



# Erasmus+

## Virtual Exchange

*INTERCULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES*

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**Porto Antico - Genova, Italy**  
**14-15 November 2018**

# Che cos'è Virtual Exchange?

# What is Virtual Exchange?

Lo scambio virtuale può essere definito come “programmi educativi basati sulla tecnologia, sostenuti per un periodo di tempo” in cui la comunicazione e l'interazione avvengono tra individui o gruppi che sono separati geograficamente, con il supporto di facilitatori e / o educatori .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukKXruXq7js>



The screenshot shows the European Youth Portal website. At the top, it says "European Youth Portal" and "Information and opportunities for young people across Europe." Below that, there's a navigation bar with "Europa" and "Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange". The main content area features a large image of two young people, a woman and a man, working together on a laptop. To the left of the image, it says "Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange" and "INTERCULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES". Below the image, there's a list of activities and resources:

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## Progetti di Virtual Exchange

- Online Facilitated Dialogue
- Interactive Open Online Courses
  - Countering Hate Speech
  - Gender In/Equality in Media and Journalism
  - Refugees in Europe
  - Newcomers and nationalism
- Transnational Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Projects (TEP)  
Scambi bi- o trilaterali
- Debates

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface with the following participants and chat messages:

- Participants:** hejerbch, Chloe, Faisal al-juburi, Hany, Asma Abdelrahman, Rahima, Lisanne, Heba Abdelaziz, Moataz Sayari, Erkinaz, Dorra, Rafael, Waqar, AyoubAlnmour, Katja, MounaBannour, Heather\_Soliya, and Salma.
- Chat Messages:**
  - Hany 15:13:42: not when it is raining :)
  - Rafael 15:14:21: What is on your mind today?
- Input Field:** A text input field containing "Talk!" and a "Send" button.



# Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange

## Formazione

- Corso online (sincrono e asincrono) per sviluppare un virtual exchange per contesti e partnership specifici
- Corso online per diventare Erasmus+ **facilitator**
- Corso per diventare debate leader

**Perché virtual exchange  
è importante?**

# 1. Il mondo è interdipendente

- Il mondo è sempre più interdipendente e c'è un urgente bisogno di sviluppare una profonda comprensione di questi legami e interconnessioni per poter affrontare maggiori sfide globali attraverso collaborazioni multilaterali e interculturali



## 2. Global 'knowledge society'

- Sono richieste competenze interculturali, internazionali e globali per poter lavorare nella "società della conoscenza" globale. È inoltre necessario prestare maggiore attenzione a nozioni quali la cittadinanza globale e l'impegno civico a livello globale.

*"The seven top characteristics of success at Google are all soft skills: being a good coach; communicating and listening well; possessing insights into others (including others different values and points of view); having empathy toward and being supportive of one's colleagues; being a good critical thinker and problem solver; and being able to make connections across complex ideas."*

Washington Post, 2017



# 3. I limiti della mobilità

- Solo il 4.5% della popolazione degli studenti nel European Higher Education Area ha un'esperienza di mobilità durante gli studi.
- Anche se si raggiungesse l'obiettivo europeo del 20% entro 2020, 80% non avranno un'esperienza internazionale e interculturale nel percorso di studio.
- [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release MEMO-13-647\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-647_en.htm)

# Che cosa offre virtual exchange?

- Apprendimento esperienziale e collaborativo
- Migliora l'apprendimento introducendo prospettive e punti di vista internazionali ai contenuti dei corsi 'tradizionali'
- Sviluppa abilità trasversali come:
  - Consapevolezza interculturale
  - Competenze linguistiche (inglese, francese o arabo) e comunicative in contesti online
  - Alfabetizzazione digitale (digital literacies)
  - Lavorare efficacemente in team virtuali
- Opportunità per costruire diverse relazioni interpersonali
- Prepara meglio per il lavoro e un impegno civile in un contest globale
- Incoraggia gli studenti che non hanno mai pensato di studiare all'estero per farlo

# PRIMA.....

The image shows a Zoom meeting interface with the following elements:

- Top Left:** Logo for "solija exchange portal".
- Top Row:** Three video thumbnails. The first shows Miguel Ángel Blanco Martínez. The second shows Philipp Becklinghoff. The third shows Clara Taxis.
- Middle Left:** Video thumbnail of Assa Diagana.
- Middle Center:** A chat window from Philipp Becklinghoff at 18:07:50, containing a redacted message.
- Middle Right:** Video thumbnail of Amjad Alshurbaji.
- Bottom Center:** A blue button labeled "Raise a hand!" with a progress bar and a "Send" button.
- Bottom Row:** Three video thumbnails. The first shows Eleonora Casalini. The second, which is highlighted with a blue border, shows Blessing Osas Osakue. The third shows Hunadda Sabbagh.

