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Beyond Boundaries: Enhancing Higher Education through Erasmus+

*From student mobility to a digitally connected
and globally engaged Higher Education Area*

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Why Higher Education Needs to Go Beyond Boundaries

Globalisation
Digitalisation
Innovation

Erasmus+: A European Success Story

6 sectors:

- *Higher Education*
- *School*
- *Vocational Training*
- *Adult Education*
- *Youth*
- *Sport*

Erasmus' budget 2021-2027

28.4 billions euros

*twice the amount
of the previous programme*

4 priorities:

- *Inclusion*
- *Digital Transformation*
- *Green Transition*
- *Democratic Participation*

16,5 Millions of participants

since 1987

(estimated: 10Millions)

Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds.

A photograph of three young adults, two women and one man, sitting around a table in a bright, modern setting. They are all smiling and looking towards a laptop screen in the foreground. The man in the center is wearing glasses and a maroon polo shirt. The woman on the right is also wearing glasses and a black top. The woman on the left is partially visible, resting her chin on her hand. A water bottle is on the table. Large windows in the background show a blurred outdoor scene.

Erasmus+

for Higher Education

Mobility (70%)

- Studying abroad in Higher Education
- Traineeships abroad
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

International Cooperation

- Partnerships
- Alliances for innovation
- Capacity building

Beyond Europe: Building Global Academic Networks



International Credit Mobility
Erasmus Mundus
Capacity Building

4 priorities

Inclusion and diversity – making sure mobility and cooperation reach students and institutions that traditionally participate less, including those with fewer opportunities, disabilities, or from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Digital transformation – in all sectors, but with specific and ambitious objectives in HE

Environmental sustainability and the green transition – encouraging greener forms of travel and embedding sustainability into curricula and institutional practice.

Participation in democratic life – strengthening civic engagement, European values, and active citizenship.



European Universities initiative

Transnational alliances of higher education institutions, paving the way towards the universities of the future.

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/education-levels/higher-education/european-universities-initiative>

73 European Universities alliances with almost 650 higher education institutions of all types, from all across Europe.

Universities where you can



The European Universities alliances in action – 3 building blocks

- **Long-term joint strategies**

Developing and implementing an integrated long-term joint strategy for education with **links to research and innovation**, at the service of society. Using joint management and governance structures and are building on a shared pool of resources (Human resources, Data and services, Finances..)

- **European inter-university campuses**

Students, doctoral candidates and staff can benefit from **seamless mobility** opportunities in so-called European inter-university campuses.

