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#### 1. #ERASMUSDAYS: CELEBRATING EUROPE

#### **History and objectives of the #ErasmusDays**

Created in 2017 by the Erasmus+ France / Education Training National Agency, the #ErasmusDays have become a key annual international event celebrating the successes of the Erasmus+ programme across Europe. For six days, people from all over the world are invited to come together and organise or take part in events that highlight the projects and opportunities offered by Erasmus+ in the field of education, training, youth and sport.

Primary schools, secondary schools, apprentice training centres, local missions, universities, associations, local and regional authorities, employment agencies, companies... All these structures, which can benefit from the Erasmus+ programme, are invited to organise an event during the #ErasmusDays.

These six days offer a fantastic opportunity for participants to share their experiences and promote the values of inclusion and diversity advocated by the Erasmus+ programme.

#### The role of the Erasmus+ France / Education Training National Agency

Since 2017, the Erasmus+ France / Education Training National Agency leads and coordinates the #ErasmusDays at a European and international level. Alongside the European Commission and the Erasmus+ National Agencies, it promotes the event worldwide.

In order to support the organisation of the various #ErasmusDays events, the French Agency manages the erasmusdays.eu website, which was revamped for this eighth edition. It is also responsible for developing and sharing the communication charter as well as the social media challenge campaign with the Erasmus+National Agencies and all event organisers.

#### The role of project leaders and types of event

All Erasmus+ project leaders and actors in the fields of education, training, youth and sport are invited to organise an event – online and/or on-site, small or large – during the #ErasmusDays and thus promote their projects and build new regional, national, European or even international partnerships.

Project leaders just need to identify an action to set up and then register it on erasmusdays.eu. This registration will make the action visible on the site. Event organisers are also invited to share their actions on social networks using the hashtag #ErasmusDays.

All types of event are welcome: seminars, meetings between partners, photo exhibitions, concerts, flashmobs, parades, dance performances, conferences, Europass mobility awards, digital workshops, challenges on social networks, blog posts, podcasts, Facebook lives, webinars and online conferences, etc. The most important is to celebrate and make Europe shine!









#### 2. #ERASMUSDAYS: FACTS AND FIGURES

#### Focus on the eighth edition

This year, to extend the spirit of the Olympic and Paralympic Games organised in Paris in 2024, the #ErasmusDays highlighted sport, with the catchphrase 'Ready, steady, go!'. This evokes not only the excitement of sporting competitions, but also a departure towards new experiences, both physical and intellectual, inherent in the Erasmus+ programme.

The general theme of #ErasmusDays, '6 days to make Europe shine', remains true to the spirit of the event, and reflects the ambition to create a dynamic, engaging and collective atmosphere throughout the event. Today, and thanks to the promotional and communication actions carried out since 2017, the #ErasmusDays has become a recognised and unmissable event, with more and more structures involved each year.

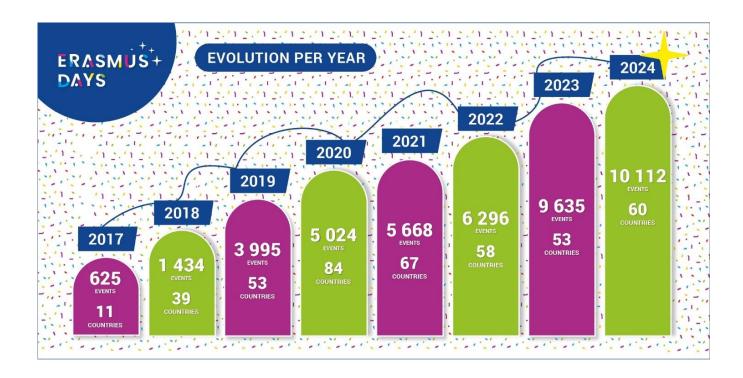
#### **Number of events**

The 2024 edition was a resounding success, with over 10,000 events organised in 60 countries.





The number of events organised has risen steadily since 2017, reflecting the strong involvement of the various organisations benefiting from the Erasmus+ programme in the #ErasmusDays.



