

## ERACON 2026 & CAREER-EU 2026 PROGRAMME

**Monday, 22 June 2026**

<b>All day</b>	<b>Arrivals</b>
16:00 – 19:30	<b>REGISTRATIONS</b> <b>ARION BAR FOYER</b> (Address of hotel venue: 3 Poseidonos Avenue, Yeroskipou, 8204, Paphos, Cyprus) Venue of Congress: Aphrodite Events Hall, ALIATHON RESORT

**Tuesday, 23 June 2026**

8:30 – 18:00	<b>Registrations</b> Location: <b>ARION BAR FOYER</b> <b>Aphrodite Events Hall, ALIATHON RESORT</b> (Address of hotel venue: 3 Poseidonos Avenue, Yeroskipou, 8204, Paphos, Cyprus)	<b>MEETING POINT</b> Throughout the Congress Location: Foyer, ARION BAR	
<b>Place</b>	<b>Aphrodite Stage Hall (Ground Floor)</b>	<b>ADONIS ROOM (1<sup>st</sup> floor)</b>	<b>Artemis A&amp;B (Ground Floor)</b>
<b>Coordinators</b>		Ch. Kontogoulidou	G. Duda
09:40 – 10:00		<b>EP1</b> <b>THE DIGITISATION OF ERASMUS+ PROCEDURES IN HIGHER MUSIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS</b> <u>Sara Primiterra</u> , Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen (AEC), Brussels, Belgium	<b>EP5</b> <b>INCLUSION IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS: A WHOLE - SYSTEM APPROACH TO CO-CREATING AN INNOVATIVE INTERNSHIP SUPPORT MODEL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.</b> <u>Olga Mitchell</u> , Munster Technological University (MTU), Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown, Cork, Ireland.
10:00 – 10:20		<b>EP2</b> <b>FROM MOBILITY TO LOYALTY: A CRM PLAYBOOK FOR ERASMUS+ PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE AND PARTNER ENGAGEMENT</b> Prof. Dr. Duda Gheorghe <u>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hab. Daniel Adrian Gârdan</u> Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania	<b>EP16</b> <b>EVERY SIGN COUNTS: BUILDING INCLUSIVE FUTURES IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION</b> Nuno Escudeiro Paula Escudeiro <u>João Rebhan</u> Polytechnic Institute of Porto, School of Engineering, Porto, Portugal

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10:20 – 10:40		<b>EP3</b> <b>INTERNATIONALIZATION AT HOME - UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR</b> <u>Alenka Marušič</u> , University of Maribor, Slovenia	<b>EP19</b> <b>IMPROVING MOBILITY EQUITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION: DEVELOPMENT OF AN INCLUSIVE INDOOR NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS</b> <b>Paula Escudeiro</b> , GILT – Games Interaction and Learning Technologies, School of Engineering, Technical University of Porto, Portugal <b>Sofia Resende</b> , GILT – Games Interaction and Learning Technologies, School of Engineering, Technical University of Porto, Portugal <b>Francisca Escudeiro</b> , ICBAS – Instituto de Ciência Biomédicas Abel Salazar, University of Porto, Portugal
10:40 – 11:00		<b>EP4</b> <b>STRATEGIC STAFF MOBILITY IN ERASMUS+ DELIVERING IMPACT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTERNATIONALISATION</b> <u>Mr Paul Finnerty</u> , Atlas Language School, Dublin, Ireland, (member of Erasmus Courses Ireland)	<b>EP8</b> <b>AI INTEGRATION WITHIN ERASMUS + MOBILITIES MANAGEMENT - PARTICIPANTS' PERCEPTIONS REGARDING LIMITS AND ADVANTAGES</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Duda Gheorghe</b> <u>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hab. Daniel Adrian Gârdan</u> Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania
11:00 – 11:20		<b>EP20</b> <b>BEYOND ERASMUS: CREATING FLEXIBLE INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PATHWAYS THROUGH EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS</b> <u>Iván Rosell Fernández</u> UDIT International mobility, Madrid, Spain Ivan.rosell@udti.es	
11:20 – 11:40			
<b>11:40 - 12:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break at the Arion Bar (use your coupon)</b>		

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12:00 – 13:15

## ERACON and CAREER-EU 2026

### OPENING CEREMONY

Place: Aphrodite Stage Hall (Ground Floor)

#### Master of Ceremony

Emma Zeniou, VP of EAEC

#### Welcoming Address

Prof. Gregory Makrides

President EAEC & EACG

#### Greetings

Dr Stelios Mavromoustakos

Director of the ERASMUS+ National Agency of Cyprus

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Simone Lepore

President of the ERASMUS Student Network (ESN)

#### Opening

Dr Athena Michaelidou

Minister of Education, Youth and Sport of the Republic of Cyprus

#### Plenary Presentation

**CURRENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF ERASMUS+ AND OUTLOOK TO THE NEXT ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME GENERATION**

