



LAUNCH CONFERENCE

Aula, University of Ghent: 12 – 13 December 2018

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 12th December 2018

8.30 – 9:15 Registration

9:15 – 9:25 Welcome by Ghent University

Welcome by the Vice-Rector, who will set EWP in the context of UGent's broader data-driven initiatives aimed at institutional modernisation and the improvement of internationalisation activities.

9:25 – 9.45 The future of Erasmus, European Commission

This intervention will ascertain and highlight the role of EWP in the future Erasmus Programme (from 2021).

9.45 - 10:15 Erasmus Without Paper – all you ever wanted to know

Setting the stage for the EWP network launch, starting with the project rationale and key aims, the way it has grown in from EWP1 to its 2.0 incarnation, and the reactions it has received so far.

10.15 - 10.45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12.00 Launch of the Erasmus Without Paper network

Official launch of the EWP network with IROs presenting functioning examples of its applicability and a demonstration of a number of concrete data exchange scenarios.

12.00 – 12:30 The EWP Dashboard and the EWP competence centre

The EWP dashboard and the EWP competence centre explained.

12:30 – 14:00 Networking lunch

14:00-14.45 Europe in the making, one Erasmus student at a time (panel discussion)

This panel debate will bring together high ranking academic representatives and a student representative to discuss the importance of improving student mobility.

14.45 – 15.15 Developers helping developers – the open source university alliance (OSUA)

Outline of the OSUA rationale and discussion on how such an initiative can support the universities' IT services in adapting their own solutions to the EWP standards.

15.15 - 16.00 Shifting paradigms and the role of National Agencies (panel discussion)

This panel debate will look into scaling-up EWP adoption and how the National Agencies can be key multipliers in this process.

16:00 – 16:45 The future of student mobility in Europe and beyond (panel discussion)

This panel debate will involve several overseas guests who will be discussing how worldwide student mobility can be enhanced by the availability of a comprehensive digital infrastructure.

16.45-17.00 Conclusions

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09.00 – 09.30 EWP anatomy – an in-depth look at its architecture

An introduction to the EWP APIs, their functionality and how IROs and other stakeholders can convey the message about their implementation or the need for them to be implemented. Overview of the network architecture (registry, manifest files, etc).

9:30 - 10:00 How can individual HEIs join the EWP network in practice?

Step by step introduction to the admission procedures and governing mechanisms (e.g. processes to remove a given connection in the event of problems). Discussion of potential problems of HEIs are "authorizing" their data to be passed over the network. Also modalities and terms of use.

10:00 – 10:30: EWP as a hub for digital solutions

Highlight the integration of existing project results of Egracons, ESC, ESMO and other future APIs/Open Source Tools.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:45 EWP as the new norm for third-party solutions? (panel discussion)

This panel debate will bring together third-party software providers (both commercial and university consortiums) and address the following questions: When will your clients be able to fully benefit from EWP? What do you see as the most important EWP advantages? Will EWP make it easier for universities to switch service providers? What has been the reaction of your clients so far and what is the feature you're most excited to make available to them? The audience will also be able to ask questions.

11:45 – 12:15 presenting the Connected Europe Facility funding instrument (European Commission, DG Connect)

The European Commission's Directorate General DG Connect is responsible for conceiving and implementing the policies required to create a digital single market in Europe. The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is a key EU funding instrument for targeted infrastructure investment at European level. It supports the development of high performing, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks. CEF investments fill the missing links in the digital backbone of Europe.

12:15 – 12:30: Conclusions and closing

Afternoon

14.30 City walk for interested participants. Meeting point outside the Aula venue where the conference takes place. Please note that [registration](#) is needed for this.