

## Young Sparks Symposium



### MAIN INFO

<b>SALTO E&amp;T link:</b>	<a href="https://salto-et.net/events/show/IT02_0499_TSS_2023">https://salto-et.net/events/show/IT02_0499_TSS_2023</a>		
<b>Sector:</b>	<b>HE</b>	<b>Priority:</b>	Environment and fight against climate change (2021-27)
<b>Scope:</b>	Transnational		
<b>Type of presence:</b>	Face-to-Face	<b>Venue country:</b>	Italy
<b>Venue city:</b>	Perugia	<b>Working language:</b>	English
<b>Key Action:</b>	Not applicable	<b>TCA documents:</b>	Solomeo-TCA-Agenda-DRAFT.pdf
<b>Postponed:</b>	No	<b>E+ Academy:</b>	No
<b>Start date:</b>	03.09.2023	<b>End date:</b>	07.09.2023
<b>Subtopic:</b>	<b>sustainability</b>		

### TCA DESCRIPTION

<b>Themes and goals:</b>	<p>This TCA aims at creating a common understanding of guiding principles of education for sustainable development. Students and teachers selected from the Higher Education Institutions in Europe and beyond will be invited to attend several panel discussions presented by distinguished internationally recognized keynotes speakers with Nobel prizes among them, on current relevant topics such as scientific knowledge, technology, environment and territory human sustainability. Through the stories of the discussants, participants will be inspired and will receive useful inputs to further deepen and implement in their own future projects. Exchange and discussion between participants will be facilitated to help them develop their own approach to sustainable initiatives. The event is mainly addressed to the higher education sector, specifically to young students/researchers and teachers. Participant students will be supported by tutors, selected from local students, to help them make the most of the TCA and engage actively in the discussions. Moreover, participants will get access to a dedicated App where to find the TCA contents and relevant documents, useful information on the hosting territory and to exchange with other participants. The main topics of the TCA will be: mankind and science, humanism and technology and humanity and territory.</p>
<b>Expected results:</b>	<p>- Participants will acquire insights on scientific research and technology and their close link to human values and the guiding principles of education for sustainable development and for an human sustainability.- The conference</p>

will raise awareness on the significance and potential benefits of implementing sustainability projects and sustainable actions. - Participants will draft a final declaration in order to leave an important trace of the inspiration received during the events.

**Additional information:**

The event will host, with an international representation from the five continents, over 200 students from more than 100 universities from all over the world, called to interact with those who will offer them their precious testimony in the field of scientific knowledge and of technology in its healthy relationship with humanism. The event will start at 10 am on the 4th of September and it will finish in the night of the 7th September; so the arrival date will be on the 3rd of September and the departure will be on the 8th of September. The accommodation costs (from the night of the 3rd of September up to the 7th of September) and the meals, all the lunches (4th,5th,6th and 7th of September) and the dinners of the 6th and 7th September, will be covered by the Italian NA. The dinners of the 4th and the 5th of September won't be covered by the Italian NA.

## PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS

**Organiser NA:** IT02 - Agenzia Nazionale Erasmus + - INDIRE

**Number of participants:** 110

**Target group:**

**Erasmus+ Programme experience level:**

**Profile of participants:** Students enrolled in the higher education institution submitting an application with experience of Erasmus+ international mobility and cooperation and/or with experience in the field of environmental sustainability; Lecturers in service at the higher education institution submitting an application with experience of Erasmus+ international mobility and cooperation and/or with experience in the field of environmental sustainability; Please follow criteria that will make possible to achieve a balance in the variety of participants (i.e. respecting gender balance and geographical origin, considering also participants outside Europe).

**Participants per country:**

**Sending partner(s) - Booked places:** AT01 - 4 | DE01 - 6 | DK01 - 4 | ES01 - 4 | HU01 - 3 | MT01 - 2 | PL01 - 3 | RO01 - 3 | PT01 - 2

**Pending Sending partner application(s) - Booked places:**

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**Accepted Sending partner(s) - Accepted places:** AT01 - 4 | DE01 - 6 | DK01 - 4 | ES01 - 4 | HU01 - 3 | MT01 - 2 | PL01 - 3 | RO01 - 3 | PT01 - 2

**Pending booked** 0

places:

Accepted places: 31

## TCA PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

<b>Start date of TCA Participant Application:</b>	04.05.2023	<b>Application deadline:</b>	05.07.2023
<b>Confirmation deadline for Sending NAs:</b>	07.07.2023	<b>Confirmation deadline for Organiser NAs:</b>	09.07.2023

## LONG-TERM ACTIVITY INFO

<b>Title:</b>	LTA Sustainability and Greening		
<b>Coordinator:</b>	DE02 - Nationale Agentur Bildung für Europa beim Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung	<b>Priority:</b>	Environment and fight against climate change (2021-27)
<b>Subtopic:</b>	sustainability	<b>Sector:</b>	SE VET HE AE
<b>Country:</b>	Belgium   Denmark Finland   France Germany   Iceland Italy   Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg   Malta Romania   Slovakia Spain   Sweden	<b>Working language:</b>	English
<b>Start date:</b>	10.2021	<b>End date:</b>	12.2024

