

TCAs Open for Activity Application

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Title	"The future of Europe – Europe is your future! Pupils' participation in democratic life" - an Online Barcamp to promote civic engagement and pupil mobility.
Start date:	27.02.2023
End date:	28.02.2023
Venue country:	Germany
Venue city:	Online
Type of presence:	Online
Key Action:	SE
Themes and goals:	The participation of young people in democratic processes is of paramount importance for the European Union's future. On one hand young people are increasingly involved in 'alternative forms' of participation, but on the other hand many young people feel disconnected from our democratic structures and institutions. How can schools and Erasmus+ support pupils' participation in democratic life, social and civic engagement through learning activities?
Expected results:	This online event is designed as a barcamp where teachers and pupils can actively bring in ideas for exchange, get to know teachers and pupils from other countries, get information about the funding programme Erasmus+ and learn how it works by experienced teacher and pupils. Why and how do we do this? Have a look at our short clip
Participants Profile	We are expecting up to 100 teachers and 200 pupils from Europe can participate (ratio: 1 teacher with 2 pupils) Teachers with their pupils aged 14 to 17, newcomer and experienced teachers with Erasmus+, especially with long term pupil mobility. All participants should be willing to participate actively in the discussions, so everyone should have sufficient English skills. There are several ways to be active, e. g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers or pupils present their topics, ideas or reports in sessions. The contributions can be submitted to the event platform from mid-January 2023 • Teachers and pupils who have done Erasmus+ activities, especially long-term pupil mobilities, share their experience to their colleagues / peers • Pupils can act as moderators in sessions. For those who have interest to be a moderator must take part in a workshop held by a professional one week before the online event starts
Additional Info	Once the participating teachers in each country have been selected by the respective NA, they are asked to register themselves and their two pupils on the platform Sphinx. In the next step, the participants are invited to the event platform Venuess. There, they can introduce themselves with a profile and propose ideas for collaboration. The ideas will be presented at the barcamp and, depending on the interest of all participants, they will find their way into the programme. Take note: the Barcamp is hosted via the event platform Venuess on servers in Germany (Heidelberg) and is compliant with the EU General Data Protection Regulation.
Reserved places for Cyprus	2
Deadline for expressing interest to the Cyprus National Agency	09.01.2023
Express interest to participate in the following link	https://salto-et.net/events/show/DE03_0449_THO_2022

No.2	
Title	Together! - Inclusive Classroom and Digitally Supported Learning
Start date:	18.04.2023
End date:	21.04.2023
Venue country:	Finland
Venue city:	Mikkeli
Type of presence:	Face-to-Face
Key Action:	SE
Themes and goals:	<p>The seminar introduces rousing ideas how to use ICT as a tool on primary and lower secondary education to enhance collaborative learning in inclusive classrooms in authentic project-based learning processes. The seminar presents ways to use technology as a tool in social-emotional education and digital content creation, for example. The seminar will showcase methods used in primary and lower secondary education in regard to digital tools and pedagogy and will offer an opportunity for teachers and education experts to exchange views on this topic.</p> <p>The seminar introduces the participants to the thought of digital competence being the right of every learner and presents how ICT can be used for pupils' and students' self-expression, creativity, togetherness, agency, and criticality. The seminar presents approaches in which learners actively and authentically participate in their learning through different kinds of digital tools, platforms, and face-to-face interaction with peers. Also, ideas to support inclusive, personalized, and positive education in practice are presented.</p> <p>The seminar includes a carefully curated selection of thematic interactive keynote sessions by Finland's top researchers and lecturers under the topics of "outsiderhood", positive education, new literacies as well as inclusive pedagogies and digitally supported learning. The thematic hands-on workshops are run by the local primary and lower secondary education teachers who have been creating innovative pedagogical solutions for learning in inclusive classrooms using ICT as a tool in collaborative learning. In addition to this, the seminar programme includes study visits to versatile local learning environments. The seminar also includes a session dedicated for networking and facilitated planning of future cooperation in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. Inclusion and Diversity is one of the key priorities of the Erasmus+ programme and keeping this in mind, the seminar aims to support ignition of new networks and projects on this priority as well as to promote the financing-related opportunities, especially provided within the Erasmus+ mobility projects.</p> <p>The seminar is co-produced by the Finnish National Agency for Education and the City of Mikkeli. In the City of Mikkeli, education is underpinned by the idea of the specific value of childhood; each child has the right to grow into one's full potential being an active actor, learning to set goals, solve problems independently and together with others. Developing the learning-to-learn skills lays the foundation for goal-oriented and lifelong learning.</p> <p>Finland's National core curriculum for basic education: https://www.oph.fi/en/education-and-qualifications/national-core-curriculum-basic-education Basic education in the City of Mikkeli: https://www.mikkeli.fi/sisalto/in-english/services/teaching-and-education</p>
Expected results:	The participants will gain new knowledge, ideas, methods, skills, and motivation to implement inclusive teaching supported by ICT tools. The participants will establish networks and find partners for transnational cooperation possibilities offered by the Erasmus+ programme.
Participants Profile	The seminar is open to applications by special education teachers, class teachers and subject teachers in primary and lower secondary education (teaching pupils of 6-15 years) and school heads of such educational institutions.
Additional Info	Please notice that the selected participants are expected to participate the seminar programme in full. The Erasmus+ National Agency of Finland covers the 3 nights of hotel accommodation in a single room and the meals during the seminar programme. The seminar venue in the city of Mikkeli is in the distance of 2,5-hour train travel from Helsinki.

