

EU YOUTH REPORT

LEARNING MOBILITY

Spending time abroad helps young people overcome language barriers, embrace diverse cultures, and develop essential skills and values that support employability and personal growth.

4/10 young people (15-30) participate in activities in another EU Member State. This includes:



16%

Study, traineeship or apprenticeship



16%

Participation in cultural/sports activities



12%

Volunteering or similar activities



12%

Work



8%

Involvement in political activities

1/3 young people can't afford to participate in activities abroad.

Source: Eurobarometer on Youth and Democracy, 2024

Erasmus+ is the best-known EU programme...



Almost 50%

of young people (15-30) know about Erasmus+ for students above 18



33%

know about Erasmus+ for pupils (11-18 year-olds)



33%

know about Erasmus+ youth exchanges

... but 16% have not heard about any EU funded opportunity to study, volunteer or gain experience abroad.

Source: Eurobarometer on Youth and Democracy, 2024

Milestones reached in 2024

Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds.

15 million participants

3 000 higher education institutions in the Erasmus Without Paper

250 000 Erasmus+ app downloads and almost 3 million European Student Cards across 18 countries



THE POWER OF TOGETHER.

1 million young people registered to participate in the European Solidarity Corps

350 volunteers under the new humanitarian aid strand on 4 continents

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CONNECTING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH LEARNING MOBILITY

Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps facilitate cross-border exchanges, learning, youth work and volunteering. They support learning periods abroad for young people, regardless of background or financial means.

EU opportunities for young people, some examples:

Erasmus+

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Study abroad

School exchanges and youth exchanges

Youth participation projects
and the EU Youth Dialogue

DiscoverEU - travel Europe by rail at 18



Volunteering projects in environmental
protection, social care, education,
humanitarian aid

Solidarity projects in your local community

For more, check out the [European Youth Portal](#)!

4 cross-cutting priorities in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps



Inclusion
and diversity



Digital
transformation



Environmental
sustainability
and climate change



Participation in democratic
life, common values
and civic engagement

The Commission and Member States work together to create more opportunities to learn abroad

Council Recommendation 'Europe on the Move' promotes learning opportunities abroad for everyone through set targets:

Higher
education

> **23%**
of graduates

Vocational education
and training

> **12%**
of learners

Inclusion

> **20%** of participants should be
people with fewer opportunities

Council Recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers across the EU tackles barriers to youth volunteering abroad and aims to further enhance its inclusiveness and recognition.

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