



ASSESSMENT OF THE TRANSPORT-RELATED CARBON FOOTPRINT OF THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

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The first intellectual output (IO), led by Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (UVSQ), constitutes the backdrop of the development of our project.

1. The starting point is a comprehensive review of carbon emissions : the impact of climate change (strongly related to carbon emissions) on the environment and human societies, the methodologies used for assessing the carbon footprint, with an insight into the European Green Deal.
2. The team then prepared an estimation of the carbon footprint of the last Erasmus+ programme (2014-2021), generated by the mobility of individuals across the three key actions: mobility of individuals (KA1), cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices (KA2) and support for policy reform (KA3).

3. The final step consisted in elaborating forecasts regarding the carbon footprint of the new Erasmus+ programme (2021-2027). The team developed three scenarios varying from a baseline scenario to one with reduced air trips.

To achieve this, the team used available EC data (provided by the Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture, DG EAC) and generated their own thanks to a survey among higher education institutions (HEIs).