOYALTY: A CRM PLAYBOOK FOR ERASMUS+ PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE AND PARTNER ENGAGEMENT</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Duda Gheorghe</b> <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hab. Daniel Adrian Gârdan</b> Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania
EP3	<b>INTERNALIZATION AT HOME - UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR</b> <b>Alenka Marušič</b> , University of Maribor, Slovenia
EP4	<b>STRATEGIC STAFF MOBILITY IN ERASMUS+ DELIVERING IMPACT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTERNATIONALISATION</b> <b>Mr Paul Finnerty</b> , Atlas Language School, Dublin, Ireland, (member of Erasmus Courses Ireland)
EP5	<b>INCLUSION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS: A WHOLE -SYSTEM APPROACH TO CO-CREATING AN INNOVATIVE INTERNSHIP SUPPORT MODEL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.</b> <b>Olga Mitchell</b> , Munster Technological University (MTU), Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown, Cork, Ireland.
EP6	<b>BEYOND MOBILITY: THE ROLE OF COVES IN STRENGTHENING SKILLS THROUGH INTERNATIONALISATION</b> <b>Concetta Fonzo</b> , Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Deputy <b>Laura Evangelista</b> , Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Coordinator EQAVET National Reference Point, Corso d'Italia, 33 – Rome, Italy
EP7	<b>FROM FORMAL REPRESENTATION TO PARTICIPATORY IMPROVEMENT: STUDENT VOICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION</b> <b>Concetta Fonzo</b> , Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Deputy <b>Laura Evangelista</b> , Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Coordinator EQAVET National Reference Point, Corso d'Italia, 33 – Rome, Italy
EP8	<b>AI INTEGRATION WITHIN ERASMUS + MOBILITIES MANAGEMENT - PARTICIPANTS' PERCEPTIONS REGARDING LIMITS AND ADVANTAGES</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Duda Gheorghe</b> <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hab. Daniel Adrian Gârdan</b> Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania
EP9	<b>EU-GANOM: IMPROVING SKILLS AND RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF IN ERASMUS+ AND HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS</b> <b>Claire Dutertre</b> , Nantes Université, Nantes, France
EP10	<b>SMILE – SUPPORTING MOBILITY AND INTERNATIONALIZATION FOR LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT IN SOMALI HEIS</b> <b>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</b> , Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece <b>Dr. Gregory Makrides</b> , Professor – Pedagogical University of Krakow, Poland CEO Prognosis, President-THALES Foundation, Cyprus
EP11	<b>GREEN TOUR GREEN SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM'</b> <b>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</b> , Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece <b>Zoi Katsiri</b> , University of Piraeus, Greece <b>Andreas Papp</b> , University of Piraeus, Greece

EP12	<p><b>OCEAN – OPENING COLLABORATION FOR EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC NETWORKS IN THE MALDIVES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA</b>  <b>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</b>, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece  <b>Zoi Katsiri</b>, University of Piraeus, Greece  <b>Andreas Papp</b>, University of Piraeus, Greece</p>
EP13	<p><b>SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION</b>  <b>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</b>, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece</p>
EP14	<p><b>WRITING WINNING EU PROJECT PROPOSALS WITH AI: A PRACTICAL METHODOLOGY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, VET, AND ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS</b>  <b>Jörg Zell</b>, Interaktiv GmbH, Germany</p>
EP15	<p><b>D.E.F Deaf Entrepreneurs for the Future</b>  <b>Thomas Economou</b>, EACG, Cyprus</p>
EP16	<p><b>OUT OF THE BUBBLE - REIMAGINING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INTEGRATION THROUGH CURRICULAR INNOVATION</b>  <b>Julia Stadl</b>, Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol, Austria</p>
EP17	<p><b>OLS COMMUNITIES, IMMERSIVE 360° CONTENT AND GAMIFICATION: THREE KEYS TO FACILITATE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY</b>  <b>Christophe Debarge</b>, CLL, Belgium</p>
EP18	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEKS REVISITED: FROM MOBILITY EVENTS TO INSTITUTIONAL INTERNATIONALISATION</b>  <b>Silvia Baldassari</b>, Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol, Austria</p>
CP1	<p><b>FROM COMPETENCE TO CURRENCY:  RETHINKING WORKFORCE READINESS IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND GREEN TRANSITION</b>  <b>Evgenia Pavlakou</b>, New York College, Greece</p>