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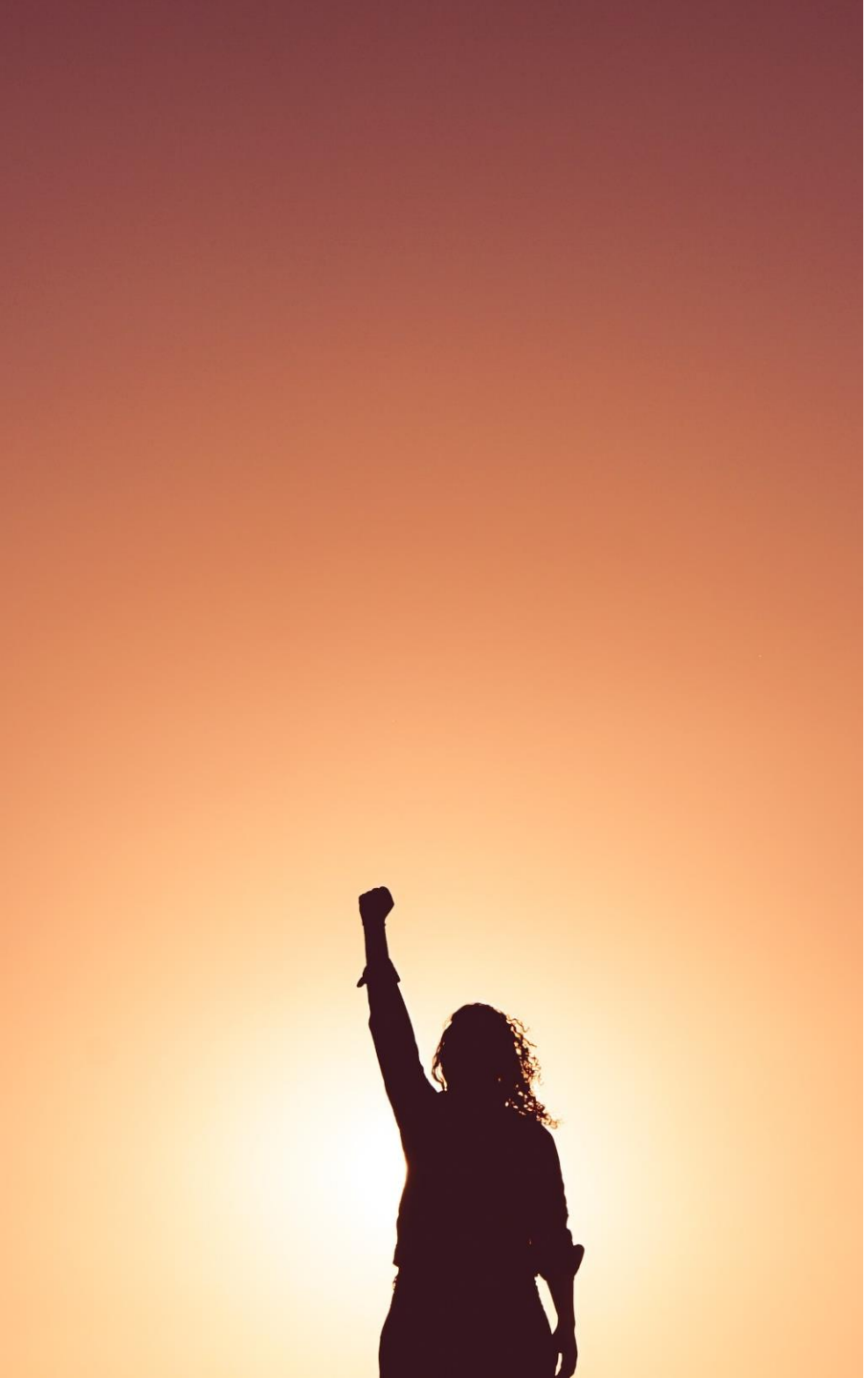
Digitalisation in the European Education Area



European Education Area by 2025

- High-quality education
- No barriers to mobility and cooperation
- Automatic mutual recognition
- Multilingualism
- European student identity

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Digitalisation is an opportunity
for us to do more and better

Digital Education Action Plan

Work together to boost digital skills and offer new mobility opportunities

European Student Card Initiative

Connect systems and set standards for secure data exchanges

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Boosting digital skills and new mobility opportunities

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"During the Digital Opportunity Traineeship, I developed skills in programming and data analytics that I wouldn't have adopted during the general studies. This experience led me to choose my future career path in cognitive science which is related to coding and artificial intelligence."

