



INTELLECTUAL OUTPUT – IO4

WEBINARS

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SUMMARY

This intellectual output focused on providing mobile students with a comprehensive understanding of European values and the integration in the European labour market. The first part of this output was to prepare an **E+ Online Training**¹ (webinar), ensuring that students have easy access to especially prepared information that will help them prepare for their arrival in the host country, but also upon their return in their home country. The second part of this output was to provide [workshop guidelines](#) for university staff that will help them when designing workshops to facilitate students' preparation for various experiences abroad and how to 'bring home' their Erasmus+ Exchange experience. The ultimate goal is helping students to move beyond "it was nice" when asked about their study exchange and helping them to articulate what skills they have actually gained and how to translate that into career success.

This output aimed to be both a training and communication tool to bring the essence of the Erasmus Skills project closer to two stakeholder groups: the students and the university staff. Students are offered the chance to participate in an **E+ Online Training** that helps them articulate their Erasmus experience. The training is particularly focussed on the intercultural understanding and employability skills as integral benefits of the mobility period for students. The first speaker of the online training was [Prof. Ferdi de Ville](#) from the Centre for European Studies of UGent, who addressed the topics of EU values & culture, while also explaining the positive impact of studying in the EU. The second speaker is [Nannette Ripmeester](#), international mobility expert and director of Expertise in Labour Mobility, who focused on how to identify the soft skills gained abroad and how to maximize the impact of the study abroad experience on career success.

¹ **E+ Online Training:**

- Erasmus Skills - European integration, identity, and the Erasmus experience: <https://youtu.be/Eu4XShtP-dQ>
- Erasmus Skills - Unpacking your Erasmus Experience 1: <https://youtu.be/SRR-PAEf-dw>
- Erasmus Skills - Unpacking your Erasmus Experience 2: <https://youtu.be/Kiypl0-Y0Aw>





The E+ Online Training in September 2020 is the recorded final version. It is based on two earlier live webinars that took place on 30 September 2019 (https://dasta.auth.gr/uploaded_files/637039760600179404.pdf) and 31 January 2020 (<https://www.labourmobility.com/webinar-erasmus-skills-discovering-the-benefits-of-studying-in-the-eu/> & <https://www.linkedin.com/in/nannetteripmeester/detail/recent-activity/shares/>). These first two webinars provided the project team with valuable feedback on what students expect and need to gain from this type of training. Feedback was gathered through a live Q&A session and through two evaluations forms and was later incorporated in the design and delivery of the recorded E+ Online Training, which is now available on the Erasmus Skills website and the Erasmus+ app.

Webinars are a perfect tool to reach a wider student population, but on-campus workshops tailored to Erasmus students could help to provide more in-depth training. Consequently, the Erasmus Skills project has also worked on producing a document with related workshop guidelines. These [workshop guidelines](#) are designed to help university staff create workshops and training sessions tailored to Erasmus students for a more conscious acquisition of mobility related knowledge, skills and attitudes by facilitating their preparation BEFORE their experience abroad, but we also provided guidelines for workshops AFTER the exchange to ensure students can 'translate' their study exchange experience into career success. The guidelines include information and advice on:

- a) The potential content to be delivered in these workshops,
- b) Recommendations on how to deliver this type of training, and
- c) How to achieve the highest student engagement

to ensure the creation of a successful and effective employability training.

The workshop guidelines complement the overall E+ Online Training and 'drive' workshop interaction with both outgoing and incoming students of a university.

The process in short, we used two live webinars to test our presentation outline, using GoToWebinar as a platform (recordings available for both [webinar 1](#) & [webinar 2](#) via ELM's GoToWebinar library: <https://dashboard.gotowebinar.com/contentLibrary>). We collected





feedback and integrated this into the final filmed version of the presentation (filming was done Corona proof by ESN during summer 2020). Speakers at both the live webinars as well as the recordings were: [Prof. Ferdi de Ville](#) from the Centre for European Studies of UGent & [Nannette Ripmeester](#) from Expertise in Labour Mobility.