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Deadline for expressing interest to the Cyprus National Agency	01.02.2023
Express interest to participate in the following link	https://salto-et.net/events/show/FI01_0438_THO_2022

No.3	
Title	"Schools go green and digital – and Erasmus+ supports teaching excellence!" - A European Conference on the challenges of schools in the in the face of climate change and digitalization
Start date:	03.05.2023
End date:	05.05.2023
Venue country:	Germany
Venue city:	Bonn
Type of presence:	Face-to-Face
Key Action:	SE, VET
Themes and goals:	<p>In view of the rising climate change and the pace of digitalization, today's schools are facing great challenges. The conference will focus on the following questions in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What knowledge do teachers need to meet the challenges and how can Erasmus+ contribute to the acquisition of this knowledge? • What conditions are necessary to create an optimal learning atmosphere and inclusive setting in schools? • How can Erasmus+ projects - eTwinning included - contribute to this goal?
Expected results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference will present innovative projects on digitalization and sustainable education with a focus on teacher training. It will approach the topic of 'dclusion' (digital inclusion). • The conference will highlight ways in which schools and teachers can profit from eTwinning and the European School Education Platform. • In exchange with each other and with the help of experts in the field, the participants will discuss and develop concepts for teacher training and school development. • The conference will offer networking opportunities for schools and teacher training institutions to find partners and initiate new projects (mobility projects, cooperation projects, eTwinning projects).
Participants Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from schools (from pre-school to upper secondary level including vocational schools) who are interested in starting Erasmus+ projects (Key action 1 and 2 and eTwinning) on digitalization and climate protection. • Representatives from teacher training institutions who are interested in starting Erasmus projects on digitalization and climate protection • Representatives of Erasmus+ projects (Key action 1 and 2 and eTwinning) that have carried out or are implementing projects on digitalization and climate protection. • Representatives from school authorities and Ministries of Education (mobility consortium coordinators). • Representatives of Erasmus+ Teacher Academies and Jean Monnet activities on education for sustainable development and digitalization

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No.4	
Title	Let's talk about the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education: what about the implementation of the ECHE principles...?
Start date:	31.05.2023
End date:	02.06.2023
Venue country:	Netherlands
Venue city:	The Hague
Type of presence:	Face-to-Face
Key Action:	HE
Themes and goals:	<p>The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) provides the general quality framework for European and international cooperation activities. As a tool, the ECHE has particular power, in that HEIs in “programme countries” wishing to participate in Erasmus+ must first apply for an ECHE and then obtain it. HEIs in third countries not associated to the programme wishing to participate in Erasmus+ individual mobility must also guarantee that they will apply the principles it contains.</p> <p>The principles are not new. They build on the rules and tools elaborated over the last decades in order to ensure transparency, fairness and effectiveness in the organisation of student mobility. In the new ECHE though, more policy oriented principles were added: Inclusion, Green Erasmus, Digital Transition, Participation in the Democratic Process.</p> <p>The award of an ECHE asks for a greater involvement of HEI staff in fostering an institutional culture of strategic thinking, transparency, fairness, effectiveness and true introduction of the new policy principles, rather than promoting simplistic adhesion to formal rules.</p> <p>National Agencies have the task to monitor how the HEIs comply with the ECHE principles. They encourage and support the HEIs with the implementation of the principles. During this TCA we would like to tackle the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What is the state of play concerning the implementation of the ECHE principles by the HEIs in Europe? -How do HEIs mobilise the implementation of the ECHE principles “at home”? -Who is involved in the implementation of the ECHE at HEIs? -How do NAs monitor the ECHE? -Is there an ECHE strategy at the level of the NAs and/or HEIs? -What concrete changes/improvements would you would like to achieve when it comes to the implementation of the ECHE? (formulate your own action plan!)

	<p>In this TCA we will focus on the ECHE and (international) mobility as a whole. We don't focus on one or two specific principles.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the ECHE come to life: from a piece of paper to a dynamic internal quality instrument. • Strengthen the qualitative implementation of the ECHE by demonstrating the importance of the principles. • Disseminate and exchange good practices among the stakeholders: HEIs, NAs, student organisations. • Formulate a wish list (need to have / nice to have) and an action plan regarding the implementation of the ECHE in a specific context (NA, HEI). <p>How</p> <p>The TCA will be a hands on event and involves field laboratory / working place where discussions take place between HEIs, NAs, experts and students. Good practices will be shared in workshops.</p> <p>Possible themes of the workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy frameworks and ECHE • Automatic recognition • Digitalisation • Implementation of the Course Catalogue • ECHE, Bologna and European University Alliances • What about grading? • International mobility and ECHE • The added value of the diploma supplement • Monitoring of the ECHE by NA's • How to monitor the quality of new policy principles Green, Digital, Inclusion • Students and the ECHE
Expected results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More awareness on the role and importance of the ECHE as an instrument for the quality of international mobility activities and the impact of internationalisation. • Platform for the exchange of ideas and good practices regarding the monitoring and implementation of the ECHE. • Action plans for participants / organisations / NAs for implementing/strengthening the principles of the ECHE. • Recommendations for the EC regarding the ECHE.
Participants Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erasmus+ coordinators and colleagues working with the ECHE at HEIs; experts; student organisations.
Additional Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will take place in The Hague. Selected participants will receive detailed information in the second half of April. • Venue: Marriott The Hague.
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Deadline for expressing interest to the Cyprus National Agency	23.03.2023
Express interest to participate in the following link	https://salto-et.net/events/show/NL01_0425_THO_2023