

Erasmus policy

Policy / idea title	Erasmus
Summary of the policy / idea	Advocate for the UK Government to ensure Erasmus+ programmes are protected, post-Brexit
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Does this policy / idea align with the Union values (brave, empowering, fun, student-led, welcoming)? If yes, how?

By the nature of policies, all policies approved by students at Parliament or our Student Meeting are **student-led**

The opportunity to undertake studying in another country encourages students to be **empowered** and **brave** and providing exchanges opportunities encourages us to be **welcoming**.

Does this policy / idea fall within the remit of the current global priorities? (Relieve financial pressure; Reduce student isolation; Limit student confusion; Increase global connectivity) If yes, how?

Erasmus has the opportunity to **increase global connectivity**

What is the background of this policy?

On 8th January 2020, Westminster Parliament passed a bill that ensured the Government was not required to negotiate for the continuation of Erasmus+, post-Brexit.¹

Languages students, as part of their degree, are required to complete a year abroad. The vast majority of those students complete their year abroad through the Erasmus+ programme. ³ Currently, 53% of UK university students who study abroad do so through the scheme. In 2017, 16,561 UK students participated in Erasmus+, while 31,727 EU nationals came to the UK.²

Why is this policy / idea important; why should the Union adopt it? What will change for students or the wider community?

The experience of studying abroad should be protected for and accessible to all relevant students.

As part of the University Strategy 2025, we must ensure that students can develop themselves in a Global experience.

For those students studying languages, the ability to apply their education in an immersive context is of paramount importance and a very well enjoyed experience.

What do you believe the Union should do to achieve this policy / idea?

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Outcome	Passed
Proposed owner (FTO)	
Expiration date	February 2026