EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE

Simplifying, facilitating, connecting.

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Policy overview and context

EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR UNIVERSITIES

SUPPORTING AND ENABLING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ACROSS EUROPE

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A **European shared vision** to support **all types of higher education institutions** to adapt to changing conditions across **all their missions**

Priority areas for transformation based and clear objectives

Concrete actions at EU level to enable and support the sector

Synergies with actions and national reforms

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Four flagship initiatives

Expand to **60 European Universities with more than 500 universities by mid-2024**, with an Erasmus+ indicative budget totalling EUR 1.1 billion for 2021-2027.
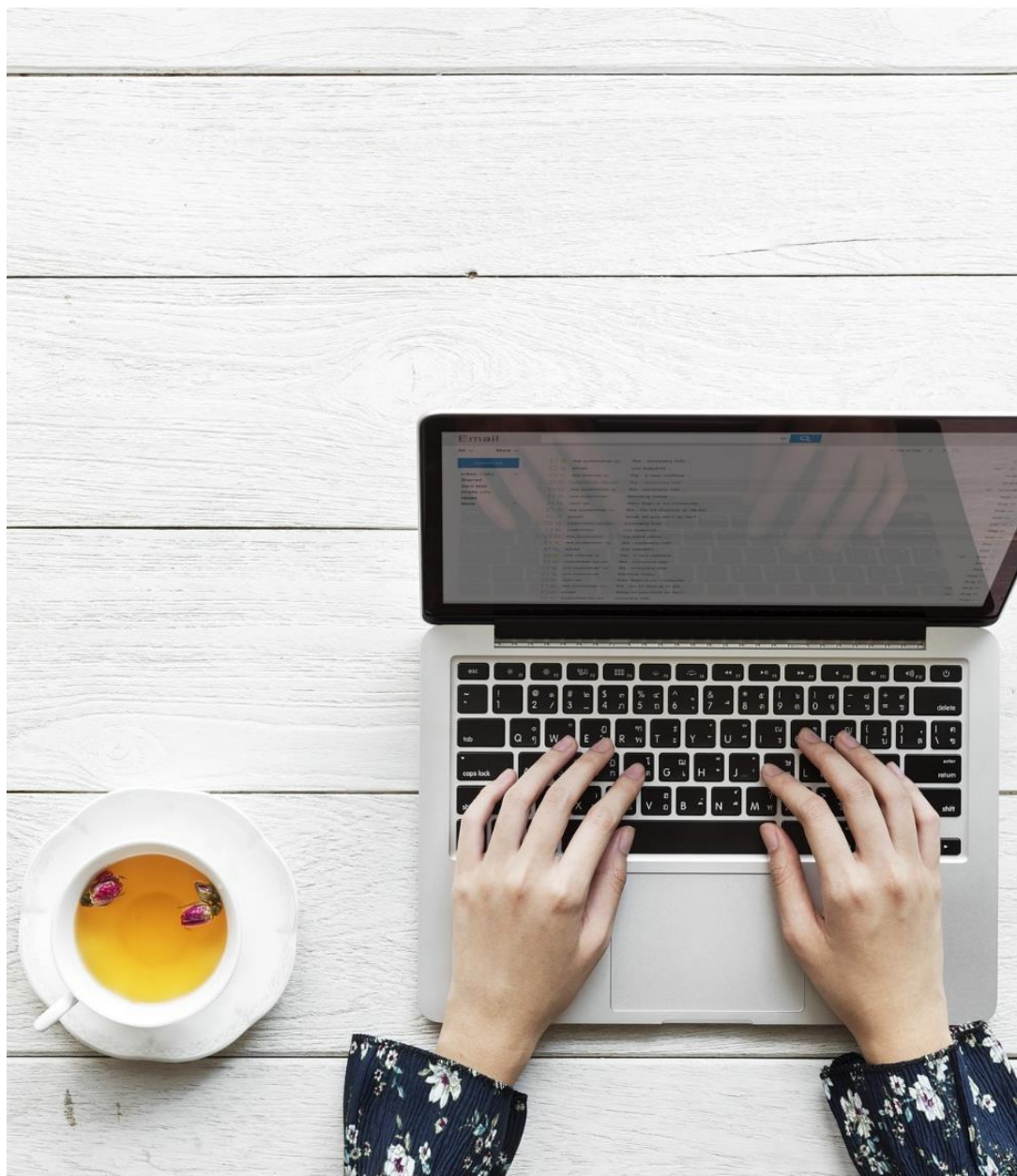
Work towards a **legal statute for alliances** of higher education institutions: pilot as of 2022 under Erasmus+ the implementation of existing European instruments

Examine options and necessary steps towards a **joint European degree**: pilot as of 2022 under Erasmus+ the first steps towards a joint European degree, in particular the development of European criteria for the award of a European Degree label

Scale up the **European Student Card initiative by starting deploying a unique European Student Identifier** to all mobile students in 2022 and to all students in universities in Europe by mid-2024

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How do we get there?

