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REGIONAL ERASMUS+ WEEK 2025 for Sub-Saharan Africa

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Theme: The role of education in the green transition

Welcome to the Regional Erasmus+ Week 2025 for Sub-Saharan Africa!

This event, brought to you by the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), focuses on the theme “**The role of education in the green transition**”, which is aligned with the European Union’s Global Gateway strategy and the European Education Area.

The triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution calls for a strong coordinated response, combining the European Green Deal’s domestic and international dimensions along with the Global Gateway partnership priorities on climate and energy.

There is a consensus on the key role of education institutions to empower teachers and learners and to engage with the wider community on the changes needed for a successful transition to climate neutrality by 2050.

Providing learners of all ages with knowledge about the climate crisis and learning for the green transition became a priority in education and training policies and programmes. Sustainability progressively becomes part of the entire spectrum of education and training, including curricula design and professional development for educators, as well as infrastructure and operations.

The Erasmus+ programme is a key instrument for building the knowledge, skills, and attitudes on climate change and supporting sustainable development within the European Union and beyond, including Sub-Saharan Africa. “Environment and fight against climate change” has been defined as one of the three big transversal priorities of the programme, alongside the digital transition (the theme of the Erasmus+ Weeks in 2024) and participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement.

Priority is given to projects aimed at developing competences in various green sectors and future-oriented curricula, as well as approaches of participating organisations to improve their own environmental sustainability. The Erasmus+ programme is increasing the number of mobility and cooperation projects focusing on green forward-looking domains, which foster the development of competences, enhancing career prospects

and engaging participants in strategic areas for sustainable growth, with special attention to rural development (sustainable farming, management of natural resources, soil protection, bio-agriculture).

Throughout the event participants will explore initiatives supported by the Erasmus+ programme and engage in panel discussions that showcase how climate change is being addressed within the framework of the EU’s Global Gateway strategy and the European Education Area.

- **Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting (20-21 May)**

The Cluster Meeting on the 20th of May, and the morning of the 21st of May aims to support cooperation between Sub-Saharan and European education actors, discussing the experience of Erasmus+ beneficiaries and inspiring potential newcomers. In doing so, the event will address the overall meeting theme of the role of education in the Green Transition.

- **Contact-Making Seminar**

The contact-making session will foster potential further cooperation between Sub-Saharan and European stakeholders. Facilitated exercises will enable participants to meet and engage with each other, with a view to forming project partnerships. The online and in-situ participants will take part in different activities, designed to make best use of their physical or online situations.

- **Erasmus+ National Focal Points Meeting (21-22 May)**

(ENFPs only/by invitation) bringing together all of the region’s ENFPs to provide information and training, and to further develop the network.

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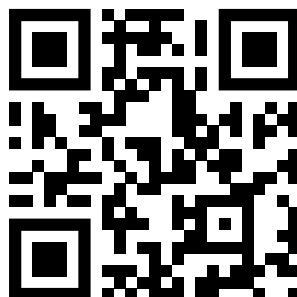


We also gratefully acknowledge the support of the President and staff of **Addis Ababa University** in hosting the event on its campus, and for their assistance making the event happen.



Additional resources

You can download biographies of all the speakers, a list of in-situ participants, and the booklet *Erasmus+ projects: Green Transformation for Sub-Saharan Africa*, from the event webpage:



https://bit.ly/ssa_2025

Tuesday, 20 May 2025

Regional Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar - part 1

Addis Ababa University, Ras Mekonnen Hall, Main campus

Moderated by: Jenny Elmaco, Academic Expert, Centralised Support to the network of Erasmus+ National Focal Points, PRACSIS srl