Johannes Gehringer

European Commission – Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Unit B1 - Higher education, Erasmus+ programme

#### ERASMUS Awards

13:30 – 14:30

**Lunch Break, Place: Ionian Restaurant**

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<b>Coordinators</b>	L. Makrides, A. Charalambous	D. Pinnacchio	
14:40 – 15:00			
15:00 – 15:20	<b>U2U</b> <b>University to University</b> <b>Meetings</b>	<b>EP9</b> <b>EU-GANOM: IMPROVING SKILLS AND RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF IN ERASMUS+ AND HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS</b> <u>Claire Dutertre</u> , Nantes Université, Nantes, France	
15:20 – 15:40	<b>U2U</b>	<b>EP10</b> <b>SMILE – SUPPORTING MOBILITY AND INTERNATIONALIZATION FOR LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT IN SOMALI HEIS</b> <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	
15:40 – 16:00	<b>U2U</b>	<b>EP11</b> <b>GREEN TOUR GREEN SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM'</b> <u>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</u> , Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece <u>Zoi Katsiri</u> , University of Piraeus, Greece <u>Andreas Papp</u> , University of Piraeus, Greece	
16:00 – 16:20	<b>U2U</b>		
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Coffee Break at the Arion Bar (use your coupon)</b>		

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16:20 – 16:40	<b>ERASMUS GO-Exchange Education Fair</b>		
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17:40- 18:00	<b>ERASMUS GO-Exchange Education Fair</b>		

**21:00 – 01:00** **ERASMUS DINNER DANCE 2026**  
**Place: BALL Room (Level -1), Aphrodite Events Building**

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**Wednesday, 24 June 2026**

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9:30 – 18:00	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>		
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Coordinators		D. Pinnacchio	E. Zeniou
09:40 – 10:00			
10:00 – 10:20		<b>TS1.1</b> <b>EUROPEAN YOUTH CARD: A TOOL FOR EMPOWERMENT AND MOBILITY</b> <u>Glykeria Kalamata</u> , Youth Officer, Youth Board of Cyprus	<b>RT2</b> <b>THE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY BAROMETER: WHAT WE LEARNT SO FAR THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE</b> <u>Emma Zeniou</u> , Vice-President, European Association of Erasmus Coordinators – EAEC, Cyprus
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10:40 – 11:00		<b>TS1.1</b> <b>EUROPEAN YOUTH CARD: A TOOL FOR EMPOWERMENT AND MOBILITY</b>	<b>RT1</b> <b>QUALITY STANDARDS FOR ERASMUS+: HOW TO IMPROVE THEM AND HOW BETTER GUIDE INSTITUTIONS AND PARTICIPANTS</b> <u>Johannes Gehringer</u> , European Commission – Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Unit B1 - Higher education, Erasmus+ programme

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<b>11:40 – 12:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break at the Arion Bar (use your coupon)</b>		
12:00 – 12:20		<b>TS1.2</b> <b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND MOBILITY – YOUTH</b> <u>Natalia Kouhartsiouk</u> , Programme Officer, Foundation for the Management of European Lifelong Learning Programmes	<b>EP12</b> <b>OCEAN – OPENING COLLABORATION FOR EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC NETWORKS IN THE MALDIVES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA</b> <u>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</u> , Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece <u>Zoi Katsiri</u> , University of Piraeus, Greece <u>Andreas Papp</u> , University of Piraeus, Greece

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12:20 – 12:40		<b>TS1.2</b> <b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND MOBILITY – YOUTH</b>	<b>EP14</b> <b>WRITING WINNING EU PROJECT PROPOSALS WITH AI: A PRACTICAL METHODOLOGY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, VET, AND ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS</b> <u>Jörg Zell</u> , Interaktiv GmbH, Germany
12:40 – 13:00		<b>TS1.2</b> <b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND MOBILITY – YOUTH</b>	<b>EP15</b> <b>D.E.F.: BUILDING MORE INCLUSIVE LABOUR MARKETS THROUGH COLLABORATION, DIGITAL TOOLS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT</b> <b>Thomas Economou</b> <b>Gregory Makrides</b> <u>Elpiniki Margariti</u> European Association of Erasmus Coordinators, EAEC, Cyprus
13:00 – 13:20		<b>TS1.2</b> <b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND MOBILITY – YOUTH</b>	<b>EP13</b> <b>SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION</b> <u>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</u> , Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break, Place: Ionian Restaurant</b> Additional coupons for sale available at the registration desk		

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14:40 – 15:00		<b>TS1.3</b> <b>EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE (ESCI)</b> <u>Ildiko Hegedus</u> , Programme manager at European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) – European Student Card Initiative <u>Nuria Moyes Pallezo</u> , Project Manager at NTT DATA	
15:00 – 15:20		<b>TS1.3</b> <b>EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE (ESCI)</b>	
15:20 – 15:40		<b>TS1.3</b> <b>EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE (ESCI)</b>	<b>EWS3</b> <b>CREATIVE IN GREEN WORKSHOP</b> <u>Elpi Margariti</u> , European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus

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16:00 – 16:20		<b>TS1.3</b> <b>EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE (ESCI)</b>	<b>EWS4</b> <b>BEYOND MOBILITY- BUILDING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH THEMATIC STAFF WEEKS AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT</b> <u>Fatima Weininger-Hollósi</u> , Head of International Mobility Program at Budapest Metropolitan University, Hungary
16:20 – 16:40		<b>TS1.3</b> <b>EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE (ESCI)</b>	<b>EWS4</b> <b>BEYOND MOBILITY- BUILDING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH THEMATIC STAFF WEEKS AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT</b>
<b>16:40</b>	<b>Coffee Break at the Arion Bar (use your coupon)</b>		
<b>Coordinator</b>		G. Duda	T. Economou ,E. Margariti
16:40 – 17:00		<b>EP6</b> <b>BEYOND MOBILITY: THE ROLE OF COVEs IN STRENGTHENING SKILLS THROUGH INTERNATIONALISATION</b> <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	<b>EWS5</b> <b>EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCES, EUONAIR EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ON AI IN CURRICULA, SMART UNIVERCITY AND (RETURN) MOBILITY - IMPACT, INSIGHTS, PROBLEMS AND THE ROAD AHEAD</b> <u>Dr. Christina Kontogoulidou</u> , Adjunct Lecturer, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece

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17:00 – 17:20		<p><b>EP7</b>  <b>FROM FORMAL REPRESENTATION TO PARTICIPATORY IMPROVEMENT: STUDENT VOICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION</b>  <u>Concetta Fonzo</u>, 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</p>	<p><b>EWS5</b>  <b>EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCES, EUONAIR EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ON AI IN CURRICULA, SMART UNIVERCITY AND (RETURN) MOBILITY - IMPACT, INSIGHTS, PROBLEMS AND THE ROAD AHEAD</b></p>
17:20 – 17:40		<p><b>EP17</b>  <b>OLS COMMUNITIES, IMMERSIVE 360° CONTENT AND GAMIFICATION: THREE KEYS TO FACILITATE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY</b>  <u>Christophe Debarge</u>, CLL, Belgium</p>	<p><b>EWS6</b>  <b>SignVET: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR EDUCATION</b>  <u>Thomas Economou</u>, European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus  <b>Elpiniki Margariti</b>, European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus</p>
17:40 – 18.00		<p><b>EP18</b>  <b>INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEKS REVISITED: FROM MOBILITY EVENTS TO INSTITUTIONAL INTERNATIONALISATION</b>  <u>Silvia Baldassari</u>, Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol, Austria</p>	<p><b>EWS6</b>  <b>SignVET: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR EDUCATION</b></p>
18:00 – 18:30		<p><b>Presenting Medical University of Plovdiv, BG</b>  <b>Prof. Elena Firkova</b>, PhD, DDS</p>	

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**Thursday, 25 June 2026**

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<b>Coordinators</b>		E. Zeniou	Gr. Makrides
9:40 – 10:00		ERASMUS STAFF WEEK Participants meeting	<b>EWS1</b> <b>HOW TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL STEAME-TEACHER FACILITATORS ACADEMY AT YOUR UNIVERSITY</b> <u>Gregory Makrides</u> , President, European Association of Erasmus Coordinators – EAEC and European Association of Career Guidance - EACG, Cyprus
10:00 – 10:20		ERASMUS STAFF WEEK Participants meeting	<b>EWS1</b> <b>HOW TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL STEAME-TEACHER FACILITATORS ACADEMY AT YOUR UNIVERSITY</b>
10:20 – 10:40			<b>EWS2</b> <b>NETWORKING WORKSHOP FOR ERASMUS+ FUNDING PROGRAMMES 2026-2027</b> <u>Gregory Makrides</u> , President, European Association of Erasmus Coordinators – EAEC and European Association of Career Guidance - EACG, Cyprus <u>Thomas Economou</u> , European Association of Career Guidance – EACG, Cyprus
10:40 – 11:00			<b>EWS2</b> <b>NETWORKING WORKSHOP FOR ERASMUS+ FUNDING PROGRAMMES 2026-2027</b>
11:00 – 11:20			<b>EWS2</b> <b>NETWORKING WORKSHOP FOR ERASMUS+ FUNDING PROGRAMMES 2026-2027</b>
11:20 – 11:40	<b>Coffee Break at the Arion Bar (use your coupon)</b>		
	<b>Afternoon Social Activities or Departures</b>		
<b>Friday, 26 June 2026</b>			
<b>All day</b>	<b>Departures</b>		