



Erasmus+ 30th Anniversary Celebrations

Brussels, 30th November 2017

EAEC participated, by invitation from the European Commission, at the **"Erasmus+ 30th anniversary - Closing Event"**, which took place on Thursday, the 30th November 2017 in Brussels.

This event encompassed a High Level Panel Discussion, held at the European Parliament, and a Celebration night at Bozar. At the High Level Panel Discussion, a committee of distinguished politicians discussed the future of the Erasmus+ Programme beyond 2020. The Celebration night started with a vibrant show followed by a cocktail reception and an animated dancing floor.

The **High Level Panel Discussion**, moderated by Meabh McMahon, included the following members: Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport; Mailis Reps, Minister for Education and Research, Estonia; Petra Kammerevert, Chair of the Committee for Education and Culture, Member of the European Parliament and a representative of the Erasmus+ generation. Check below the main highlights from this discussion.

The **Celebration** show brought together Erasmus+ talents and various artistic performances, followed by a cocktail reception welcoming two thousand participants. The night celebration continued at the dance floor being animated by a DJ set and warm party lights.

You may review the discussion at the Parliament as well as the celebration show at Bozar here https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/anniversary/erasmus-30th-anniversary-final-event_en

Panel Discussion highlights

We have summarized the main highlights coming out of the High Level Panel Discussion for you:

- The key topics addressed by the Erasmus+ generation declaration include the following:
 - o Informal learning
 - o Employability skills
 - o Entrepreneurship
 - o Greater involvement of companies
 - o Internships, work based learning
 - o Lifelong learning
- Erasmus has to be accessible and inclusive
- Keep United Kingdom participating in the Erasmus+ programme, despite Brexit

- Extend charters to Schools, besides HE and VET
- Encourage employers to participate; to support incoming mobility
We need more money to have more students benefiting from the programme
- The funding will be (hopefully) doubled in next programme. This is an investment in the future of EU
- Erasmus is one of the most successful EU programmes
- Non formal learning is as much important as formal learning
- The coming programme will pay attention, among others, to:
 - o the importance of employability
 - o solidarity in EU, face problems all together
 - o soft-skills are of extreme importance
- Experience best practices in loco and bring the experience back to home institution
- Private sectors are looking for digital competences and soft skill in general much more than hard skills, proportionally to 2/3 let's say
- Have foreigner people working in your local problems
- Erasmus is not only about education and mobility but about personality and future EU citizens.
- Inclusiveness and openness, give opportunity to all
- Every EU citizen has to have opportunity under Erasmus
- Students should involve themselves in public life, Erasmus is not just an academic experience

You may watch a video recording and follow the full session at the link provided above.

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