

## Newsletter

February 2019

### ERASMUS Congress and Exhibition ERACON 2019

#### SAVE THE DATE

1-5 of MAY, PAPHOS, CYPRUS

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The European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAEC) invites you to the 15th annual ERASMUS Congress and Exhibition - ERACON 2019



The conference is organised under the National Auspices of the Minister of Education and Culture of Cyprus, Dr Kostas Champiaouris and

under the Municipal Auspices of the Mayor of Paphos, Mr Phedon Phedonos



#### ERACON VENUE

The venue of ERACON 2019 is the Aliathon Holiday Village Hotel. Address: Theas Afoditis Avenue 8063, Paphos, Cyprus

[Google maps location](#)

#### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Remember to submit your abstract on time!!!  
Deadline 15th of March 2019

[Learn more](#)

## NEWS

### ERASMUS+ Barometer is accepting responses

The European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators (EAEC) has been contributing for years for the success of the ERASMUS mobility programmes. We believe that the dynamics for the new programme under ERASMUS+ are even better with the International ERASMUS included in the play. We designed a survey, called ERASMUS+ Barometer, for collecting useful information from the main actors in the HE Institutions managing the ERASMUS programme. A support letter from the European Commission can be found on the survey site. The information is collected on a yearly basis and analysed in an approach of monitoring indicators of progress and success. The results are officially announced every year during the ERASMUS Congress and Exhibition, known as ERACON Congress, as well as in a Session during EAIE annual conference. For the success of ERASMUS+ mobility actions it is very important to be able to have feedback from all stakeholders from the very beginning of the programme and during its development. Each year the survey may include additional questions, following the need analysis and the results of the discussions during the ERACON Congress each year.

Please [click here](#) to take the survey from the [erasmusharometer.net](http://erasmusharometer.net) website. The estimated time to complete the survey is 15-20 minutes but you will be able to save the data and come back to it later for completing it, before submitting. You will need to have the PIC number of your Institution ready.

The results are officially announced every year during the ERASMUS Congress and Exhibition, known as ERACON.

The survey is supported by the European Commission, related letter can be found by [clicking here](#).

Prizes will be drawn among those who provide a full response to the survey by the end of February 2019. The prizes will be awarded during the ERACON 2019 ERASMUS Dinner Dance, on 3rd of May 2019.

### Time for International Weeks

When the winter is close to leave, "folk long to go on pilgrimages. Only, these days, professional people call them conferences", as David Lodge observed in his best seller Small World. Well, if it is not conferences, it might be International weeks...

And they are there, for every taste, about every subject, in very different places. The [L-motion website](#) compiles a long list of such "pilgrimages" – cf.

According to the website, more than 60 International Weeks are just closing applications during the coming days (February and March), so you have to hurry to be able to find a place!

### The new Erasmus after 2020 – some highlights

After the approval of the Commission's proposal for a "new" Erasmus after 2020, here are some highlights of what is already known:

**Increase the number of beneficiaries.** Doubling the programme's budget will make it possible to support up to 12 million people between 2021-2027 - three times as many as in the current financing period.

**Reach out to people from all social backgrounds:** Through new formats and easier access for smaller and grassroots organisations.

**Build stronger relations with the rest of the world:** Mobility and cooperation with third countries will also be boosted, through a combination of physical and virtual mobility.

**Focus on promoting forward-looking study fields:** The strengthened programme will give more attention to study fields such as renewable energy, climate change, environmental engineering, artificial intelligence or design.

**Promote a European identity with a travel experience:** The new **DiscoverEU** initiative will give young people opportunities to discover Europe's cultural heritage and diversity.

[Source](#)

## PROJECT DISSEMINATION

### OpenLang Network: a new Erasmus+ KA2 project for KA1 participants

The OpenLang Network (Open European Languages and Cultures Network (2018-1-EL01-KA203-047967) is a new Erasmus+ project. The aim of the project is to develop an Open Language Network to connect and support all Erasmus+ KA1 participants (HE students and staff, VET, Adult, and School education staff, Youth learners, Youth Workers, Youth Entrepreneurs) in increasing their language proficiency and also developing their intercultural and digital skills.

