



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe

Theme of the conference: **TOWARDS STUDENT-CENTRED UNIVERSITIES**

Topics for the 10 discussion forums*

***selected together with student representatives from the European Students' Union (ESU) and Erasmus Student Network (ESN)**

1 - Quality of Higher Education

- How to improve the quality of the learning experience? (European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA)
- Evaluation of learning instruments (Quality Committee)
- High quality universities with low fees: Is it possible?

2 – Student-Centred Learning

- Concept of “Student-Centred Learning”
- Benefits of innovative learning for teachers and students
- Challenges of innovative learning for teachers and students

3 - New ways of teaching and learning

- Learning in the digital era: E-learning and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)
- Innovation and Education: Can universities nurture the creativity of students?

4 – Fostering access to Higher Education

- Importance of diverse classrooms
- Student services
- HousErasmus+: What are the challenges international students and trainees face when looking for accommodation abroad and how to improve the situation
- National/Institutional policies/strategies for access to Higher Education



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5 - Student Mobility

- Barriers for student mobility: Visas and socio-economic issues
- How to choose the university to study at: Are the international rankings used by students?
- European and international mobility for study or traineeships under the Erasmus+ programme: Benefits and challenges

6 – Recognition

- Recognition of credits and conversion of the grades for exchange students
 - EGRACONS: European GRAde CONVersion System <http://egracons.eu/>
 - PRIME: Problems of Recognition In Making Erasmus <https://esn.org/prime>
- Recognition of titles for degree seeking students (Lisbon Convention)

7 - Employability of students

- Cooperation with enterprises for the continuous improvement of education and employability of Students
- Impact of students' international mobility on their employability
- Hard and soft skills: Are European universities helping students to develop both?
- Formal and non-formal education

8 – Greener Universities

- Greener universities: The role of students
- SAVES project: Putting students at the heart of an energy-efficient Europe <http://saves.nus.org.uk/>
- WE ARE PARIS project - <http://www.weareparis.be/>

9 – Integration of refugees: What can universities do?

- How to overcome language barriers as an international student?
- Refugee crisis: Can universities do more?
- The importance of cross-cultural understanding

10 - The Future of Europe

- Unity and diversity in Europe: The challenge of multiculturalism
- Student mobility and the enlargement of the European Union
- Europe's political future