Maximilian Marschner

University of Freiburg, Germany

Blended mobility

- Short physical mobility with a virtual component
- Collaborative online learning
- Multidisciplinary, challenged based and international approaches
- Boosting innovation in learning and teaching

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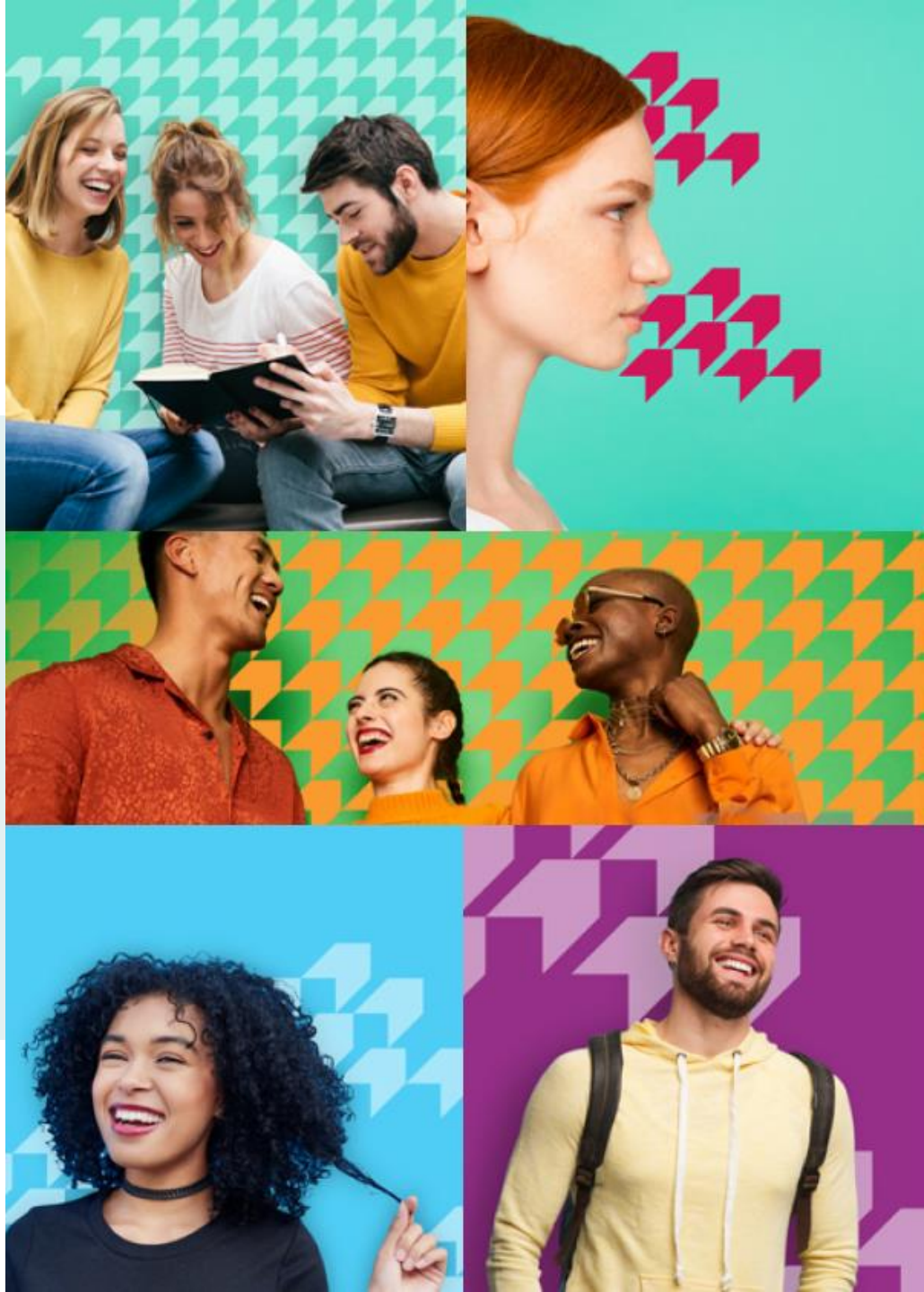
European Universities acting as role models