The project is in collaboration between the University of Macedonia - GR (project coordinator), the Open University - UK, the Cyprus University of Technology- CY and PIXEL Associazione Culturale - IT.

Find out more about the project [here](#).

The OPENLang Network invites all Erasmus+ mobility participants to share their experiences by taking the following [survey](#).

### Erasmus+ Project Results Dissemination Platform

The Erasmus+ Project Results Platform will give you access to all projects funded under the Erasmus+ programmes, and not only!

Why this Platform is USEFUL?

- You can find inspiration from the good practice and the success stories of projects
- You can find potential partners for your projects
- You can enhance the visibility of your project
- You can share the results of your project with other people interested in the same topics
- You can explore the past funded projects

You can explore the past funded projects [here](#).

### Applied Curricula in Technology for East Africa (ACTEA)

Artis Plantijn University College Antwerp (Belgium) is coordinating the Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Building project in the Field of Higher Education Applied Curricula in Technology for East Africa (ACTEA). In this project 6 universities in East Africa and 4 in Europe will work together to develop and implement new courses in technology and engineering in Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania. As the focus of the project is on applied sciences, the theoretical content of these courses will be supported by industry-grade lab infrastructure. This will be used for hands-on assignments, and remote and virtual labs are also foreseen for increased access to learning tools. To achieve the project goals, the National Research and Educational Networks of these countries will deliver support in IT and Internet accessibility. During the project teaching staff and students will receive dedicated training and education. To ensure relevance for the labor market, a strong cooperation with local business and government is set-up to assess the local needs for skills and competences and to disseminate the project's results to the wider economic environment. Because the subjects of the project, namely technology, engineering and skills training, are relevant to a lot of concerned people, the project is very open for cooperation and finding synergies with other initiatives. Total estimated budget is about €1 million for a period of 3 years.

More Information

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## NETWORKING

### EAEC THEMATIC INNOVATION MEETINGS

The European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators and its EAEC TASK-Force assist its members and network partners to exploit to the fullest the European funding schemes, leading them to successful proposals for funding and innovative projects.

Innovation Meeting in Lamacia, Cyprus, November 2018 - [learn more](#)

Innovation Meeting in Porto, Portugal, October 2018 - [learn more](#)

### ERASMUS ROOTS

The European Association of Erasmus Coordinators is editing a book to tell stories about the early days of Erasmus. The idea is to compile short stories, told in first hand by the intervenients themselves, describing how the Erasmus programme was managed and operated in the early days when technology was not as developed as it is today and when communications and traveling was more challenging.

[Read some stories](#)

The preface of the book will come from the European Commission. More details may be found [here](#).

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this book by sharing your stories of the early days of Erasmus, up to 1995

Please send your contributions or any request for additional information by email to [publications@eaecnet.com](mailto:publications@eaecnet.com)

### EAEC NETWORKING FOR EU FUNDING & EXCHANGES (members only)

EAEC with the cooperation of several organizations is providing to its members a communication channel for exchanges, a funding information scheme and tools, a networking portal and the EAEC TASK-Force Group. [Learn more..](#)

### MEET ONE OF US

#### Meet EAEC registered members worldwide

##### Georgian American University

Since 2005, the Georgian American University (GAU) serves to establish international standards of education, develop competitive professionals and successful individuals. With ultra-modern and centrally located facilities, GAU focuses on small class size,

individual student attention, practical application of modern theory, critical and logical thinking and development of multi-lingual communications skills. Many of the classes and materials are in English. These key attributes have resulted in GAU's having one of, if not the highest, student and graduate hiring rate of any university in the country of Georgia. GAU's ownership is both American and Georgian. With a socially minded and efficient fiscal policy, GAU has a western style of management and curricula that are fine-tuned to comply with the EU's Bologna Process - allowing its degrees to be recognized anywhere in the world.



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