

# Connect

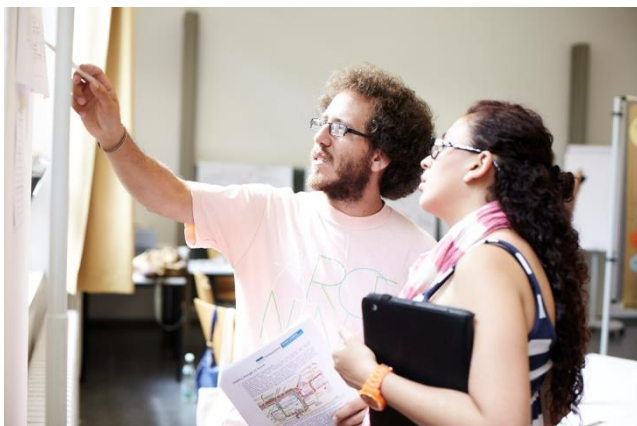
Intercultural Learning Network  
Connect! Share! Learn!

CONNECT is a cross-sectoral project, bringing together practitioners and experts from the university and youth sector, funded by the European Union. It was initiated to create an innovative intercultural learning scenario, consisting of an e-learning platform and curricula for pre-departure and re-entry orientation, to support Erasmus+ participants (students, interns, and volunteers) before, during and after their exchange by integrating methods and concepts from non-formal youth education to formal education.

## OBJECTIVES

Every year, thousands of young students participate in the Erasmus+ program, to work or study abroad and gain intercultural experiences. Though these exchange programs usually have positive effects, it often lacks pedagogical support and intercultural seminars so participants can systematically reflect their experiences in their host cultures and improve the learning outcomes of their exchange.

Comprehensive individual mentoring is necessary in order to tap the full potential of the intercultural learning experience with Erasmus+. Unfortunately, most participants do not have access to such services. Our strategy is to incorporate virtual learning modules into existing mentoring programs and to create a platform that meets the demands of a modern and digital generation: CONNECT.





## ELEMENTS

CONNECT promotes intercultural learning through a combination of online learning and face-to-face training. The online micro-learning modules ensure that all participants can work at their own pace to generate an intercultural learning path before, during and after an exchange program. These modules and learning activities serve as the basis for further individual and group reflection and experimentation during face-to-face training components and during their stay abroad.

CONNECT contains the following elements:

1. Preparation (face-to-face): introduction to Erasmus+ and the online platform, first intercultural learning session.
2. Support (online): before, after and in particular during the Erasmus+ stay abroad; online lectures on intercultural topics in combination with exercises that allow for interaction and self-assessment.
3. Experience Map (online): tool for the documentation of experiences gained abroad and for exchanging practical information.
4. Reflection (face-to-face): evaluation of and reflection on (intercultural) experiences, perspectives (knowledge transfer), networking, mentoring program.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

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