Albania (4), Algeria (4), Armenia (8), Austria (141), Azerbaijan (1), Belgium (111), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1), Brazil (1), Bulgaria (52), Cameroon (1), Colombia (1), Croatia (291), Cyprus (51), Czech Republic (251), Denmark (2), Egypt (1), Estonia (29), Finland (23), France (2018), Georgia (4), Germany (139), Greece (219), Hungary (122), Indonesia (1), Ireland (23), Italy (536), Jordan (1), Kazakhstan (1), Kosovo (3), Latvia (50), Lebanon (8), Lesotho (2), Liechtenstein (1), Lithuania (1), Luxemburg (3), Malta (17), Netherlands (4), Norway (4), Pakistan (1), Philippines (1), Poland (217), Portugal (110), Republic of North Macedonia (2), Romania (460), Senegal (1), Serbia (22), Slovakia (179), Slovenia (84), South Africa (1), Spain (1215), Sri Lanka (1), Sweden (10), Tajikistan (1), Tanzania (1), Tunisia (2), Turkey (3614), Ukraine (57), United Kingdom (1), Uzbekistan (3), Zambia (1)

The Erasmus+ National Agencies coordinated actions throughout Europe. Events also took place in the rest of the world thanks to the networks of European embassies and local partners of Erasmus+ projects, enabling the number of countries taking part in this year's edition to increase.





#### Breakdown of events by priority and theme

Event organisers of #ErasmusDays have the opportunity to identify one or more priorities/themes to qualify their event when registering it on the #ErasmusDays website.

The diagram below illustrates the breakdown of themes for this eighth edition.



Nb: The 'other' section refers to events with a more specific theme (e.g. sport, culinary arts, etc.).





### **Examples of events**



















#### 3. #ERASMUSDAYS: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT IN EUROPE

The European Commission, the European Parliament and the French Presidency granted their High Patronage to the #ErasmusDays. This support played a fundamental role in the success of the 2024 edition.



In a video supporting the launch of #ErasmusDays, <u>Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen</u>, Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture at the European Commission, underlined the importance of the Erasmus+ programme in building a common European identity.





Relay of #ErasmusDays on the European Commission website - 'What's new' section













Post by Iliana Ivanova, former European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth.



#### 4. #ERASMUSDAYS: DIGITAL DIMENSION

#### The new #ErasmusDays website: www.erasmusdays.eu

For this eighth edition, a new website was designed in response to the constant increase in the number of events organised around the world since 2017. The aim of this new site is also to respond to new digital practices and to provide more support and inspiration for event organisers.





The interactive map is still featured to provide an overview of all the events listed.

Each event is illustrated by a factsheet containing a description and a visual. The events thus created can then be relayed on websites and social networks, along with the hashtag #ErasmusDays.

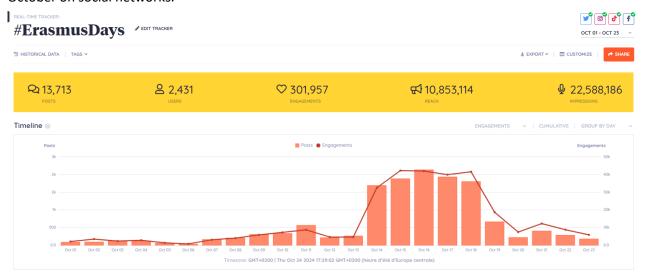




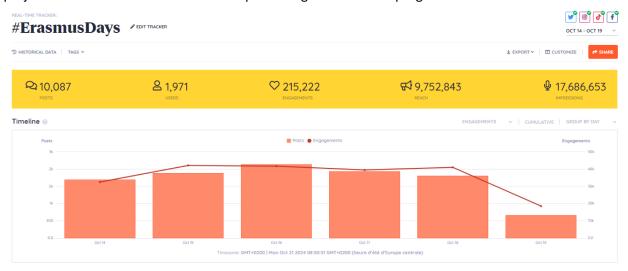
#### **Social Media**

#### The #ErasmusDays hashtag

This year, the #ErasmusDays hashtag was displayed more than **22 million times** between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> October on social networks.



During the #ErasmusDays from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10,087 posts were published and **9,7 million** people reached, with a peak in activity on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, when 2,119 posts were published. These figures testify to the remarkable enthusiasm surrounding the #ErasmusDays and the dynamism of project leaders and final beneficiaries in promoting the Erasmus+ programme.