### Rationale and background:

The new programme generation Erasmus+ starts off in a challenging time. Covid-19 is still dominating discussions on education, mobility and European cooperation as well as accelerating the demand for smart digital solutions throughout the European Union and its programmes. Even though these issues still capture the attention (and time) of most NAs, we are all finding our paths towards the so-called “new normal”. Part of this new normality is to recollect and revive long-term goals as well as introduce new ways to thrive in the upcoming future. The important discussion on sustainability and greening Erasmus+ is one that survived Covid-19 and even gained in relevance. Already before Covid-19, it was announced that Erasmus+ will entail a new priority on sustainability. Therefore, we as NAs are at the core when it comes to make sustainability a priority within our organisations and to enable beneficiaries to engage into transnational cooperation among each other to improve qualitative implementation of the programme even further. Nevertheless, the formal tie of sustainability and greening as a priority in the Erasmus+ program is relatively new. In 2020 the horizontal priority “environmental and climate goals” was introduced. However, other already existing frameworks show that we can tackle the climate topic in a holistic approach, namely sustainability. The European

Commission hopes to link the two topics – coronavirus and the climate. It is proposing a €750 billion recovery package entitled “Next Generation EU”, with funds going towards the ecological transformation of the economy – charging points, the renovation of buildings and the hydrogen economy. The European Commission also presented its industrial strategy in connection with the Green Deal in March 2020. One of its focal areas is decarbonising energy-intensive industry and establishing a hydrogen economy. The aim is to produce the gas with the aid of renewable energy and use it to make sectors such as steel production or heavy vehicle traffic more climate-friendly. It also comprises a right to repairs, the recycling of batteries, replacing disposable packaging with reusable alternatives, and collecting and recycling more textiles and electrical appliances, or ensuring that they last longer. In March 2020, the European Commission presented a proposal for a new climate regulation as a central element of its Green Deal. This entails the EU achieving net climate neutrality by 2050, meaning that climate gases may still be emitted, but they must be offset elsewhere. In April 2021, a deal on the European Climate Law has been reached, making legal obligations of the goals stipulated by the European Green Deal to create a climate-neutral Europe by 2050 and reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030. During its Presidency of the Council, Germany has taken up the discussion on sustainability in education and research. The German federal government’s website provides details of its work. One of the main developments of Germany’s council presidency is the Osnabrück Declaration, which defines vocational education and training as an enabler of recovery and just transitions to digital and green economies. Sustainability should be a guiding principle for all Erasmus+ projects. Future projects should be designed in an eco-friendly way and should incorporate green practices in all its facets. Organisations and participants should have an environmental-friendly approach when designing the project, which will encourage everyone involved in the project to discuss and learn about environmental issues, reflecting about what can be done at different levels and help organisations and participants to come up with alternative, greener ways to implement project activities. The new programme aims to support, across all sectors, awareness-raising about environmental and climate change challenges. Priority will be given to projects aimed at developing competences in various sustainability-relevant fields, developing green sectorial skills strategies and methodologies, as well as future-oriented curricula that better meet the needs of individuals. The programme supports the use of innovative practices to make learners, staff and youth workers true factors of change (e.g. save resources, reduce energy use and waste, compensate carbon footprint emissions, opt for sustainable food and mobility choices, etc.).

**Challenges:**

Increase of the (potential) impact of Erasmus projects regarding sustainability practices  
 Development of a strategy to reach beneficiaries and encourage them to engage with sustainability  
 Facilitation of exchange and discussion between beneficiaries to help them develop their own approach to green initiatives  
 Communication of the benefits of working on sustainability at both the European and national levels to the Erasmus community  
 Communication of the significance and urgency to act on climate change in all parts of society  
 Creation of a common understanding of guiding principles in sustainability. (emissions, food produce, less resource use, less waste, more local produce, reproducing crops, less plastic, less use of pesticides..)

**Planned Activities:**

See connected activities

**Expected results:** The LTA sustainability aims at encouraging more potential programme participants to engage in mobility or projects to increase their knowledge on principles and models of sustainability, and to facilitate more national engagement in the long-term perspective. The LTA should create a space for shared insights and experience sharing on green initiatives. The participants of the activities in the framework of the LTA sustainability should also include experienced beneficiaries to share approaches and talk about their motivation to work on green initiatives. The LTA will focus on capacity building and green initiatives, especially in Education for Sustainable Development.

## SINGLE ACTIVITIES CONNECTED TO THIS LONG-TERM ACTIVITY

<b>DE02_0292_TSS_2022</b>	Going green in Erasmus+: Project development and mobilities in the field of ecologic sustainability in adult education
<b>DE02_0291_TSS_2022</b>	Green Erasmus: pathways to sustainable projects and institutions
<b>DE02_0283_THO_2021</b>	Sustainability in Erasmus+: Towards the green transition
<b>DK01_0453_THO_2022</b>	Thematic seminar: Education for sustainable development
<b>FI01_0458_THO_2022</b>	Sport and Sustainability – a Lifelong Approach
<b>FI01_0281_THO_2021</b>	Education for greener future – the role of school in sparking climate awareness and enthusiasm
<b>DE03_0323_THO_2021</b>	“Erasmus + green mobility + green schools” A European Conference on Climate protection and Sustainability in School Education
<b>IT02_0499_TSS_2023</b>	Young Sparks Symposium
<b>FI01_0498_THO_2023</b>	Teaching sustainability competences for hope, well-being and systemic understanding
<b>DE03_0540_TSS_2023</b>	Study Visit on Sustainability in Schools
<b>SK01_0517_THO_2023</b>	Green practices in Erasmus+ projects
<b>SE01_0587_THO_2024</b>	"Green Accreditation": Greening your Erasmus plan
<b>FR01_0602_THO_2024</b>	Erasmus+ : Building a sustainable future together

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