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Programme Highlights

List of presentations & sessions by 4 June 2026

Congress detailed programme will be published next week

CODE	PLENARY INVITED
IS1	 <p>CURRENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF ERASMUS+ AND OUTLOOK TO THE NEXT ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME GENERATION Mr. Johannes Gehringer European Commission – Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture Unit B1 - Higher education, Erasmus+ programme</p>
CODE	THEMATIC SESSIONS
TS1	<p>NATIONAL AGENCY OF CYPRUS FOR ERASMUS+ AND THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS Erasmus+ Actions and European Youth Opportunities</p>
TS1.1	<p><u>EUROPEAN YOUTH CARD: A TOOL FOR EMPOWERMENT AND MOBILITY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the European Youth Card as a means of participation, access, and benefits for young people. <p>Link with Erasmus+ priorities and local youth initiatives to foster inclusion and mobility. Glykeria Kalamata, Youth Officer, Youth Board of Cyprus</p>
TS1.2	<p><u>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND MOBILITY – YOUTH</u></p> <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

	<p><u>European Solidarity Corps (ESC): Solidarity, volunteering and social participation in youth</u></p> <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><u>EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE (ESCI)</u></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>QUALITY STANDARDS FOR ERASMUS+: HOW TO IMPROVE THEM AND HOW BETTER GUIDE INSTITUTIONS AND PARTICIPANTS Mr. Johannes Gehringer European Commission – Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture Unit B1 - Higher education, Erasmus+ programme</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>
CRT1	<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>
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, European Association of Erasmus Coordinators – EAEC and European Association of Career Guidance - EACG, Cyprus Thomas Economou, European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus</p>
EWS3	<p>CREATIVE IN GREEN Workshop Elpi Margariti, European Association of Career Guidance – 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 <u>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</u>, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece</p>
EWS6	<p>SignVET: Assistive Technologies for Education <u>Thomas Economou</u>, European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus <u>Elpiniki Margariti</u>, European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus</p>
CODE	PRESENTATIONS
EP1	<p>THE DIGITISATION OF ERASMUS+ PROCEDURES IN HIGHER MUSIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS <u>Sara Primiterra</u>, 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 Prof. Dr. Duda Gheorghe <u>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hab. Daniel Adrian Gârdan</u> Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania</p>
EP3	<p>INTERNALIZATION AT HOME - UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR <u>Alenka Marušič</u>, University of Maribor, Slovenia</p>
EP4	<p>STRATEGIC STAFF MOBILITY IN ERASMUS+ DELIVERING IMPACT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTERNATIONALISATION <u>Mr Paul Finnerty</u>, Atlas Language School, Dublin, Ireland, (member of Erasmus Courses 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. <u>Olga Mitchell</u>, Munster Technological University (MTU), Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown, Cork, Ireland.</p>
EP6	<p>BEYOND MOBILITY: THE ROLE OF COVEs IN STRENGTHENING SKILLS THROUGH INTERNATIONALISATION <u>Concetta Fonzo</u>, Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Deputy <u>Laura Evangelista</u>, 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 <u>Concetta Fonzo</u>, Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Deputy <u>Laura Evangelista</u>, Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche – INAPP, National Coordinator EQAVET National Reference Point, Corso d'Italia, 33 – Rome, Italy</p>
EP8	<p>AI INTEGRATION WITHIN ERASMUS + MOBILITIES MANAGEMENT - PARTICIPANTS' PERCEPTIONS REGARDING LIMITS AND ADVANTAGES Prof. Dr. Duda Gheorghe <u>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hab. Daniel Adrian Gârdan</u> Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania</p>
EP9	<p>EU-GANOM: IMPROVING SKILLS AND RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF IN ERASMUS+ AND HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS <u>Claire Dutertre</u>, Nantes Université, Nantes, France</p>
EP10	<p>SMILE – SUPPORTING MOBILITY AND INTERNATIONALIZATION FOR LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT IN SOMALI HEIS <u>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</u>, Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece <u>Dr. Gregory Makrides</u>, Professor – Pedagogical University of Krakow, Poland CEO Prognosis, President-THALES Foundation, Cyprus</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, University of Piraeus, Greece Andreas Papp, University 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, University of Piraeus, Greece Andreas Papp, University 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 Jörg Zell, Interaktiv GmbH, Germany</p>
EP15	<p>D.E.F Deaf Entrepreneurs for the Future Thomas Economou, EACG, Cyprus</p>
EP17	<p>OLS COMMUNITIES, IMMERSIVE 360° CONTENT AND GAMIFICATION: THREE KEYS TO FACILITATE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY Christophe Debarge, CLL, Belgium</p>
EP18	<p>INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEKS REVISITED: FROM MOBILITY EVENTS TO INSTITUTIONAL INTERNATIONALISATION Silvia Baldassari, Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol, Austria</p>
CP1	<p>FROM COMPETENCE TO CURRENCY: RETHINKING WORKFORCE READINESS IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND GREEN TRANSITION Evgenia Pavlakou, New York College, Greece</p>