- **Knowledge-creating teams**

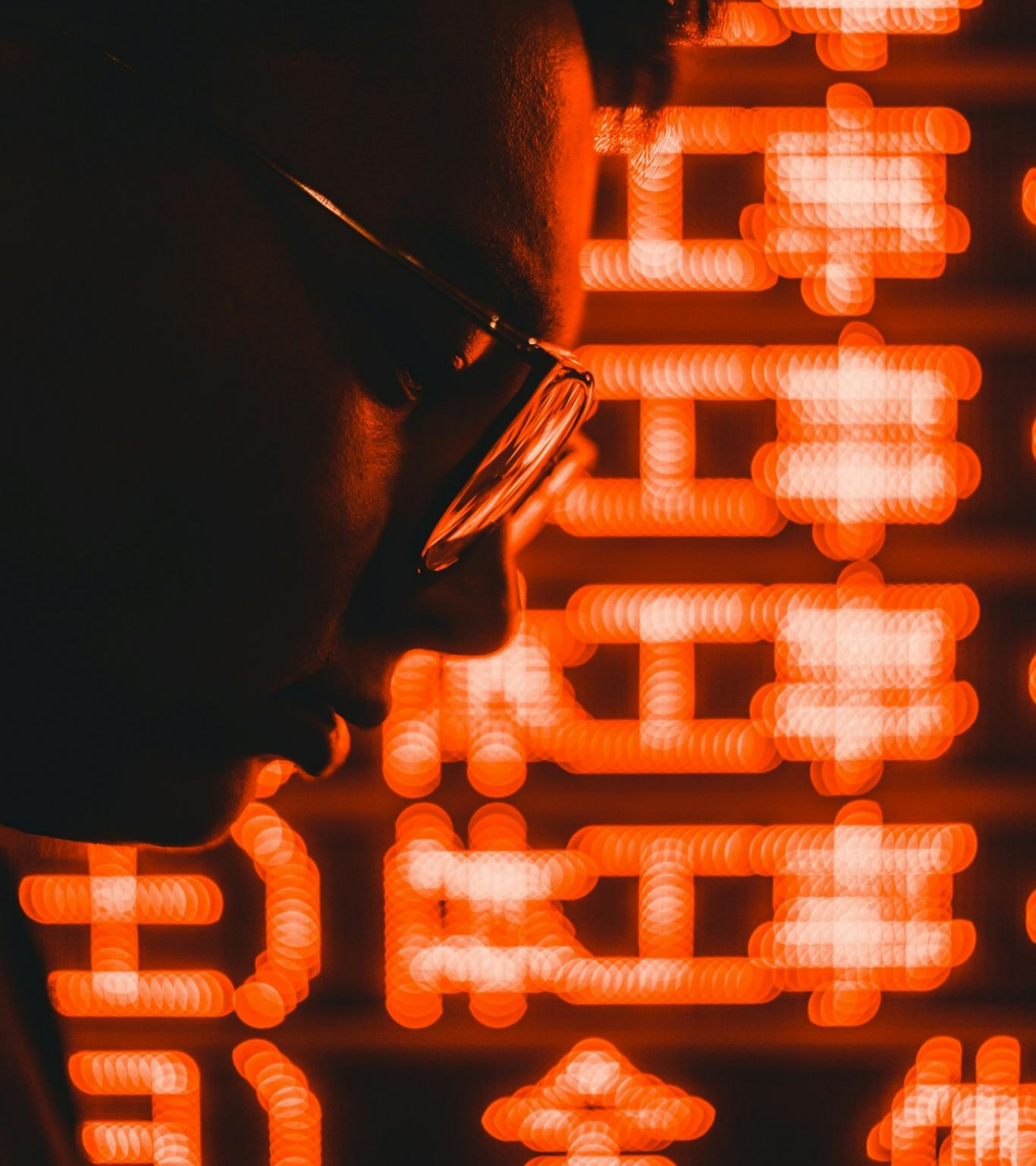
Teams of students and academics can work together with researchers, entrepreneurs, companies, local and regional actors, and civil society actors – depending on the overall strategy and vision of the alliance.

Fundings through Erasmus+ calls for proposals in 2026: **€ 145,6 million for 2 years support**





Erasmus is going Digital



*Removing barriers through
Digitalisation*

Erasmus Student Card Initiative - ESCI

One Digital Ecosystem for Students:

- Erasmus Student Card
- Erasmus Without Paper
- Online Learning Agreement
- Erasmus App

Erasmus Without Paper network (EWP) – is the digital "plumbing" that connects the IT systems of higher education institutions across Europe, allowing them to exchange data automatically: inter-institutional agreements, nominations, and learning agreements

Online Learning Agreement (OLA) – a tool that lets students create their learning agreement digitally and have it approved by both their home and host institutions through the EWP network

European Student Identifier and Card – a unique digital identity that allows a student to be recognised across institutions and digital services, wherever they go in Europe.

