



Compass Final Conference

Peer-to-peer Communication
to Improve Mobility Experience

15th of June 2023 | Brussels | Mundo-Madou



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Join us to **discuss the outcomes of how peer-to-peer communication can improve the mobility experience of students** together with people working in the field of international student mobility.

The [Compass Project](#) aims to help students prepare for their mobility by putting them in contact with students who have already gone abroad or with local students at the desired institution or destination.

Programme: 10:00 to 16:00 CEST

Venue: Mundo-Madou, Av. des Arts 7/8, 1210 Bruxelles ([map](#) )

Room: Artemisia

How to join us: register [here](#).

Thursday, 15th June 2023

9h30 Registration (foyer)

10h00 Welcome

- **Moderator:** *Erasmus Student Network*
- **Introduction to Compass:** Gabrielle Taylor, *Programmes Manager at Erasmus Student Network France*

10h20 **Project findings: Expectations and needs of students preparing their mobility process**

The purpose of the study was to gain further insights into the orientation and planning phase of the international mobility choices of students. In this session, the coordinators of the study will share their findings and recommendations.

- **Speaker:** *Susanne Lesk, University of Vienna*

10h40 Project findings: Stakeholder practices when helping students to prepare for their mobility

The purpose of the study was threefold: to present an overview of interactions between information seekers and information providers (HEIs, student associations and NAs), to establish whether parts of the orientation or preparation still remain unanswered, and to identify which structures can intervene in the different orientation and preparation stages.

- **Speaker:** *Salome Dermati, European University Foundation (EUF)*

11h00 Discussion: Personal Experiences in Mobility Preparation: Finding Information and Identifying Gaps

This session aims to provide a platform for young individuals who have experienced or are currently undergoing mobility abroad to share their personal experiences in preparing for their journeys. The speakers will discuss how they found important information, and the resources that helped them, and highlight any gaps or challenges they encountered during the preparation phase. The session aims to offer valuable insights to assist others in the mobility preparation process.

Moderator: *Gabrielle Taylor, Programmes Manager at Erasmus Student Network France*

12h00 Project outcomes: Guide of good practices and students mobility support framework

In this session there will be presented a series of guidelines based on the best practices uncovered by the research surveys and the role of peer-to-peer communication in preparing students for mobility. It will offer a summary of findings and recommendations to HEIs and student associations on ways to address the barriers to mobility and how the implementation of a platform such as Compass can lift them.

- **Speaker:** *Michael Rosier, University of Hertfordshire*

12h30 Lunch (standing)

13h30 Break Out Session

Using the Compass platform

The platform allows posting testimonials about the country, city or university where students come from or where they have been during their mobility. The session will guide participants with how to best use the Compass to improve their daily work.

- **Facilitators:** *Bianca Ștefan, Erasmus Student Network International*

14h05 Break Out Session

Promoting the Compass platform to mobile students

The Compass consortium developed tools and resources to promote the platform to students. This session will guide participants with how to best use these resources to reach out to students and help them as they are preparing for their mobility.

1 As a Higher Education Institution

- **Facilitator:** *Gabrielle Taylor, Programmes Manager at Erasmus Student Network France*

2 As a mobility ambassador

- **Facilitators:** *Céline Guérin & Bianca Ștefan, Erasmus Student Network International*

14h45 Policy recommendations: Needs that remain to be covered following the experience of the project and its platform

This closing session will be dedicated to a series of guidelines, based on the best practices uncovered by the research surveys and the role of peer-to-peer communication in preparing students for mobility. It will offer a summary of findings and recommendations for HEIs and public policy makers on ways to address and eliminate the barriers to mobility.

- **Speaker:** *Salome Dermati, European University Foundation (EUF)*

15h25 Q&A

15h45 Closing

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