



Welcome to ESAA

Dear Reader,

another exciting ESAA project year comes to its end and we are pleased to announce that 51 projects were accepted between July 2019 and July 2020: 33 in the first round and 18 in the second round.

Despite the challenging times of the pandemic, the project organisers – together with the ESAA team – did their very best to find suitable solutions and adapt their projects to the current situation. Nevertheless, we regret that some projects could not be implemented under the conditions of social distancing (around 19 projects).

Apart from presenting some of the many great and inspiring projects in this newsletter, we would like to share other important news from ESAA and its partner organisations as well.

We hope you enjoy it, have a great summer!

Your ESAA team

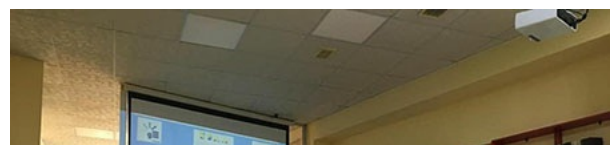
ESAA News

ESAA projects 2019/20

Erasmus for all, all for Erasmus (E-all-E)

*by Rosalia Marchese
October and December 2019*

The ESAA project Erasmus for all, all for Erasmus, organised by Rosalia Marchese (garaErasmus4Bologna), was implemented in Bologna and Yerevan in October and December 2019.



A 1-day InfoDay was organised in both cities to inform young people about the different actions they can use to join the Erasmus+ Programme. The activities promoted skills development, interculturalism and a sense of active citizenship. E-all-E increased awareness on the participation of young people and youth workers in Erasmus+ Programmes and in ESAA communities, which were presented in all events. [Click here](#) to read the full article about this awesome ESAA project!



What was the added value to ESAA of this project?

Rosalia Marchese: “Thanks to the international meetings and seminars, we managed to develop a strong community of young people and youth workers to become beneficiaries and active members of the EU and ESAA.”

Mind the Gap

*by Marilena Maragkou
October 2019*



In mid-October 2019, the ESAA Project Mind the Gap brought youth from Greece (18 – 30 years) together and empowered them to act as advocates of the European Union’s idea and values. During a 2-day capacity building seminar, 100 participants gained skills in the area of communication, pitching, project management, and how to write a winning Erasmus+ proposal. In the end, a round-table discussion between policy makers, stakeholders and youth took place with the aim to gather all parties to conduct an intercultural dialogue and to disseminate the results of the project. [Click here](#) to read the full article about this inspiring ESAA project!

What did the project manager like most about the project?

Marilena Marchese: “The excitement of the participants, their willingness to develop skills, their interest to explore opportunities through Erasmus+ and their passion to get out of their comfort zone.”

A short film to make the male chauvinistic violence visible

*by Carlos Gutierrez,
25 November 2019*

Women suffer from violence in their everyday lives because it is a structural problem of our society.



That's why fourteen Erasmus students and eleven ESN volunteers recorded a short film to raise awareness for the many types of violence women suffer from as a consequence of the male chauvinistic system we live in. Through this contemporary project, women had the opportunity to make their voices heard and make their story of violence public. More than 20k people saw the film and shared it more than 200 times in different social media platforms. In that sense the film had a great impact, and fostered the development of great synergies between the partners and participants. [Click here](#) to read the whole article about this very important ESAA project!



What did the project organiser like most about the project?

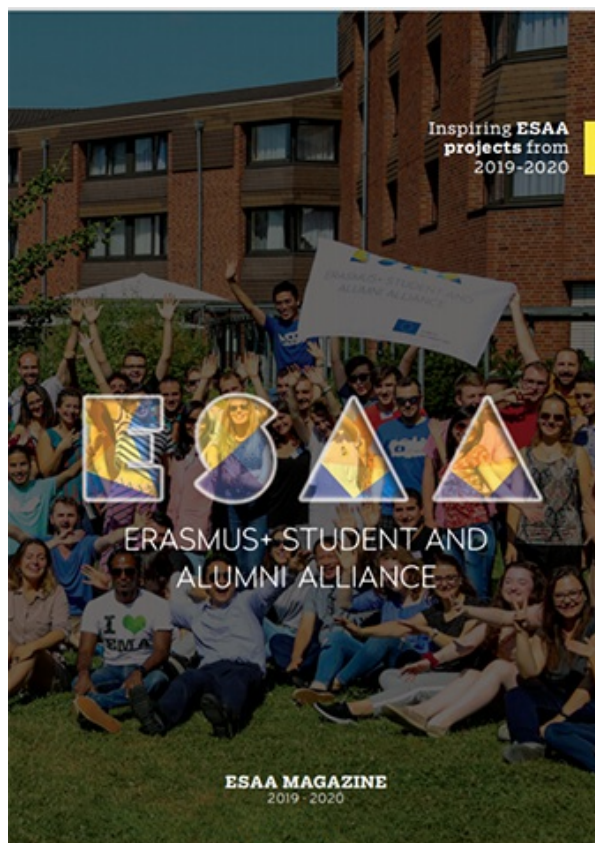
Carlos Gutierrez: "It was a pleasure for us to work alongside the Erasmus students, as well as being able to share our experiences with this issue and learn from them. We are sure that the creation of our short film is an experience that none of us will ever forget."

