

Bonn, den 19.10.2023  
**Mitteilung NA\_EU\_2023\_021**

**Betreff: Update zum Umsetzungsstand „Erasmus Without Paper“**

Sehr geehrte Erasmus+ Koordinatorinnen und -Koordinatoren,  
liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

wie Ihnen bekannt ist, arbeitet die Europäische Union weiter an der Umsetzung der Digitalisierung der administrativen Prozesse des Studierendenaustauschs im Rahmen des Erasmus+ Programms. Über den aktuellen Stand der Umsetzung, neueren Entwicklungen und Planungen sowie laufende Konsultationsprozesse informieren wir Sie in dieser Note.

- EWP User Guides: diese Leitfäden können als gemeinsamer formaler Referenzpunkt bzgl. der Standards des EWP-Netzwerks und der Erasmus+ Programmanforderungen konsultiert werden. Sie dienen somit als komplementäre Ergänzung zu ggf. vorhandenen Leitfäden Ihrer jeweiligen EWP-Lösungsanbieter. Sie finden die Leitfäden unter <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/documents-and-guidelines>
- Neue Version IIA: die Implementierung der IIA Version 7 soll voraussichtlich im März 2024 abgeschlossen sein, sodass für ab April 2024 geschlossene IIAs nur noch diese Version Verwendung findet. Ebenfalls enthält das beigefügte Dokument u.a. Einordnungen, welche Verbesserungen von der neuen Version zu erwarten sind und wie in der Übergangsphase mit IIA zu verfahren ist. Die beigefügten Informationen sind auch auf <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/european-student-card-initiative> veröffentlicht, sodass sie allen am Erasmus+ Programm (KA131 innereuropäisch) teilnehmenden Hochschulen zur Verfügung steht.
- Weiterentwicklung von EWP: als weitere Bausteine sind Nominations und Transcripts of Records vorgesehen, zu deren Umsetzung im [Business Process Owner Forum](#) (BPO) bereits Diskussionen begonnen haben. Das BPO ist jenes Forum der Governance-Struktur, in der die Hochschulen vertreten sind. Zusätzlich hat die EU KOM zwei Umfragen veröffentlicht ([Nominations](#), [ToR](#)), um ein möglichst breites Feedback aus den Hochschulen zu erhalten. Die Umfragen sind bis zum **28.10.2023** geöffnet. Bitte beachten Sie: die Funktionalitäten befinden sich in einer Frühphase und gehören deswegen ausdrücklich nicht zu den verpflichtenden EWP-Prozessen und haben keine verbindlichen Umsetzungszeitpunkt.
- EWP-Admin: Einstellungen der Hochschule über ihre Repräsentanz im EWP Netzwerk sind künftig über das sog. [EWP Registration Portal](#) vorzunehmen. Dort werden die Einstellungen z.B. zur Netzwerkanbindung, zum Austausch, von digitalen Learning Agreements oder von Inter-Institutional Agreements vorgenommen. Hierfür sind von der Hochschule sog. EWP Admins zu benennen, die die entsprechenden Einstellungen für die Hochschule vornehmen dürfen. Dabei unterscheidet sich der Weg, wie die Rolle des „EWP Admin“ zuzuweisen ist, danach, ob die EWP Netzwerkanbindung über einen Mobilitäts-Management-Provider, das Dashboard oder eine In-House Lösung erfolgt. Weitergehende Informationen finden sich unter [EWP Administrator - Jira Service Management \(atlassian.net\)](#) bzw. auf den Seiten von [GÉANT](#).

- EWP Newsletter: im zweimonatlichen Rhythmus soll künftig ein Newsletter die wichtigsten Updates zu den EWP Bausteinen sowie Terminhinweise (s.u.) zusammenfassen. In der Anlage finden Sie den ersten Newsletter. Um sich auf die Mailingliste einzutragen, folgen Sie bitte dem [Registrierungslink](#).
- **Terminhinweise:**
  - EWP Townhall Meeting: 25.10.2023, 10:30 -12:00 Uhr MESZ. In den Townhall Meetings können teilnehmende Hochschulen Fragen rund um EWP/ESCI direkt an das EWP-Konsortium sowie Vertreterinnen und Vertreter der EU KOM richten. Über den [Link](#) kommt man direkt zur Registrierung.
  - EWP Webinar “Implementing EWP – doing it the right way”: 23.11.2023, 09:30 – 11:00 Uhr MESZ. Weitere Informationen und der Registrierungslink werden noch bekanntgegeben.

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## ARTICLES

### [Return of Erasmus Goes Digital webinars](#)

On 14 September, close to 2000 colleagues joined two "Erasmus Goes Digital" webinars. The morning webinar gave colleagues an overview of the general state of play of the EWP network and the main planned updates and activities to expect in until mid-2024. The afternoon webinar focused on updates relating to the EWP Dashboard.

Missed the webinars? Watch the session on the [ESCI YouTube channel](#) or consult the [presentations](#).

### [Comprehensive EWP User Guides](#)

The European Commission, with the support of around 500 colleagues in higher education institutions and the EWP+ consortium, created guides for colleagues in International Relations Offices to clarify the digital processes for learning agreements and Inter-Institutional Agreements aligned with the 2021-2027 Erasmus+ programme. They offer recommendations on how to manage specific scenarios users may encounter in their daily work. The guides also include a non-technical overview and definitions of all data fields exchanged via the EWP Network. Find the user guides [here](#).