The global impact of the #ErasmusDays was revealed by the use of the hashtag, reaching far beyond borders. Many contributions came from all over the world, highlighting the universal nature of the event and underlining the global impact of the Erasmus+ programme.

Posts: number of publications with the #ErasmusDays hashtag
Users: number of users of the #ErasmusDays hashtag
Engagements: number of people who have seen the publication and interacted with it (likes, shares, comments, etc.)
Reach: number of people reached by the #ErasmusDays hashtag
Impressions: number of times content with the #ErasmusDays hashtag appeared.



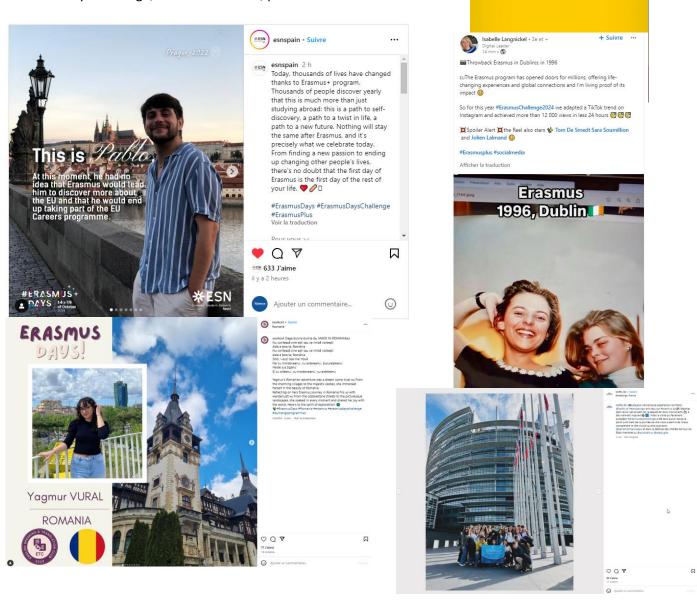
#### The Challenge

The #ErasmusDaysChallenge was created in 2022 to promote and increase the visibility of Erasmus+ experiences and projects.

It is open to all and allows project leaders and beneficiaries to share their creativity and enthusiasm by producing and disseminating content related to their Erasmus+ experience or their desire to take part in the programme.

#### New:

This year, the #ErasmusDaysChallenge evolved and was completely free in its format and content: the only rule was to use the hashtag #ErasmusDaysChallenge, for video content, photos or testimonials...



For this 2024 edition, the hashtag #ErasmusDaysChallenge reached 349,446 people between the 16<sup>th</sup> September and the 25<sup>th</sup> October, mainly on the Instagram and Tiktok networks. 1,062 posts were published, engaging 46,987 people (with shares, likes, comments, etc.).

take part in the #ERASMUS

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#### 5. #ERASMUSDAYS IN EUROPE: EVENTS

Discover in the following pages, some examples of #ErasmusDays events organised throughout Europe:

**Country: Austria** 

**Sector: Higher education** 

**Theme: Sport** 

As part of the #ErasmusDays, the International Office of the University of Klagenfurt organised an interactive online information event on the 17<sup>th</sup> October for all students interested in international mobility and intercultural exchanges. A sports event was also organised on campus with incoming and outgoing mobility students.

This gave students the opportunity to discuss the topic of mobility in an informal atmosphere and support each other with tips.



**Country: Romania Sector: School education** 

Theme: Citizenship through sport

From the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> October, the 'Geo Bogza' school in Bălan celebrated #ErasmusDays with a series of activities aimed at promoting European values and priorities. From presentations and the sharing of experiences gained by pupils to creative workshops and sports activities, the main aim was to highlight the impact of the Erasmus+ programme on the personal development of children and teachers.

The highlight of the week was the 'Erasmus+ Run for All', held on 18 October, which gathered over 200 participants, including students aged between 6 and 18, parents, teachers and members of the community. This event demonstrated that the Erasmus+ programme is a great way of **forging links with** 



the community and providing an excellent means of strengthening the sense of belonging to the European Union.





**Country: Latvia** 

**Sector: School education** 

**Theme: Sport** 

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October, **Latgale Industrial Technical College** joined in the #ErasmusDays celebrations with an event uniting young people and teachers from around twenty institutions. Participants from eight countries - Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Turkey and Uzbekistan - **played sports games** in an international Erasmus+ **tournament.** 

Participants gathered to test their athletic skills, but also to learn more about the **opportunities** offered under **the Erasmus+ programme**. The event was opened by a Member of the European Parliament, who also awarded the main prize to the winners: a visit to the European Parliament in Brussels.



