



# The E+ Alumni Networks

**The support from the European Union:  
history, current context and expectations**

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# The Erasmus+ Students and Alumni Alliance (ESAA)

- Aims to bring together **all European Union funded exchange students and alumni** and offers a dynamic platform for networking, professional development and intercultural learning while promoting European higher education and worldwide cooperation.
- ESAA support activities that focus on strengthening Alumni networking, professional development and intercultural learning, while promoting higher education in Europe and worldwide partnerships.
- ESAA was created by the EC to **foster cooperation and synergies** among its different students and alumni networks. It is an **umbrella alliance** that includes four partner organisations.

# ESAA members

- **Erasmus Student Network (ESN):** support and develop student exchange since 1989. With 15.000 active members, present in 1.000 HEIs across 42 European countries, ESN involves over 40,000 young people offering its services to around 350,000 international students every year.
- **Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA):** Network for students and graduates of Erasmus Mundus Master and Doctoral Programmes (14.000 members in 174+ countries), founded in 2006.
- **The OCEANS Network:** Organisation for Cooperation, Exchange and Networking). Initially designed for the students and alumni who have participated in the international credit mobility between Erasmus+ Programme and Partner country universities.
- **GaragErasmus (gE):** the professional network of reference for the Erasmus Generation, founded in 2012.

# Western Balkans Alumni Association (WBAA)

- A regional association of alumni from [Albania](#), [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), [Montenegro](#), [North Macedonia](#), [Kosovo \\*](#) and [Serbia](#), who pursued international learning mobility in an Erasmus+ Programme Country.
- Born from the EU's Western Balkans Platform on Education and Training in 2014 , where the Ministers of Education of the 6 Western Balkan countries agreed on the need to establish a regional network of alumni.
- Officially launched in [March 2018](#), the association aims to raise the voice of the Young people from the region and to brings together the Alumni and relevant actors in the Western Balkans.

*\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

# African Students and Alumni Forum (ASAF)

- ASAF is a platform of African students, alumni and professionals who have benefited from international mobility scholarships funded by the European Union and the African Union that offers opportunities for exchange, collaboration and capacity building.
- Created in 2019 by the European Commission in partnership with the African Union Commission, following the Abidjan Declaration after the 4th Africa-Europe Youth Summit of 9 - 11 October 2017 in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire).
- ASAF's vision is to become an inclusive and transcultural platform that contributes to the achievement of the United Nations *Sustainable Development Goals* (SDGs), of the objectives of the African Union's Agenda 2063 ("The Africa We Want") and of the partnership between Africa and the European Union.

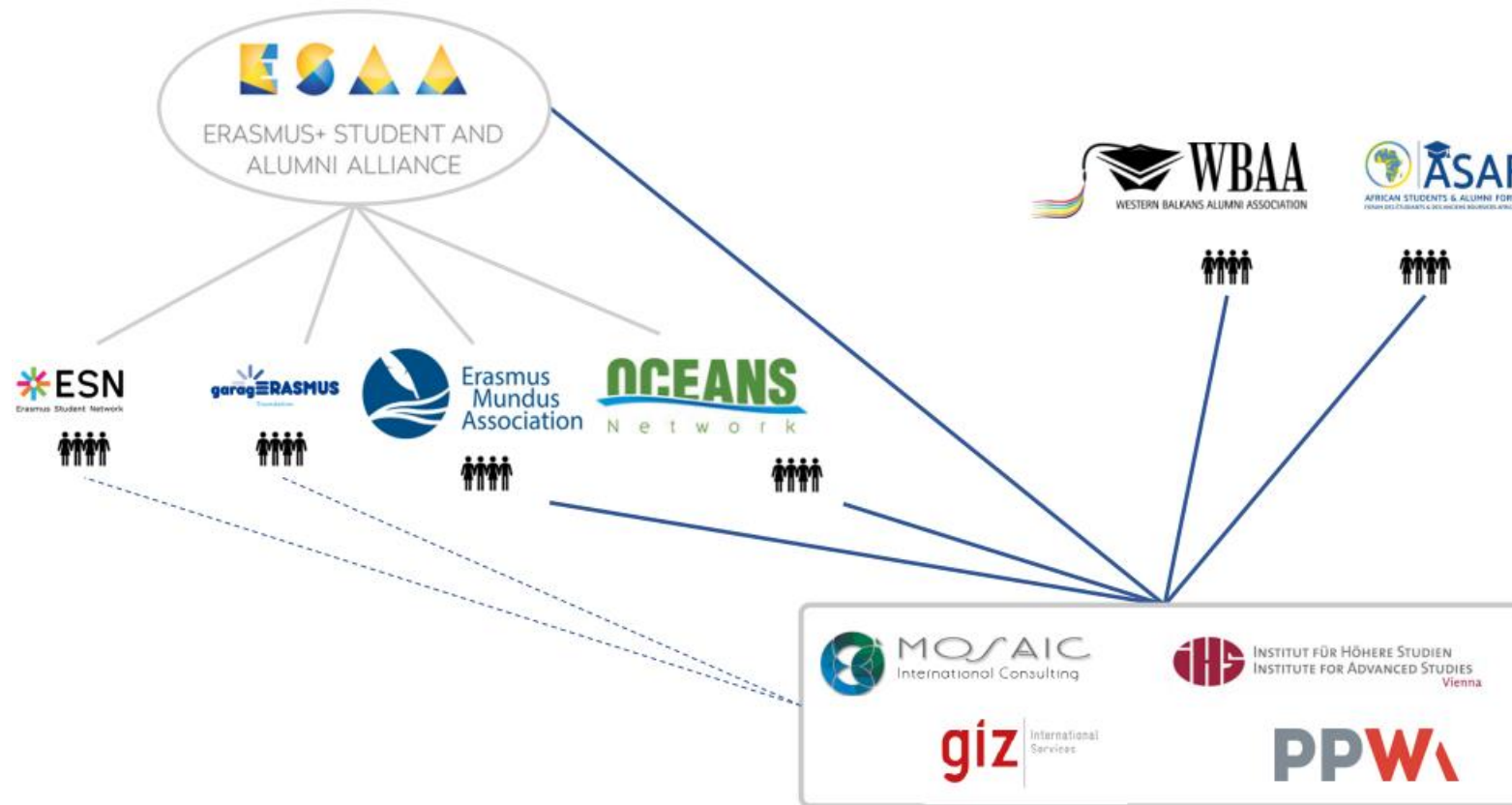
# The ERASMUS+ Programme support to the Alumni networks