The Commission's action plan set a target of **95% of learning agreements being completed digitally by 2025** for intra-European mobility



Erasmus+ digital Learning Agreements



Other Erasmus+ opportunities
(powered by digital):



LEARN LANGUAGES


- **Online Language Support**

Learn Language Basics (29 languages)
([Eu Academy](#))

- **Erasmus+ Blended mobility**

- **Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP)**

Virtual + physical



An inclusion tool

ERASMUS+ IN ITALIA

Scuola, Istruzione superiore, Educazione degli adulti

4.129

CANDIDATURE
RICEVUTE

2.638 **+17,8%**

PROGETTI APPROVATI

272

MILIONI DI €
ASSEGNATI

92.854 **+21,4%**

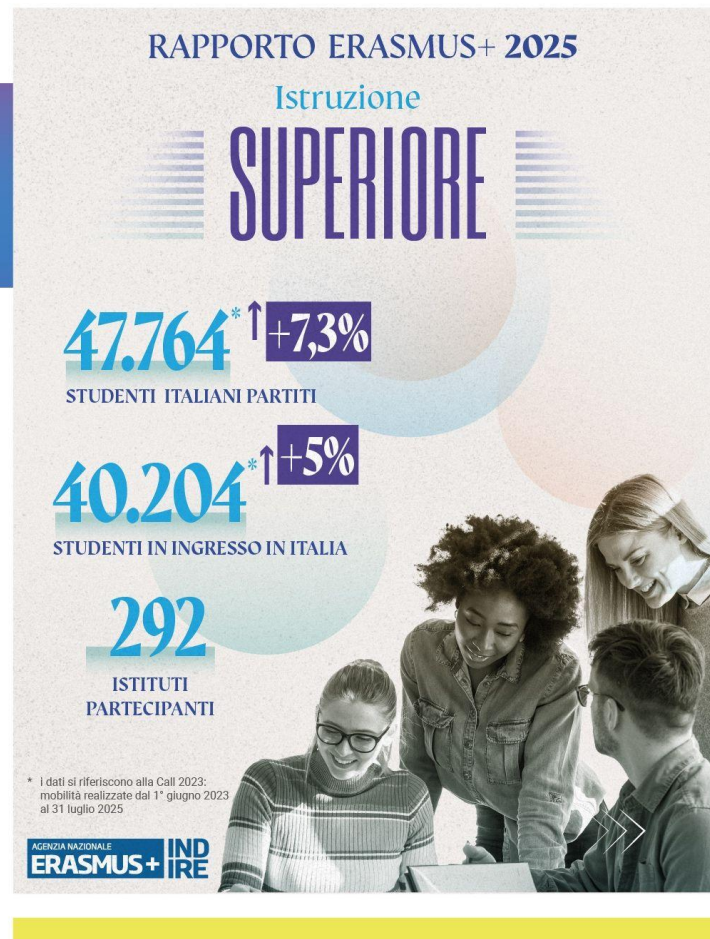
PARTECIPANTI PREVISTI

99,3%

BUDGET
IMPEGNATO



2025 Erasmus+ Report - Italy



[Rapporto Erasmus 2025 \(IT\)](#)

since **2014**

300,000

European Erasmus' students involved in study or training period in Italian HE institutes

