

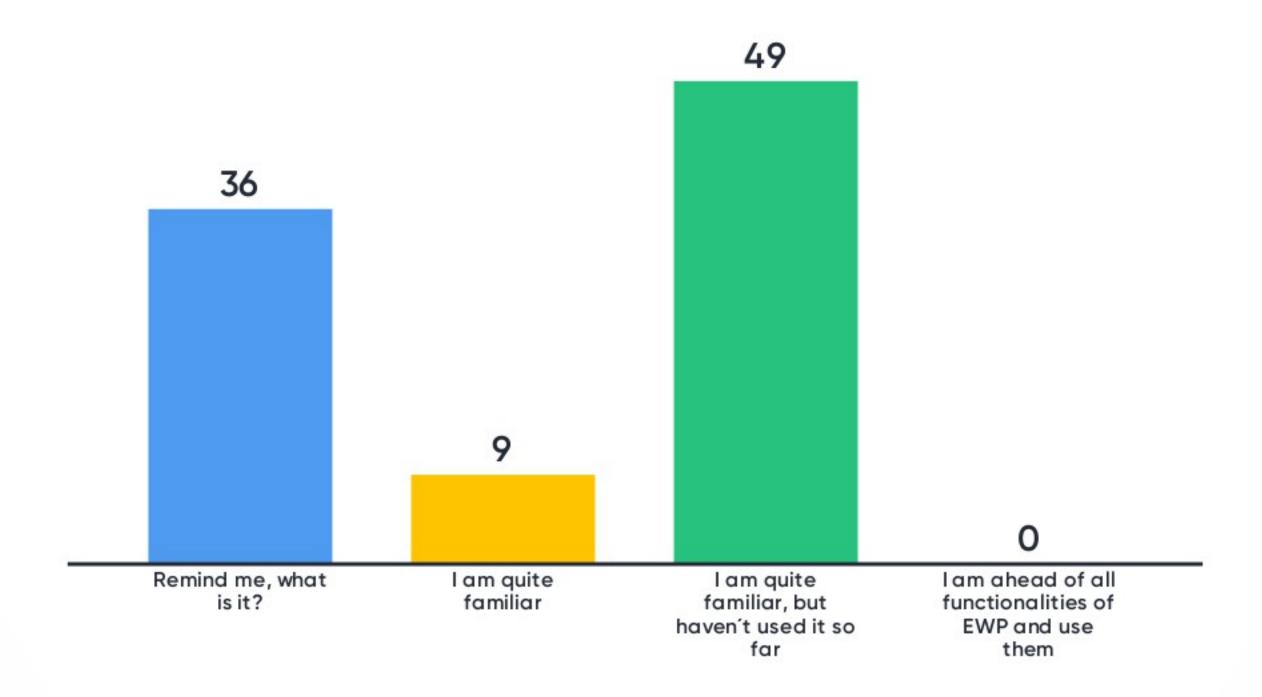
Launching Erasmus without Paper in a Country

How to successfully tackle this challenge

How do you feel about the digitalisation process of Erasmus+?



How familiar are you with EWP?







Erasmus without Papers (EWP)

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Erasmus without Paper is about:

