

# Online Learning Agreement for Institutional coordinators



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# Programme

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Introduction and presentation

Update from the National Agencies

Perspectives on Online Learning Agreement from an institutional side:

- Internal processes and information (Kristin)
- Communication and information (Maria and Xavier)
- Institutional perspective on OLA (Svava)

Group discussions in break-out rooms

# Update on the OLA/DLA timeline

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- ❑ OLA/DLA (EWP) mandatory from June 2021
- ❑ Change in timeline: OLA/DLA (EWP) now mandatory for all study mobilities independent of Call year
- ❑ Erasmus traineeship and ICM-mobility will be developed and added at a later date
- ❑ All HEIs should connect to the EWP network as soon as possible, and at the very latest before the first mobilities in the academic year 2022/2023 (exceptional cases)
- ❑ In exceptional cases, higher education institutions can continue to use their own DLA systems (or paper version) until they are connected to the EWP network, but the minimum requirements in the new LA-template for the new programme period is mandatory
- ❑ If there is a delay in the EWP connection, HEIs *can* use the Dashboard, but it is not recommended to use Dashboard **merely** as an interim solution

# Internal processes and information

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New tools require a look at existing internal procedures

- System and people, need for adjustments?
- Different strategies to get started <https://www.eaie.org/blog/paperless-erasmus-case-studies.html>
- Different strategies at different faculties/departments?
- Frequent trainings and workshops

# Information and communication

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**Students:** Website information, direct information by email, meetings with outgoing students

**Website examples:** University of Iceland, University of Bergen

- Outgoing students at University of Iceland: <https://english.hi.is/node/551511>
- Incoming students to University of Bergen: <https://www.uib.no/en/education/87403/erasmus-learning-agreement#details-to-fill-in-your-ola>

**Colleagues:** Teams channel, meetings, and trainings/workshops

**Partners:** Website information easily accessible, emails and details regarding who is the responsible person for signing the OLA.

**Cooperation with other universities:** OLA testing with a few partners, Slack group

# Institutional perspective on OLA

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- University of Iceland – Central International Office handles all Erasmus+ student applications.
- School/faculty international coordinators included in the discussion from the start
  - Meetings and workshops + instructions for your university
  - Encourage questions and comments
- Needed to make changes to the application process for outgoing students
  - Stopped asking for two signatures on LA
  - Changed deadline for handing in LA
  - Changes to the better even though there are issues
- Pros and cons to uploading csv files
  - We choose to have students initiate the agreement
  - Time consuming finding responsible persons for csv – but fewer mistakes from students
- Communication important
  - Have information easily available online – not only sending partners an email
  - Instructions or workshops

# Break-out room

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30 minutes discussion, with one host representative in each

We will now assign everyone to a break-out room, so please be patient!

Remember to turn your camera on and to share your perspectives!

In the groups:

If anyone has questions, you may take a few minutes to discuss them

Active participation is expected:

- to network and find contacts for further discussion
- we facilitate for peer learning but then it's up to you

# Questions for discussion

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- How do you work with implementing EWP/OLA at your institution?
- What is the biggest challenge in this process?
- Do you have a best practice example to share with your colleagues?



# Continue the discussion

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Our website:

<https://www.erasmusplus.is/going-digital-with-erasmus/>

Webinar on IIAM: 27. April 13-14.30 CET

Registrations will open soon!

New LA template from the EUF Competence center:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/online-learning-agreements-student-mobility-studies\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/online-learning-agreements-student-mobility-studies_en)

<https://www.myacademic-id.eu/news/19-blueprinting-a-student-eid-for-higher-education>