# DOPO!!!



# Riconoscimento: Open Badges

- Riconoscimento di competenze trasversali acquisite attraverso la partecipazione nelle diverse attività
- Riconoscimento sia per docenti che studenti/partecipanti
- Stiamo lavorando per fare riconoscere il valore dei badges



# Tempi importanti per virtual exchange

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the European Youth Portal. On the left is the European Union flag and the text "European Youth Portal" with the tagline "Information and opportunities for young people across Europe." and the URL "europa.eu". On the right are links for "Legal notice" and "Contact us", and a language selector set to "[en] English". Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: "Europa" with a home icon, followed by "Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange". To the right of the breadcrumb are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. The main content area features a purple background with a geometric pattern of white lines and a photo of a person. A green banner at the top left of the content area reads "Enriching lives, opening minds". Below this is a white box with the heading "THE NEXT ERASMUS PROGRAMME 2021-2027" and a sub-heading "MAKING IT MORE INCLUSIVE". Two bullet points describe the program's goals. At the bottom right, there is a link to "Develop Virtual Projects".

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Europa Erasm+ Virtual Exchange

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## THE NEXT ERASMUS PROGRAMME 2021-2027

### MAKING IT MORE INCLUSIVE

- > Better outreach to disadvantaged people through new formats such as virtual exchanges and shorter learning periods abroad.
- > Creating more opportunities for school pupils, to learn abroad and meet pupils from different countries, including through [eTwinning](#), the world's biggest teachers' network developing projects and virtual exchanges.

Develop Virtual Projects



# Grazie

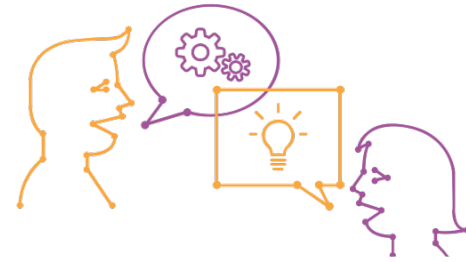
## Ci sono domande?

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# Engagement so far



## Participation

**3265**

Participants  
involved

**265**

Participated in  
facilitation training

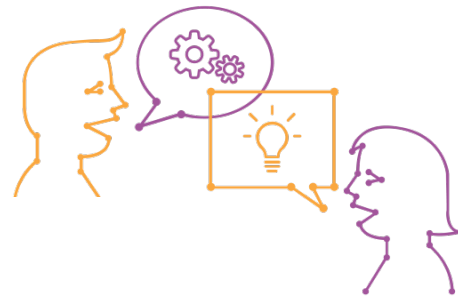
**132**

Trained to  
develop a Virtual  
Exchange

**38**

Debate team  
leaders trained

# Impact



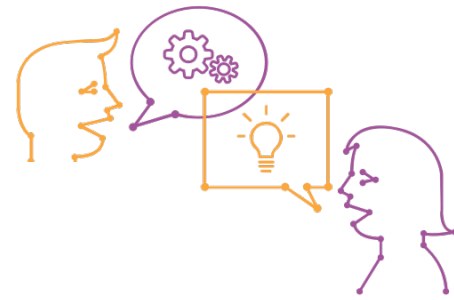
## Participant experiences

**94.5%**

Of participants were glad to take part in an Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange activity

Of participants are interested in future Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange opportunities

**86%**



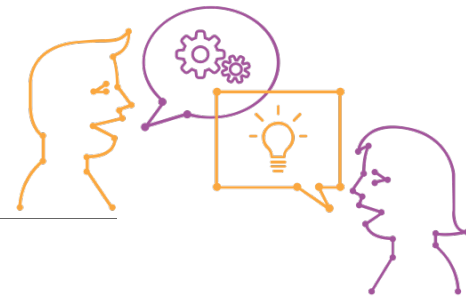
## 21st century skill-building

**92%**

Of participants mentions participation has had a positive impact on their ability to work in a culturally diverse workplace

Of participants agreed that the Virtual Exchanges had helped them improve their digital competences

**80%**



## Attitudinal change towards difference and 'otherness'

**82%**

Of participants noted an increase of their knowledge of relationship between societies

Of participants found that the Virtual Exchanges had helped them build meaningful relationships

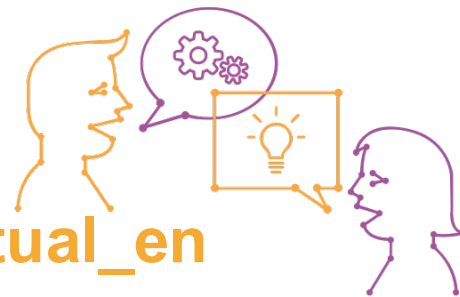
**77%**

**65%**

Of participants agreed that the Virtual Exchanges had helped them become aware of stereotypes they held about another group

# The Hub

[https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual_en)



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