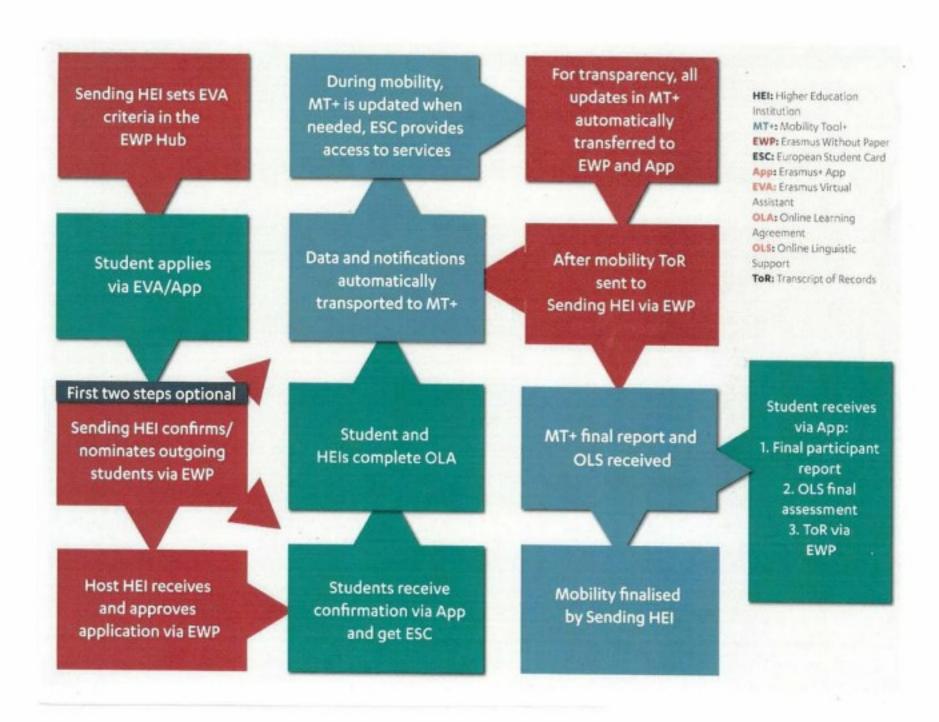


- Replacing a paper-based workflow by a digital one
- Tackling the administrative workload for students and staff.
- Streamlining technical solutions for student mobility.

"Student Life Cycle" Digital Infrastructure Post-2020



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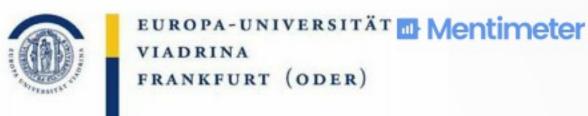
Erasmus without Paper Network



Scope of EWP Network

- Bilateral agreements between HEIs
- Range of student data exchange processes:
- Student exchange applications
- Nominations
- Learning agreements
- Host Transcripts of Records
- Home Transcripts of Records
- Arrival/Departure certificates etc ...
- Reporting student data (Mobility Tool)

Erasmus without Paper













ERASMUS

Erasmus+ not only aims at increasing numbers; even more importantly, it supports innovative initiatives that aim at enhancing the quality and at facilitating the management of mobility, such as Erasmus Without Paper (EWP) and the Online Learning Agreement (O.L.A.). These projects, funded under Erasmus+, aim at exchanging student data without the need to exchange paper documents, and are working towards making paperless Erasmus a reality.



