How can I engage my students in Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange?

Who is Eligible?

Those who teach at university Europe or the Southern Mediterranean.

How can I get started?

Enrol for online <u>Training to</u> <u>Develop Virtual Exchange</u> <u>Projects</u>. Several courses are currently available.

When can I get started?

Training starts May 20th For further information contact us at eve@unicollaboration.org

What is Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange?

<u>Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange</u> is a pilot project recently launched by the <u>European Commission</u> to complement its mobility actions and aims to link more students and young people from <u>European</u> <u>countries and the Southern Mediterranean region</u>. It offers several different activities including the possibility for university lecturers to set up and run a <u>Transnational Erasmus+Virtual</u> <u>Exchange project</u> (**TEP**) between their class and a partner class.

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange represents an opportunity for you to transform your telecollaboration project into an officially recognised Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange – for which your students who complete the exchange can get an Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Open Badge.

In order to 'adapt' your telecollaboration project into a Transnational Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Project (TEP) there are certain requirements to be met. UNICollaboration has designed online training courses which can support experienced teachers who already have partners in transforming their project into a TEP (Advanced+ Training). For those of you who do not yet have an established partnership, we can also support you in finding a teacher and in helping you to design with your partner a virtual exchange (Collaborative TEP design). Both courses start May 20th. Deadline for enrolment is May 6th.

What support is offered?

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange offers the following support for teachers to design and run their own TEP:

- Free online professional development run by experts
- Support in finding and connecting with a partner teacher
- A mentor who will provide support and advice during your TEP implementation
- Trained Erasmus+ facilitators to run and manage small-group synchronous video sessions between your classes to be held at least 2-3 times during the TEP
- Free access to a Virtual Learning Platform to use in your TEP
- Recognition of your Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange experience through Open Badges awarded to professors upon completion of training and successful implementation and to students up completion of TEPs
- Participation in Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Monitoring and Evaluation to assess the impact of VE
- The opportunity to become a facilitator and mentor for future TEPs

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