since **1987**

905,500

Italian students with Erasmus scholarships studied or were in training in Europe

292

Italian higher education institutes involved

since **2021**

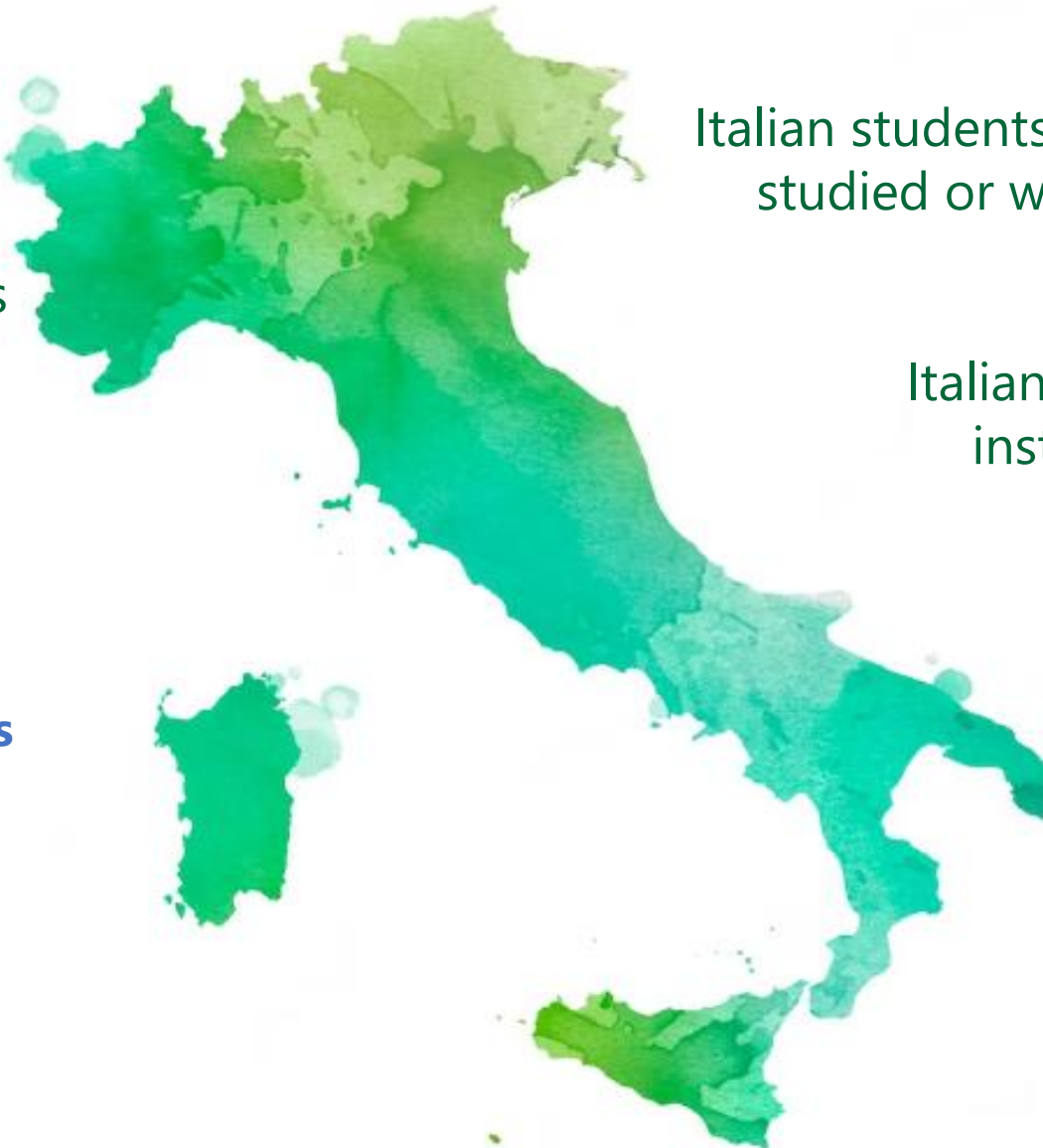
over 250,000

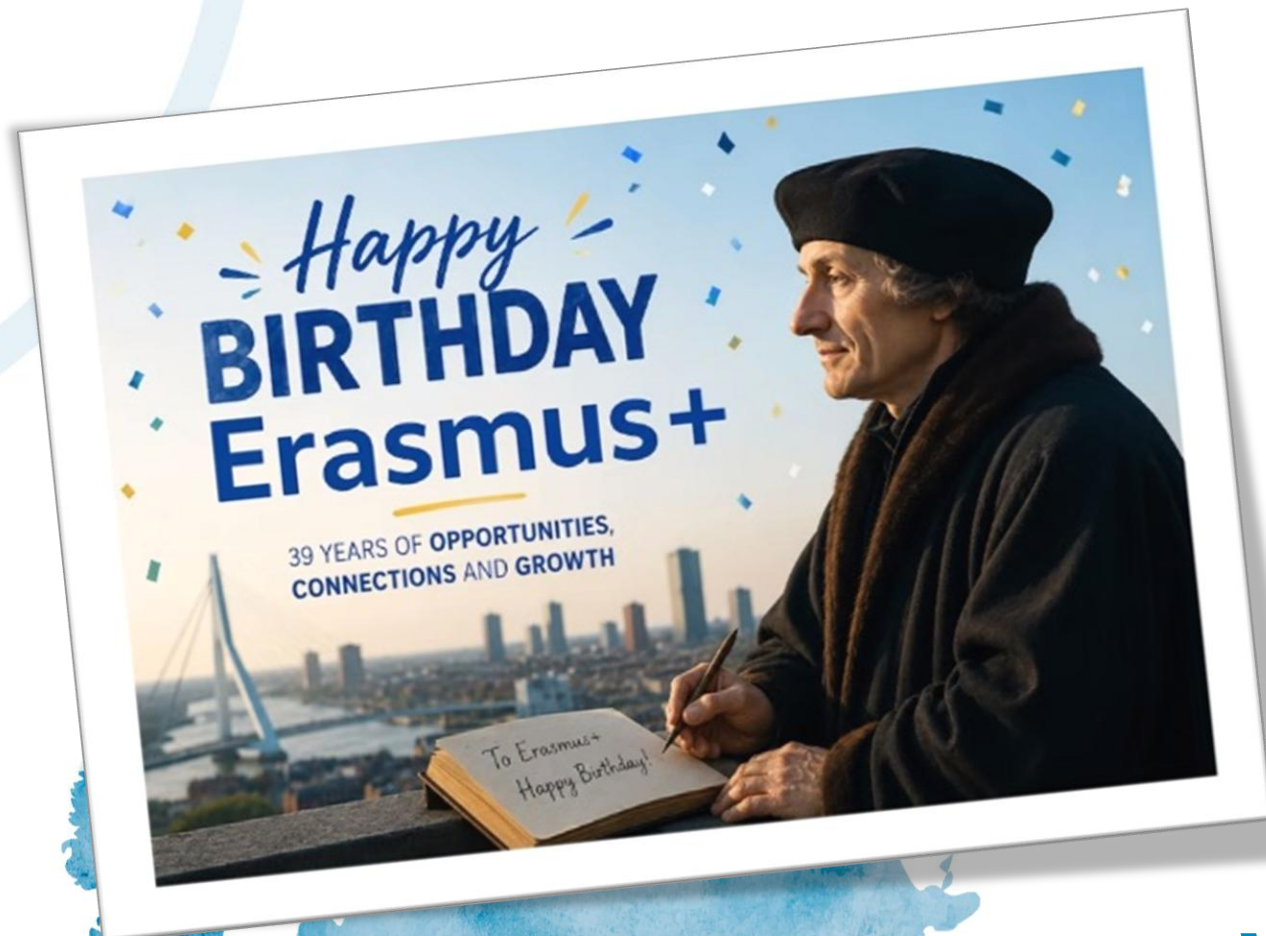
active European Student Cards

46 HE institutions

in European Universities

Italy is the **2° place** among favourite destinations in Europe





In 2027
Erasmus turns
40 years old

**We are approaching
the future..
Erasmus+ 2028-2034**

THE UK AND SWITZERLAND — ARE JOINING — ERASMUS+

FROM 2027



More opportunities
for students and staff.



Stronger connections
between our universities.



A shared future
built on knowledge,
mobility and collaboration.



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The Erasmus+ programme
erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/it

The Italian Erasmus+ website
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DiscoverEU European Youth Portal
youth.europa.eu/go-abroad/travelling/discovereu_en

Study in Europe
education.ec.europa.eu/study-in-europe