Adam Tyson, Acting Director EC 2016

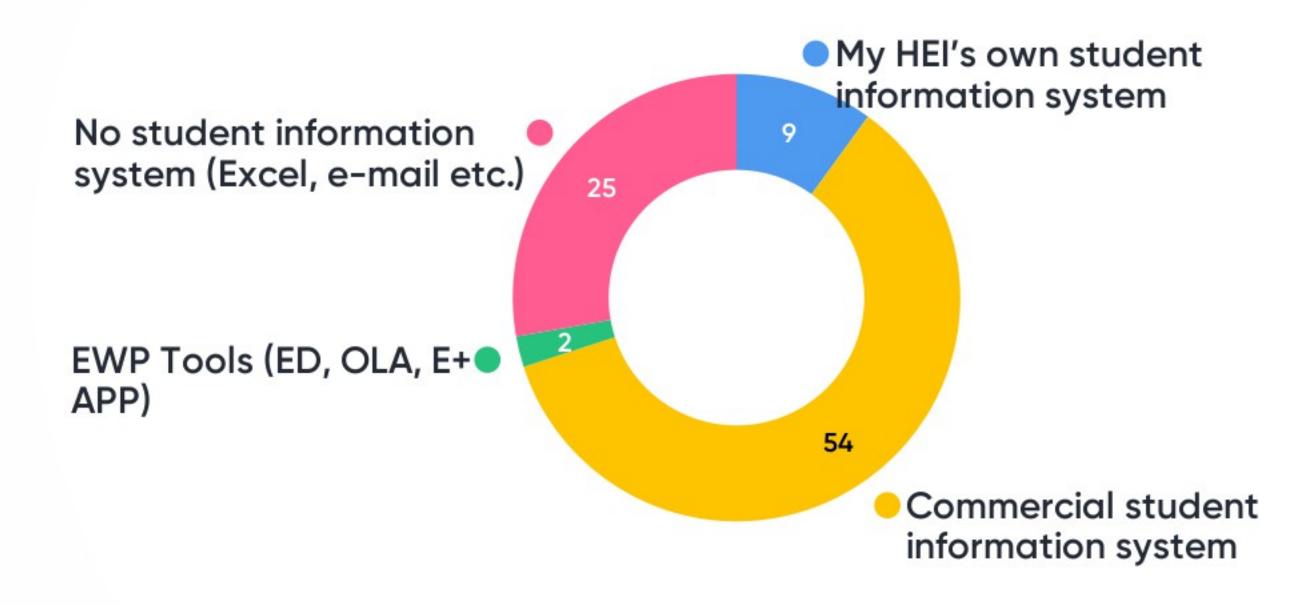








What kind of systems do you use for your work?



Erasmus without Paper



Does your university has in-house developed IT tools for managing Erasmus mobilities?





EWP network

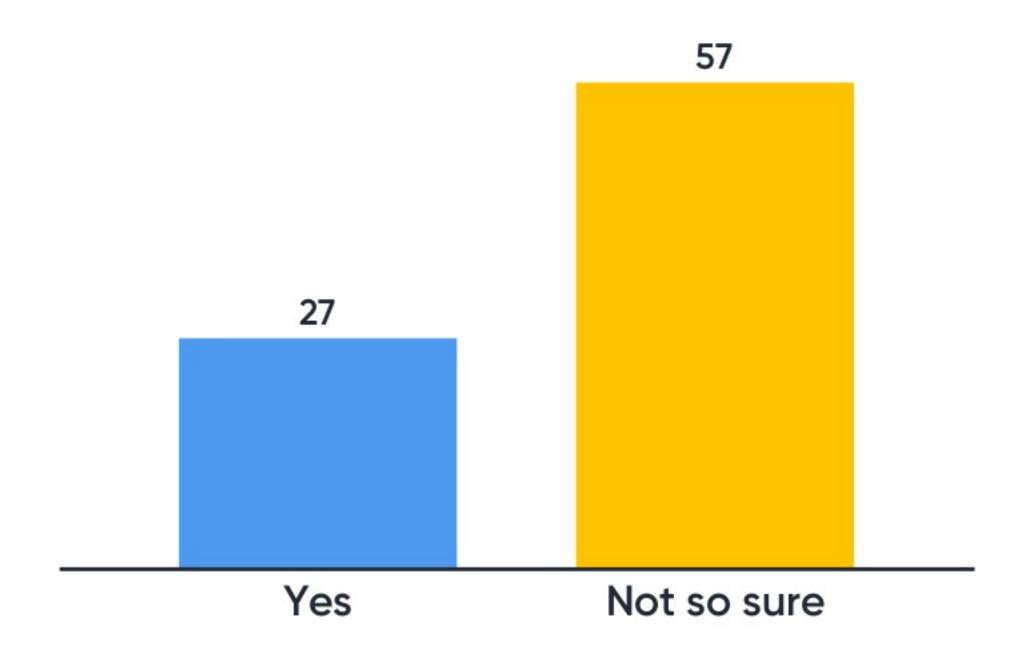
Does it use a commercially developed IT system?





EWP will be supported by MoveON and Mobility-Online Erasmus Dashboard

Do you know what the Erasmus Dashboard is for?