ESAA Magazine 2019/20

We are pleased to announce that the ESAA Magazine 2019/20 has been finalised and is now online! The ESAA team together with the Liaison Group (representatives from the partner organisations Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (**EMA**); Organisation for Cooperation, Exchange and Networking; Student & Alumni network of international exchange programmes (**OCEANS Network**); Erasmus Student Network (**ESN**); and, garagErasmus (**gE**)) created a magazine which showcases 9 examples of successful ESAA projects from 2019/20, implemented all over the world.

Again we want to thank all project organisers who participated in the creation of the magazine by providing us with a detailed description of their projects!

[Click here](#) to check out the full magazine. We hope to receive your application for an inspiring project soon!



New ESAA Webpage coming soon

Good news for all ESAA 'fans' who want to keep track of ESAA activities, projects, news and much more: the ESAA team and partners are currently working on the relaunch of the ESAA webpage to make the design more modern and attractive! The relaunch is planned for mid-July 2020, don't miss it and check the website regularly from now on. We will also promote it on our social media channels as soon as the new website is online: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Your feedback for Europe's digital future!

Until 15 July 2020, you can submit your feedback for the European Commission's new Digital Education Action Plan and help the Commission to transform education and training



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Due to the COVID-19 crisis, many schools and universities had to close and switch to distance and online learning. To increase the digital literacy and help the EU countries to work together to adapt to the digital age, the Commission is launching a public consultation on a new Action Plan. Until 15 July 2020, you can share the lessons learnt from the crisis and help set out a long-term vision for the digital transformation of education and training in the EU.



To submit your feedback in the public consultation until 15 July at the latest, click [here](#).

For the press release with further information, click [here](#).

News from the Networks



What's new within OCEANS Network?

The OCEANS network has been through a few exciting months:

First of all, OCEANS is celebrating its **10th anniversary** this year! Congratulations to everyone who contributed and still is contributing to OCEANS' growth and success as an international students and alumni network!

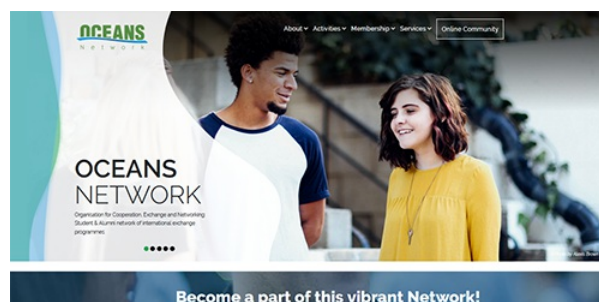
Meet the OCEANS Board 2020-21

The **OCEANS Board 2020-21** was elected at the end of last year and started its work in April 2020. Its mandate started with a challenge, as – due to Covid-19 – many events and projects had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, the seven motivated Board members were quick to adapt to the circumstances and are now coordinating the OCEANS network for the next year. Get to know the current members and find out more about the Board 2020-21 [here](#).

New OCEANS website: live since 07 May 2020

The OCEANS website has been relaunched and went live on 07 May 2020. To check out and navigate through the new website, [click here](#).

A big thanks to all the committed OCEANS members who contributed to this fresh and appealing design!



OCEANS leaflet



Last but not least, the new OCEANS leaflet has just been finalised and can now be used for promotional purposes, that is to say to increase OCEANS' outreach and visibility and to introduce the network to externs. The online version of the leaflet will be uploaded to the OCEANS website soon (you will be informed through our different channels of communication).



What's new within ESN Network?

Get Switzerland back into the Erasmus+ programme!

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, youth and sport. However, since 2014, Switzerland has no longer been a programme country of Erasmus+, having limited opportunities for youth to participate in volunteering, sports, training, student or research exchanges abroad. An interim solution for mobility activities financed with Swiss funds, characterised by its limitations, was put into place. But without Erasmus+, international cooperation in the field of education is endangered in the long-term.

With the new Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027 in sight, you have a say for the future of international exchange in and from Switzerland.

Sign the petition for the reassociation of Switzerland to Erasmus+ [here](#).

ESAA on social media

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