The event was organised by Europe Direct South Latgale in cooperation with EPALE - Adult Learning in Latvia, Latgale Industrial Technical School, and Daugavpils University.

**Country: Cyprus Sector: All** 

**Theme: Sport and Ecological transition** 

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October, the municipality of Pafos organised **an open-air festival** in the town's main square, where various beneficiaries presented their Erasmus+ projects and results. The festival featured a variety of entertaining activities related to **sports and recycling**.









**Country: Germany Sector: School education** 

Theme: Sport and ecological transition

The students of **Daniel Theysohn IGS Waldfi schbach-Burgalben** used **their bikes** to go from their hometown via France to Luxembourg during the #ErasmusDays. Along the way, they asked people about their **views on the European Union.** 

**Country: Hungary Sector: School education** 

**Theme: Sport** 

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October, the **Kossuth Lajos secondary school in Tiszafüred** organised an Erasmus Day, during which two classes took part in a morning race as part of the 'Building Bridges with Sports and Games competition". A presentation on the opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ programme followed the race.







**Country: Spain** 

**Sector: School education** 

**Theme: Sport** 

The #ErasmusDays were celebrated from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> October at the **Ignacio Martín Baró** school with exhibitions, songs and a mock Olympic torch relay, which was the highlight of the week.





Country: Bulgaria Sector: School education Theme: Ecological transition

The **Buratino nursery school** team took part in the #ErasmusDays celebrations through meetings, exhibitions and joint activities with families. From the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17th October, more than 200 children, parents and teachers took part in a wide range of **environmental initiatives**, from planting trees and flowers to artistic workshops using natural materials. The aim of the event was to encourage **commitment**, **creativity** and the **development of teamwork skills**. All the activities were environmentally oriented and linked to the Erasmus+ accreditation for the period 2023-2027.





Country: Croatia
Sector: School and Vocational education

The Zagreb School of Crafts and Industrial Construction (Obrtnička i industrijska graditeljska škola, Zagreb) celebrated #ErasmusDays with workshops, events, presentations and lectures.

Students and teachers shared their experiences and knowledge gained through Erasmus+ projects throughout the week. The #ErasmusDays highlighted how international projects can enrich, inspire creativity and promote global cooperation. The school also participated in the creation of a video for #ErasmusDays in collaboration with the Croatian National Agency. This video enabled the school to showcase its achievements in Erasmus+ projects and share its experiences with the international community.

Country: Greece Sector: School education Theme: Civic engagement

As part of the #Erasmusdays 2024, Vatheos College organised an event to present European values and the opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ programme. Pupils took part in creative activities: a board game based on knowledge of the European Union, a creative painting session depicting iconic European landmarks, and an acrostic word activity inspired by 'Erasmus', focusing on cooperation, diversity and learning. The event was accompanied by music from various European countries, creating a multicultural atmosphere and offering students an inspiring way to explore the European heritage and opportunities of the programme.





**Country: Malta** 

**Sector: Adult education** 

Theme: Inclusion and digital transformation

As part of its ongoing Erasmus+ project 'Digital inclusion and empowerment of refugees and ethnic minorities through the circular economy', the African Media Association Malta organised a campaign to collect second-hand laptops. This action enables young people from migrant and ethnic minority backgrounds to acquire digital skills and compete in an increasingly digitised world. The association's participation in the #ErasmusDays on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> October provided an opportunity to promote this initiative and the Erasmus+ programme.



Country: Turkey Sectors: All

Theme: Digital transformation, Green, Participation in democratic life, Inclusion and diversity



The #ErasmusDays were celebrated during a national event at the **University of Ankara** on the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Different projects representing all the sectors and priorities of the programme were selected and presented as good practices. Project leaders and beneficiaries were invited to present their projects relating to digital transformation, ecological transition, participation in democratic life, inclusion and diversity at this event, which brought together more than 700 participants.





#### **Examples of events**























# Thank you to all the participants of this eighth edition of the #ErasmusDays!

Save the date:

#ERASMUSDAYS 2025

13<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup>

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