ERASMUS WITHOUT PAPER



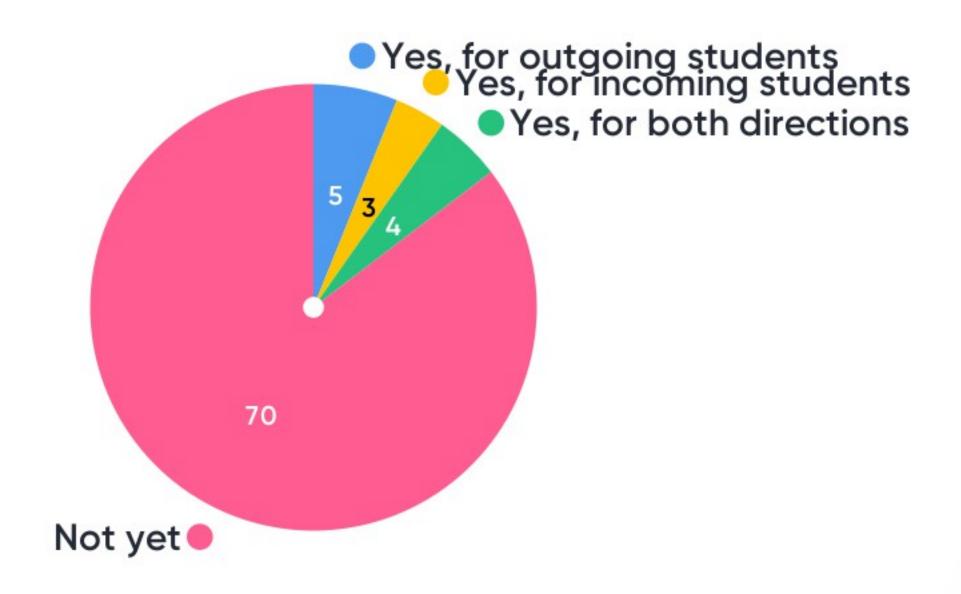
DASHBOARD



Erasmus Dashboard for HEIs

- Central Tool for:
 - Management of Student Data Incoming/Outgoing
 - Management of the Online Learning Agreements (OLA)
 - Interaction with the Erasmus+ App Checklists
 Push notifications
- Exchange of Data with the Interinstitutional Agreement Manager
 - → <u>www.erasmus-dashboard.eu</u>

Are you using OLA for student mobility?



Online Learning Agreement



Viadrina Example

- 1. So far we are using it in area of incoming students
- 2. Centralised e-mail adress
- 3. E-mail to all our partners that we are using OLA from now on



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Erasmus going Digital Working Group in Romania

September 17th 2019, Saarbrücken



ANPCDEFP







About the initiative

WG for Romanian HEIs

• Encourage, guide, and support the use of the EWP online tools

 Overcome reluctance of HEIs, push for real and practical experience with the tools







About the initiative

Planned for Sep 2018 – Mar 2019 (7 months)

Extended until Jul 2019 (additional 4 months)

Online (e-mailing group, guides, webinars ...)







About the initiative

Coordinator: NA responsible

- Target group:
 - Representatives of RO HEIs
 - IRO responsible for outgoing KA103 SMS
 - On a voluntary basis







National involvement

14 universities in Romania:

- "Vasile Goldiş" Western University of Arad
- "Transilvania" University of Braşov
- National University of Arts Bucharest
- Bucharest University of Economic Studies
- Art and Design University of Cluj-Napoca
- Babeş-Bolyai University
- University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca
- Technical University of Cluj-Napoca

- University of Medicine and Pharmacy Craiova
- "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași
- National University of Arts "George Enescu" Iași
- University of Medicine, Pharmacy,
 Sciences and Technology of Târgu-Mureş
- West University of Timişoara
- Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Timişoara







Key objectives

• HEIs to start using the Erasmus Dashboard, Online Learning Agreement, Erasmus+ App

 Optimal communication and cooperation between the group members

 Monitor the activity, gather feedback from the members, report and disseminate the results, establish a form of follow-up







What has happened so far?

Phases:

- Selection
- Introduction
- Registration for tools
- Training & explanations
- Active use
- Intermediate evaluation
- Final evaluation, feedback, follow-up
- Reporting, dissemination of results







- All HEIs focused on accessing and learning about the Erasmus Dashboard tool
- Secondary focus on the Online Learning Agreement
- Less focus on Erasmus+ App (!)







- The main functionalities that HEIs focused on:
 - Outgoing and incoming student list management
 - Student data upload/creating OLAs for students that contain basic information
 - Downloading OLAs
 - Signing / approving / revising OLAs







- Main strengths / advantages HEIs identified:
 - Fast and useful
 - Quick and remote access to data
 - Reducing administrative burdens
 - Saving time and resources
 - Better communication with students
 - Interconnectivity of tools



What would be the main strengths / advantages for German HEIs?

no more papers

Save time and paper

Efficiency

no idea, doubt there is one

mobility is more attractiv for students

Timesaving

I currently do not see advantages

Save time and paper

Faster

What would be the main strengths / advantages for German HEls?

Streamlining processes across faculties

Quicker responses

Less paper

Less paper and not so many "ways" to go Better communication with students

Less paperwork Easy access to data

ONE Nomination System among Erasmus partners Needs new technic:-)

More transparency





What would be the main strengths / advantages for German HEls?