### [Meet the EWP Champions](#)

We are pleased to introduce a new initiative, the EWP Champions. This group of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from across Europe will play a pivotal role in promoting the digitalisation of Erasmus+ administrative processes. They will showcase the benefits of EWP and contribute to shaping further developments based on their experiences. To learn more – visit the [ESCI Portal](#).

### [Implementing EWP - EWP Champions editions](#)

In a new article series, EWP Champions, share their success stories as well as challenges they needed to overcome. It is meant as a source of inspiration and exchange of ideas and knowledge for institutions implementing EWP. Read the experiences from [Lund University](#) and the [University of Iceland](#). In the months to come, more EWP Champions will be featured in the series to share their experiences and good practice with the community.

### [Exploring next steps for digital mobility processes](#)

The European Commission and the EWP consortium are exploring the next steps to digitalise nominations and transcript of records. Both processes are currently in an early release phase where we gather first-hand experiences with the process. They are not mandatory or ready for wide scale use but are open for voluntary feedback from Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). International Relations Offices (IROs) are invited to report any issues to the [ESCI service desk](#), and users are welcome to share their feedback in the [EWP user group consultations](#) and also via a dedicated survey that will be circulated. To learn more – read article [here](#).

### [New IIA functionalities in the pipeline](#)

An updated version of the Inter-institutional Agreement (IIA) will support new functionalities via EWP. The most anticipated change will be modification of agreements, something that is currently not supported via the EWP network. There are also some other minor changes to align EWP with the 2023 Erasmus+ template. This update won't impact agreements that were already approved by both parties. To learn more – read article [here](#).

### [Interoperability Reinforcement Plan](#)

EWP has recently undergone a significant transformation aimed at enhancing its digital infrastructure. The Interoperability Reinforcement Plan had a high impact, particularly in tackling structural interoperability issues for end users. The key actions were carried out between September 2022 to February 2023 and some of the activities became part of the structural work programme. [This article](#) delves into the key deliverables and impacts of this plan.

## EVENTS

EWP town hall meeting: [25 October - 10:30 CEST](#)

Webinar Implementing EWP - doing it the right way: 23 November - 9:30 CEST

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## Updating the Inter-institutional agreement API (version 7)

This note is for staff in higher education institutions (HEIs) working with inter-institutional agreements (IIAs) exchanged through the Erasmus Without Paper (EWP) Network.

### What is the objective of the update?

The update aligns the EWP Network with the new [Erasmus+ template for inter-institutional agreements](#), published in early 2023, enables additional functionality and technical updates. The changes, decided through the [EWP Governance](#), aim to enforce clearer data standards and improve interoperability and usefulness.

### What are the main improvements for end users?

You will be able to modify and terminate agreements with your partners in a standardised way through the EWP Network. You will also be able to delete draft agreements from the EWP Network that were never approved by both partners, allowing you to clean up your databases and remove the corresponding data from the network to prevent confusion. Some colleagues may already have this functionality in their current system but until the new release you cannot assume that the partner in question can take the same action in their system. Data requirements have also been revised based on feedback from users, for example:

- **More flexibility for some data entries:** You will not need to provide “total months” for student mobility when it is not useful e.g., in the context of specific agreements for short-term blended mobility, and you will not need to enter emails and phone numbers for support services when it is not relevant.
- **More restrictions for some data entries:** All users will be required to adhere to 4-digit ISCED codes, provide information on language requirements and total number of participants in each agreement to prevent inconsistencies.

### What is the timeline for the update?

Testing with all system developers and technical workshops are planned for autumn 2023 and spring 2024 with the aim to make the improvements available to all end users in April 2024. Users will be notified in advance.

### What does the update mean for mutually approved IIAs?

All existing inter-institutional agreements remain valid after the update. Concretely, this means HEIs are not required to adjust any data in their existing agreements in light of the update. If HEIs need to modify an IIA due to an agreed change in the partnership, HEIs will be required on this occasion to adjust fields in line with the updated standards (e.g. provide a 4-digit ISCED code if not done in the earlier version of the agreement).

### **What does the update mean for IIAs initiated but not mutually approved before the update?**

All inter-institutional agreements initiated before the update need to follow the new standards for them to be mutually approved. In many cases, the draft agreement already follows the new standard (e.g. 4-digit ISCED codes and language requirements are provided) and in this case, no additional action is required by the users.

### **What does the update mean for new IIAs initiated after the update?**

All new inter-institutional agreements initiated after the update will follow the new standards.

### **What happens if my partner has not updated his system, but I have?**

In case a system has not implemented the updates after the release of version 7, it will not be able to create new IIAs until it does. Progress on system updates and testing will be monitored closely and support offered with the aim to prevent such scenarios. Any existing agreements in this scenario are not affected.

### **Where can HEIs find more information?**

A new comprehensive EWP User Guide will complement the update and provide non-technical descriptions of how to manage IIAs in the EWP Network and clarify all fields where users will encounter adjustments. The guide was prepared after a large consultation involving around 500 HEIs and provides instructions for HEIs on common questions.

### **Where do I go for support if I have questions after the update?**

You can reach out [the service desk](#) to report any problems or questions you may encounter.