TIME	AGENDA
08:15	Registration of participants for Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar
09:00	Opening Session <i>Eba Mijena, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Ethiopia, Academic Affairs CEO, FDRE Ministry of Education (Moderator)</i> <i>Prof Berhanu Nega, Minister, FDRE Ministry of Education</i> <i>Mrs Mufariat Kemil, Minister, FDRE Ministry of Labour and Skills</i> <i>Dr Samuel Kifle (PhD), Interim President, Addis Ababa University</i> <i>H.E. Sofie From-Emmesberger, European Union Ambassador to Ethiopia</i>
09:30	Setting the scene – Policies for the green transition <i>Claire Herrmann, Policy Officer for International Cooperation in Education, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (Moderator)</i> <i>Adrian Veale, Policy Officer for International Cooperation in Education, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture</i> <i>Luisa Bunescu, International Cooperation Officer, Education Sector, European Commission, Directorate-General for International Partnerships</i> <i>Sophia Ashipala, Head of the Education Division, African Union Commission</i> <i>Aleh Cherp, Coordinator Erasmus Mundus, Central European University (MESPOM project)</i>
10:45	Comfort break
11:15	Developing new skills and technologies for the green transition <i>Danila Conte, Project Adviser, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (Moderator)</i> <i>Lala Harivelo Ravaomanarivo, Vice President for Human Resources and Academic Affairs, University of Antananarivo (AFRIDI project)</i> <i>Abdulkadir Aman Hassen, Interim Head of the School of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Addis Ababa University (UNET project)</i> <i>Beatrice Bellet, Director, Asociación Mundus (SHINE project)</i> <i>Rui Baloi, Partnership Officer, ADPP Moçambique (VecraMoz project)</i> <i>Tesfaye Workie, Erasmus+ Alumnus, Ph.D. candidate, University of Addis Ababa</i>
12:45	Lunch
13:45	Adapting learning content and teaching methods to achieve climate goals <i>Claire Herrmann, Policy Officer for International Cooperation in Education, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (Moderator)</i> <i>Nigus Gabbiye Habtu, Executive Director for Community Engagement and Industry Linkage, Bahir Dar University</i> <i>Elena Castrillo, International projects coordinator, IES la Merced (V2SDF project)</i> <i>Aleh Cherp, Coordinator Erasmus Mundus, Central European University (MESPOM project)</i> <i>Emmanuel Bestmann, Biodiversity Officer, ArcelorMittal Liberia Ltd, MESPOM Alumnus</i> <i>Solomon Derese, Researcher and lecturer, University of Nairobi (UnaVEx project)</i>
15:15	Comfort break

15:45 **Linking education and research towards the green transition**
Jenny Elmaco, ENFP Academic Expert, PRACSIS srl (Moderator)
Laurent Bochereau, Minister-Counsellor, European Union Delegation to the African Union
Ahmed Maalel, Associate Professor, University of Sousse and Regional Representative for EURAXESS Africa
Yedilfana Setarge, Associate Professor, Addis Ababa University, EURAXESS Coordinator for Ethiopia
Dr. Girum Ayalneh Tiruye, Associate Professor, Addis Ababa University, (ISIMSAD project)
Tesfaye Muluze Workie, Erasmus+ Alumnus, Ph.D. candidate, University of Addis Ababa

16:30 **Speed-networking**
 Parallel speed-networking sessions for in-situ and online participants.
 Online participants can [register here](#) to join the online speed-networking session.

Wafa M'Sallem, ENFP Regional Manager for Sub-Saharan Africa, PRACSIS srl (In-situ moderator)
Graeme Robertson-Liersch, ENFP Team Leader, PRACSIS srl (Online moderator)

17:45 **End of session**

18:00 **Networking Reception and opportunity to visit the Ethnological Museum of Ethiopia**
 The reception will be held outside the Ras Mekonnen Hall

The Networking Reception is supported by the Ethiopian Ministry of Education



19:45 **Busses depart for Hilton Hotel and adjacent hotels**

20:00 **ENFP dinner – Hilton Hotel restaurant**

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Regional Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar – part 2

Addis Ababa University, Ras Mekonnen Hall, Main campus

Moderated by: **Jenny Elmaco**, Academic Expert, Centralised Support to the network of Erasmus+ National Focal Points, PRACSIS srl

