



## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES

The European University Foundation (EUF) will lead the fourth intellectual output (IO4) in close cooperation with the Erasmus Student Network (ESN). IO4 will translate the results of the rest of the intellectual outputs into concrete policy recommendations and guidelines to maximise the impact and ensure the continuous dissemination of the project outcomes beyond the project's lifetime. This intellectual output will translate the results of the rest of the intellectual outputs into concrete policy recommendations and guidelines to maximise the impact and ensure the continuous dissemination of the project outcomes beyond the project's lifetime.

The recommendations will cover the three main target groups of the project across the three key actions of the Erasmus programme in the field of higher education:

- » A handbook for higher education mobile students (KA1). It will contain infographics with key facts on transport-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated by mobile students when going abroad on mobility, an overview of the actions that students can take before, during and after their mobility abroad to minimise and offset their Erasmus-related CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, and guidelines on how to use and take advantage of the CO<sub>2</sub> visualisation tool created in IO2. Helping students to make more conscious and environmentally-friendly decisions regarding their means of transport when going on mobility abroad and providing them with the means to visualise their CO<sub>2</sub> footprint,

minimise it and eventually offset it, is the first step towards more sustainable internationalisation.

» Guidelines for higher education institutions (HEIs) and other organisations taking part in transnational cooperation projects and partnerships funded through KA2 or KA3. The guidelines will include key information based on the research done in IO1 and IO2 and concrete advice for project coordinators on how to lead more sustainable transnational partnerships under the Erasmus programme. The guidelines will incorporate the relevant links to the CO2 visualisation tool to encourage its uptake by staff. The document will contain a section addressing higher education staff involved in the management of Erasmus student mobility (KA1) to help them to guide exchange students into using the CO2 visualisation tool.

» Policy recommendations targeted at policy-makers in charge of the management of the Erasmus programme at both the central (DG EAC and EACEA) and decentralised level (Erasmus+ National Agencies), as well as decision makers within HEIs, student associations and Ministries of Education and tourism boards. The recommendations will distill the research carried out in IO1 and IO3 into concrete suggestions of the changes that can be implemented to make the management of the Erasmus+ programme more sustainable across its three key actions in the higher education sector, indicating how this complements the initiatives that DG EAC is already leading, such as top-ups for those students travelling by train. The recommendations will include the Erasmus CO2 baseline and forecasts prepared in IO1 and will outline possible future synergies between the visualisation tool (IO2) and the relevant blocks of the European Student Card Initiative, such as the Erasmus+ Mobile App and Mobility Tool+.

The handbook, guidelines and the policy recommendations will be presented and discussed during the final conference of the project in October 2022.