All documents in one system

Faster

I'll have to try it out to really know

Better overview

Time saving and less paperwork

No more scanning, printing, signing, scanning, emailing etc

Better communication with students

remote office

Better overview



What would be the main strengths / advantages for German HEls?

Mobilities might bei more atractive to students

Timesaving

Faster communication

Save paper

Equal working process between all participating universities **Centralized Administration**

Take the time next to my daily work to test and implement OLA

Training the administrative staff

Communication







- Main challenges / disadvantages HEIs identified:
 - Identifying the responsible person in a partner HEI to work with
 - Local tools or systems of partner HEIs
 - Temporary increase in workload (online & paper-based)
 - OLA signing

What would be the main challenges / disadvantages for German HEIs?

Faculty support / involvement

Streamlining the Faculties

Matching already existing systems

Templates and processes don't meet ours

implementation within excisting processes; getting together all internal stakeholders; having time for all this (no human resources addes)

Take on board the faculty members

Conservatorism of HEIs

to convince the departments to cooperate

Integration of the faculty



What would be the main challenges / disadvantages for German HEIs?

Different procedures in all HEIs

Identifying the correct people to sign the OLAs

...

Adapt well established procedures needs extra time

Communication

Total control of our processes by NA /EU

(temporarily) more time consuming, need of more manpower correctly instructing all people involved

Training the administrative staff

IT support is necessary



What would be the main challenges / disadvantages for German HEIs?

Support of faculties

Involvement of all the parties and different procedures

Lack of time

Overcomig the many internal steps(agreements)before signing the Ola

We are a big university and have all academic coordinators get involved in this process Not having experts.

Training of all involved.

Convince the faculties.









- Most of the HEIs:
 - Consider that the EWP tools satisfy their institution's needs
 - Find the guidance and training materials as very useful
 - Find the initiative of the working group as very useful







- Proactive approach
- Increasing interest in the topic (HEIs, NAs)
- Need to identify and lobby for other types of support (university management, ministry)
- Romanian HEIs outside the group have already been influenced







What's next?

- Dissemination & discussion about results
 - Romanian HEIs (IROs & Vicerectors –
 Oct 2019)
 - EC, EUF
 - Other NAs







What's next?

- Expand results:
 - National training?
 - Continue current working group?
 - New working group with new HEIs?
 - Look into other EWP scenarios (own/commercial system)?









Study in Romania @ EAIE Helsinki 2019 (booth G41)



StudyinRomania.gov.ro









Vielen Dank! Mulţumesc! Thank you!

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What needs to be improved by EUF or the European Commission before you could use OLA and the other tools?

More Training through the NAs

Communication to NAs and HEIs

More communication, webinars, information, testing

More practical training!

much more information from NA DAAD

detailed information

A well functioning ITSystem and good tutorials

Pleas do not try to impose one way of doing things on the whole HEI world!

Better integration with commercial tools, as to note create more work



What needs to be improved by EUF or the European Commission before you could use OLA and the other tools?

Be able to add comments directly on each single course chosen in the OLA, not only some comment box at the bottom of the document

Adaption options for signing the OLA

More practical information and training

More practical Training

Detailed instructions how to use all those tools / more trainings

More information on current situation, possibilities, obligations etc.

More pressure on commercial providers

Working and tested connectivity to commercial tools

Connectivity, Flexibility, Trainings



What needs to be improved by EUF or the European Commission before you could use OLA and the other tools?

Make it part of a complete digital procedure

Communication, detailed information and more trainings

Make sure thats E-mail and not multiple instant messenger





What can you do to introduce EWP in your institution?

Just start doing

Just start



What new idea have you gained from this session?

Just try!

Encouraged to use E+ Dashboard more frequently than occasionally

It's time to test OLS with Finnish partners!

We are ALL in this together!

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Don't be afraid! ;)

Fumctionality of the dashboard

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Courage to try!

Invite Torsten to my university:-)

To give EWP a Chance



What new idea have you gained from this session?

Just start

Geteiltes Leid ist halbes Leid

Practicing with the tools

Just try to use the tool

Kommt Zeit, kommt Rat

Encouragement to try out the different tools and give feedback for improvement

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Just don't panic! We will survive

Just do it!

Thank you for encourigig us!



What new idea have you gained from this session?

Shock that there is no competence in germany

get in contact with SOP