Workstreams under European Student Card Initiative:

1. Connect all universities in E+ countries via a digital network – **Erasmus Without Paper (EWP) Network**

2. Offer a software for institutions without student information systems – EWP **Dashboard**

3. Offer a student facing infrastructure– **Erasmus+ App**

4. Issue an identifier to students to be able to identify them across IT systems – **European Student Identifier**

5. Ensure students can confirm their status abroad – **European Student Card**

Support from the European Commission

January 2022- December 2024: Tenders for implementing digitalisation of Erasmus+

Part 1- Erasmus Without Paper and Erasmus+ App

Goal: Improving and maintaining infrastructure in and around EWP:

- Interoperability improvement

- Dashboard improvement

- Further digitalization of mobility administration

- Incorporation of the E+ App after June 22

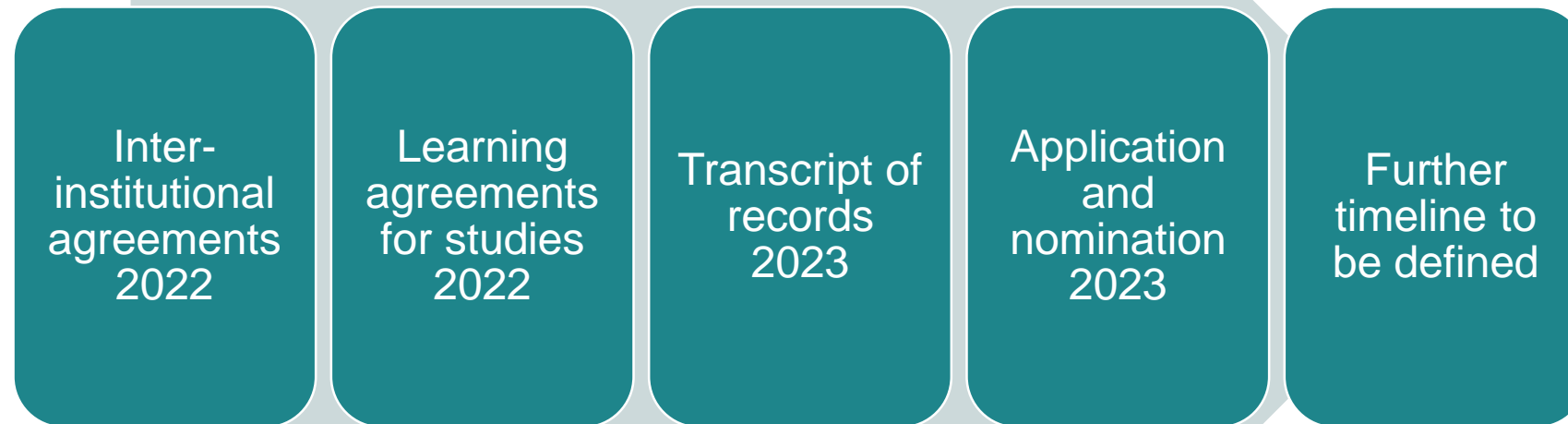- Improve support services to HEIs and students

Part 2- European Student Card

Goal: Deploying European Student Card across EU

- Incorporating European Identity into existing cards (hologram and QR)

- Enable ecard interoperability (Virtual card) with Erasmus+ app

- On and off campus services

- Communication towards students

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Mobility roadmap

Erasmus+ digitalisation timeline

Inter-institutional agreements 2022

Learning agreements for studies 2022

Transcript of records 2023

Application and nomination 2023

Further timeline to be defined

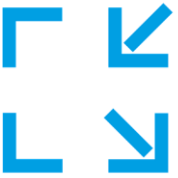**Under the condition that the systems are fit for purpose**

Roadmap

- Academic year 2021/2022 has been considered as a **transitional year**

- This transitional year **is extended** until the end of the calendar year 2022 (31/12/2022)

- Calendar year 2023 **digital readiness** (which is part of the ECHE commitments) will become subject to a

  monitoring process by National Agencies.

- **ECHE monitoring guidelines** will be published by June 2022

- ECHE monitoring will **reflect the efforts** HEIs make in order to advance in the digitalization process –

  qualitative evaluation

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Clarifications of timeline of IIA

- Mobility flows in academic year 2022-2023 will need to be captured either by paper agreements or by "old" IIA versions from the previous programmes accompanied by email exchanges.

- HEIs are strongly encouraged to **exchange digital IIAs as soon as possible** (already for mobilities starting in fall 2022) and not to wait until 31/12/2022
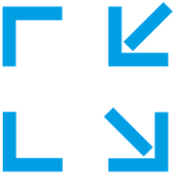
Clarifications on LA

- **Consider year 2022 as a moment to switch to digital!**

- Efforts to be put in place to advance the digitalisation process of learning agreements

- Digitalisation of learning agreements advised already in fall 2022– in order to allow students to benefit from the Erasmus+ app features

Interoperability of EWP

- The EWP+ Consortium is setting up a **Centralised Service Desk** to support HEIs

- The EWP+ consortium is putting in place a **governance structure** that will steer this process

- Within the current contract with EWP+ focus is being put on improving **interoperability between all systems**

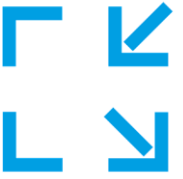 in EWP Network: Dashboard, software providers and in house systems.

What can you do in order to advance the digitalisation process?

- Urge your IT colleagues to follow up the necessary requirements on the github
- Highlight to your software provider the importance of completing the process of interoperability with other providers/Dashboard
- Check with other HEIs for good practices and examples you can learn from
- Join the slack community to engage in discussion with other HEIs
- In case of question– address the helpdesk
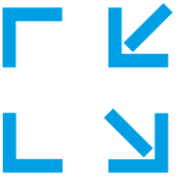
Erasmus+ App

Available features on the Erasmus+ App

- Ability to manage some administrative procedures for EWP Dashboard users
- ESI-based European Student Card
- Multilingual information on mobility opportunities
- Deals, Tips & Stories
- Events by HEIs

Future features of the Erasmus+ App

- Ability to manage administrative procedures for all students
- Expansion to more administrative processes
- Fully digital European Student Card
- Integration with Online Language Support
- Review of mobility experience, especially traineeships
- Much more…

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Your role in regards to the Erasmus+ app

- Populate the Erasmus+ app with information relevant to your HEI
- Urge students to use the app to connect to other students and obtain information about the mobility process
- Issue ESI so your students will be able to access the digital card on the app

Thank you