



# Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange is a groundbreaking project to allow youth in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean to engage in meaningful intercultural learning experiences as part of their formal or non-formal education.



#### What is Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange?

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange is a groundbreaking project enabling youth in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean to engage in meaningful intercultural experiences online, as part of their formal or non-formal education.

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange is part of the Erasmus+ programme, providing an accessible, ground-breaking way for young people to engage in intercultural learning. Working with Youth Organisations and Universities, the programme is open to any young person aged 18-30 residing in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean.

Through a range of activities, Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange aims to expand the reach and scope of the Erasmus+ programme through virtual exchanges, which are technology-enabled people-to-people dialogues sustained over a period of time.

This flagship programme is established under a contract with the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, financed by the European Union's budget, and it is implemented by a consortium composed of Search for Common Ground, Anna Lindh Foundation, UNIMED, and Sharing Perspectives Foundation, in association with Soliya, UNICollaboration, Kiron Open Higher Education, and Migration Matters.

### What does Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange offer?



Opportunities for young people to connect together in safe online facilitated dialogue to discuss current issues that matter to them, develop a better understanding of each other, build meaningful relationships across borders and cultures, and practice important employability skills.



Professional development for youth workers and university educators to learn how to develop a Transnational Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Project (TEP) in order to enrich and expand existing programmes.



Bringing young people from different backgrounds together to develop parliamentary debate skills with the support of a network of trained debate facilitators, fostering listening and understanding through advocacy training.



Access open online courses across cultural contexts and national boundaries to learn with peers from diverse backgrounds using bite-sized video lectures, supported by skill building activities and facilitated intercultural discussions.

#### Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange 2018 in numbers

#### 17,000

 Indirect beneficiaries across participating regions and communities

#### 8,000

 Youth participants from Europe and the Southern Mediterranean

#### Type of participants sought

- Young people (aged 18 to 30 years)
- Youth workers
- Students
- Higher education professors
- · University managers/administrators
- Educators
- Motivated individuals from Europe or from the Southern Mediterranean

## Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange geographic coverage

The initiative covers Erasmus+ Programme Countries and the Southerr Mediterranean region as defined in the European Neighbourhood Policy.



#### Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange 2018 Roadmap



- Launch of the Hub. Start of activities.
- First iteration of online facilitated dialogue begins.
- Start of iOOC, augmented existing OOC and new OOCs.
- Training for Transnational projects begins.
- Thematic Debates for Advocacy training begin.
- Second iteration of online facilitated dialogue begins.

#### **GET INVOLVED**

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange is seeking partnerships with Higher education institutions, Civil society organisations and Youth organisations

There are many ways for you to get involved in Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange .

Participation is free of charge.

Find out how you can get involved

www.europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Consortium:



















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