TIME	AGENDA
09:00	Education institutions as beacons of green behaviour <i>Elena Palavrova, Project Adviser, European Education And Culture Executive Agency (Moderator)</i> <i>Maria Loizidou, Professor, National Technical University of Athens, SWARM project</i> <i>Dr. Bedilu Teka Geleto, Vice President for Academic and Research Affairs, Mattu University (COPAFEU project)</i> <i>Gezahegn Berecha, Professor, Director of the International Institute of Coffee Research, Jimma University (IMPACT-HE project)</i> <i>Aboubacarr Jallow, Principal of The Gambia College (G.R.E.E.N. Gambia project)</i> <i>Retselisitsoe Thamae, Associate Professor, Energy Research Centre, National University of Lesotho, (LETSEMA project)</i> <i>Piotr Sadowski, Secretary General, Volonteuropa</i>
10:30	Comfort break
11:00	Erasmus+ actions open to Sub-Saharan Africa: Open forum Jenny Elmaco , ENFP Academic Expert, PRACSIS srl (Moderator) Inputs on: <i>International Credit Mobility (Claire Herrmann)</i> <i>Capacity Building for Higher Education (Elena Palavrova)</i> <i>Capacity Building for Vocational Education and Training (Danila Conte)</i> <i>Capacity Building for Youth (Caterina Valitutti, Project Adviser, European Education and Culture Executive Agency)</i> <i>Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges (Danila Conte)</i> <i>Jean Monnet Actions (Claire Herrmann)</i> <i>Erasmus Mundus (Caterina Valitutti)</i>
11:30	Networking for project building Jenny Elmaco , Academic Expert, Centralised Support to the network of Erasmus+ National Focal Points, PRACSIS srl (Moderator)
12:50	Wrap-up and conclusions Claire Herrmann , Policy Officer for International Cooperation in Education, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (Moderator)
13:00	Lunch

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Erasmus+ National Focal Points Meeting – part 1

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Moderated by: Jenny Elmaco, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl

Inputs from: Claire Herrmann, European Commission, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

Elena Palavrova, European Education and Culture Executive Agency

Wafa M'Sallem, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl

TIME	AGENDA
14:30	Green Horizons: Feedback & feedforward Panellists: Wafa M'Sallem, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl Graeme Robertson-Liersch, Team Leader, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl Ousmane Sangho, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Mali Nelson Martin, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Cape Verde
15:15	Stronger Together: ENFP collaboration with EU Delegations and Erasmus+ alumni Panellists: Juliette Rubenstein, Programme Manager, European Union Delegation to Uganda Thabeng Rapiiso, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Lesotho Agnes Andollo, Co-Ambassador Kenya, and Eastern Africa Regional Coordinator, African Students and Alumni Forum Temwa Moyo, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for South Africa
16:00	Comfort break
16:30	Workshop 1: Enhancing communication skills: How to moderate an event Trainer: Jenny Elmaco, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl
18:00	Visit to projects at Addis Ababa University
19:30	Dinner and cultural experience Dinner at the Totot restaurant

Thursday, 22 May 2025

Erasmus+ National Focal Points Meeting – part 2

Addis Ababa University, Ras Mekonnen Hall, Main campus

Moderator: Jenny Elmaco, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl

TIME	AGENDA
09:00	Workshop 2: Parallel sessions A: Newcomers' onboarding: Erasmus+ actions for Sub-Saharan Africa Wafa M'Sallem, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl Claire Herrmann, European Commission, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture B: FAQs regarding the Erasmus+ actions in Sub-Saharan Africa and troubleshooting Jenny Elmaco, Academic Expert, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl Elena Palavrova, European Education and Culture Executive Agency
10:00	Workshop 3: Effective communication and events management Isabelle Demolin, Production Manager, PRACSIS srl Graeme Robertson-Liersch, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl Coffee available from 10:30 and to be taken during the workshop.
11:00	Workshop 4: Effective proposal writing: Focus on sustainability, dissemination and exploitation Elena Palavrova, European Education and Culture Executive Agency Jenny Elmaco, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl
12:00	Workshop 5: Interactive fishbowl: Addressing applicant queries Claire Herrmann, European Commission, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture Jenny Elmaco, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Workshop 6: The 3-minute Erasmus+ Challenge: Pitch, persuade, inspire! Kiran Bhujun, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Mauritius Zoly Rakotoniera, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Madagascar
15:00	Workshop 7: How to prepare and communicate a partner search request for National Agencies Wafa M'Sallem, ENFP Network Support, PRACSIS srl Martina Friedrich, International Contact Point, Erasmus+ National Agency for Austria Inesa Lacuk, Manager, Erasmus+ National Agency for Lithuania
15:30	Sub-Regional language group meetings Group 1: English-speaking ENFPs Group 2: French-speaking ENFPs Group 3: Portuguese-speaking ENFPs
17:00	Report back and conclusions
17:30	Buses back to the Hilton Hotel
19:00	ENFP Intercultural Exchange evening ENFP Awards for Sub-Saharan Africa. Hosted by: Private Mchenga, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Malawi Rakiya Ilyasu, Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Nigeria

