

B3 – Erasmus and European Solidarity Corps go Green!

About this session...

The Erasmus+ programme, with mobilities at its core and a prospect to reach 12 million of participants by 2027, needs to address the challenges of global warming and sustainable development. This is also a top priority that young people want the EU to address in the next years according to the last Eurobarometer.

However, Erasmus+ is not just mobilities, it also means cooperation in education, training, youth and sport. Erasmus+ can effectively act at different dimensions and with different actors (participants, alumni, organisations, schools, universities, youth and sport organisations, National Agencies...) making a real impact, promoting measures to deal with environmental problems, raising broad social awareness and working on the development of the competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) necessary for moving towards a sustainable society and economy.

Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps present a unique opportunity to 'lead by example', paving the way for more sustainable actions, actively combating climate change and thereby also becoming even more attractive to young Europeans.

During this session, participants will be invited to exchange ideas, to share best practices and to launch a common reflection about the ways to use the full potential of Erasmus+ and of the European Solidarity Corps to support climate action and move towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly society.

Something to think about...

In order to fuel the discussion and to take the most of this session, participants are invited to start reflecting about the following questions:

- How can we act at the programme, organisations and participant's level to make the Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps programmes more sustainable?*
- What about the mobilities? How can we reduce the carbon footprint associated to them?*
- How can Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps be used as a way to promote sustainability and to encourage green practices?*
- Which challenges, difficulties and limits can we expect if we act on the programmes to make them more green?*