The activities of **ESAA, WBAA and ASAF** are implemented through:

- A **Framework Contract** for Alumni networks,
- A **Specific Contract** for each of the networks detailing the activity plan and a dedicated budget.

Both contracts are signed by the EC/ EACEA and a Service Provider.

# The Alumni networks under Framework Contract n° EAC 53/2018



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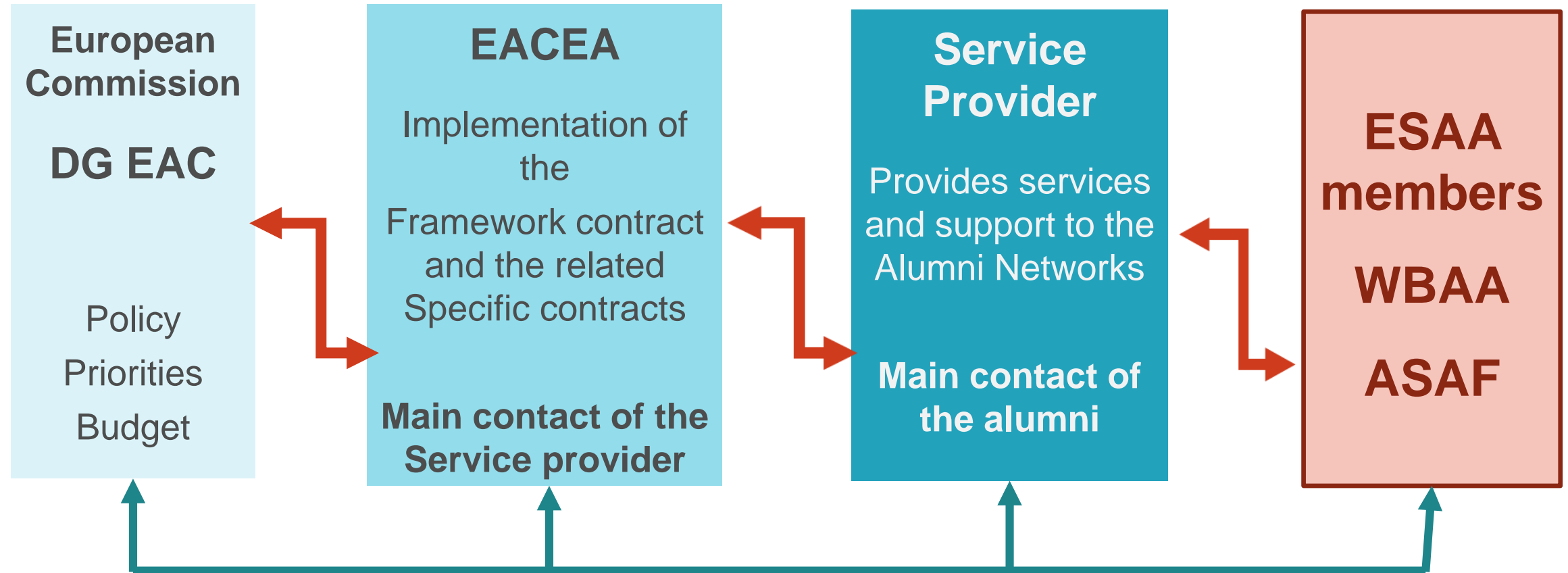


Framework Contract EAC-53-2018, Provision of Services for Erasmus+ International Student and Alumni Networks



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# 2021-2027 PROGRAMMES MANAGED BY EACEA – budgets



**Erasmus+**

€5 699 million



**Creative Europe**

€2 248 million



**Citizenship,  
Equality, Rights  
and Values**

€877 million



**European  
Solidarity Corps**

€117 million

# Thank you



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