- Innovative pedagogies
- Embedded mobility
- Automatic mutual recognition
- European Student Card Initiative



The European Student Card Initiative

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Eurobarometer (2018)

"Nine in ten young Europeans think that the services offered by a European Student Card would be useful"

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Digitalising and streamlining student mobility administration

Rolling out the “European Student Card” and European Student Identifier

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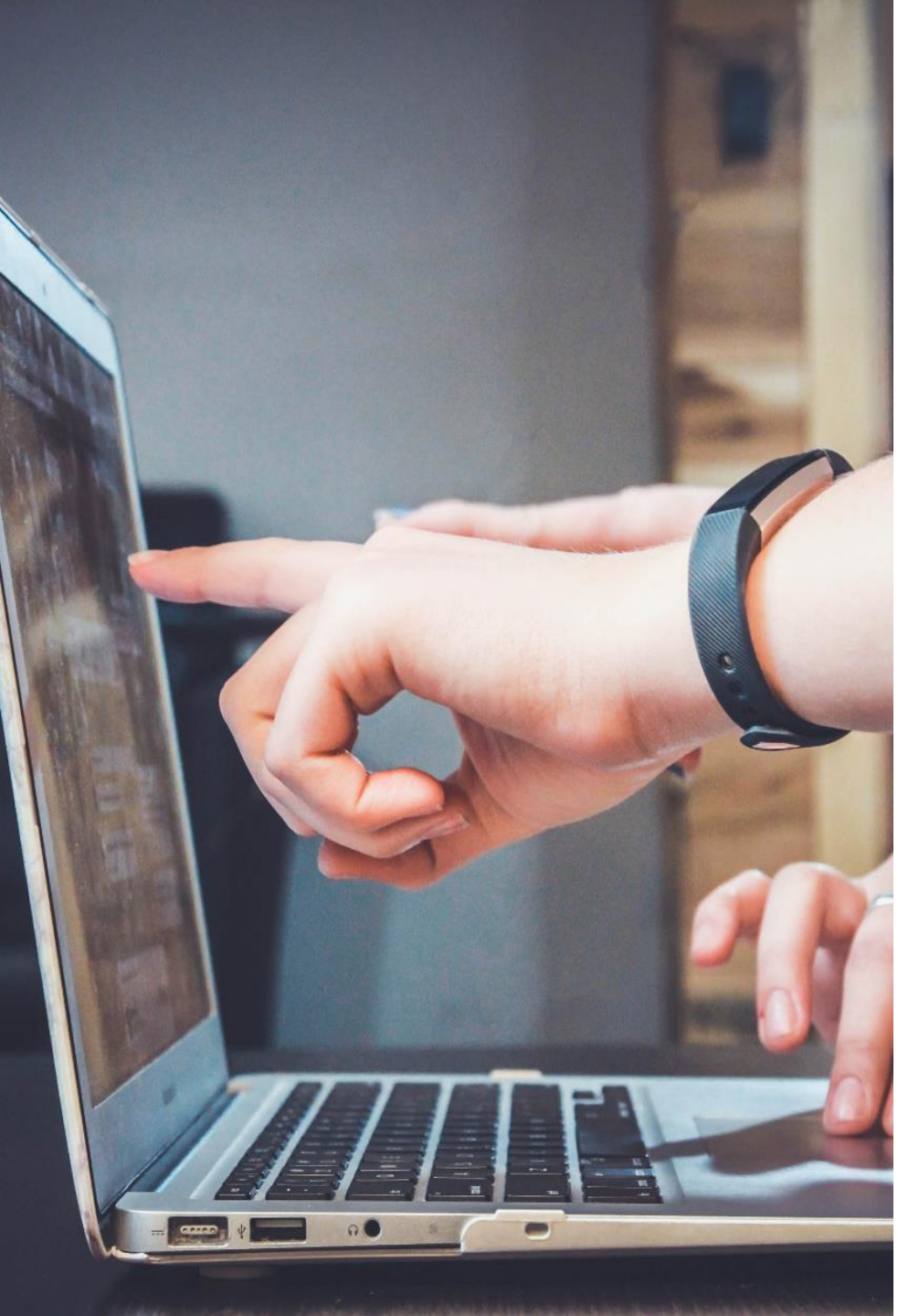

The European Student Card Initiative
is a top priority
for the new Commissioner, European Parliament and the next Erasmus programme

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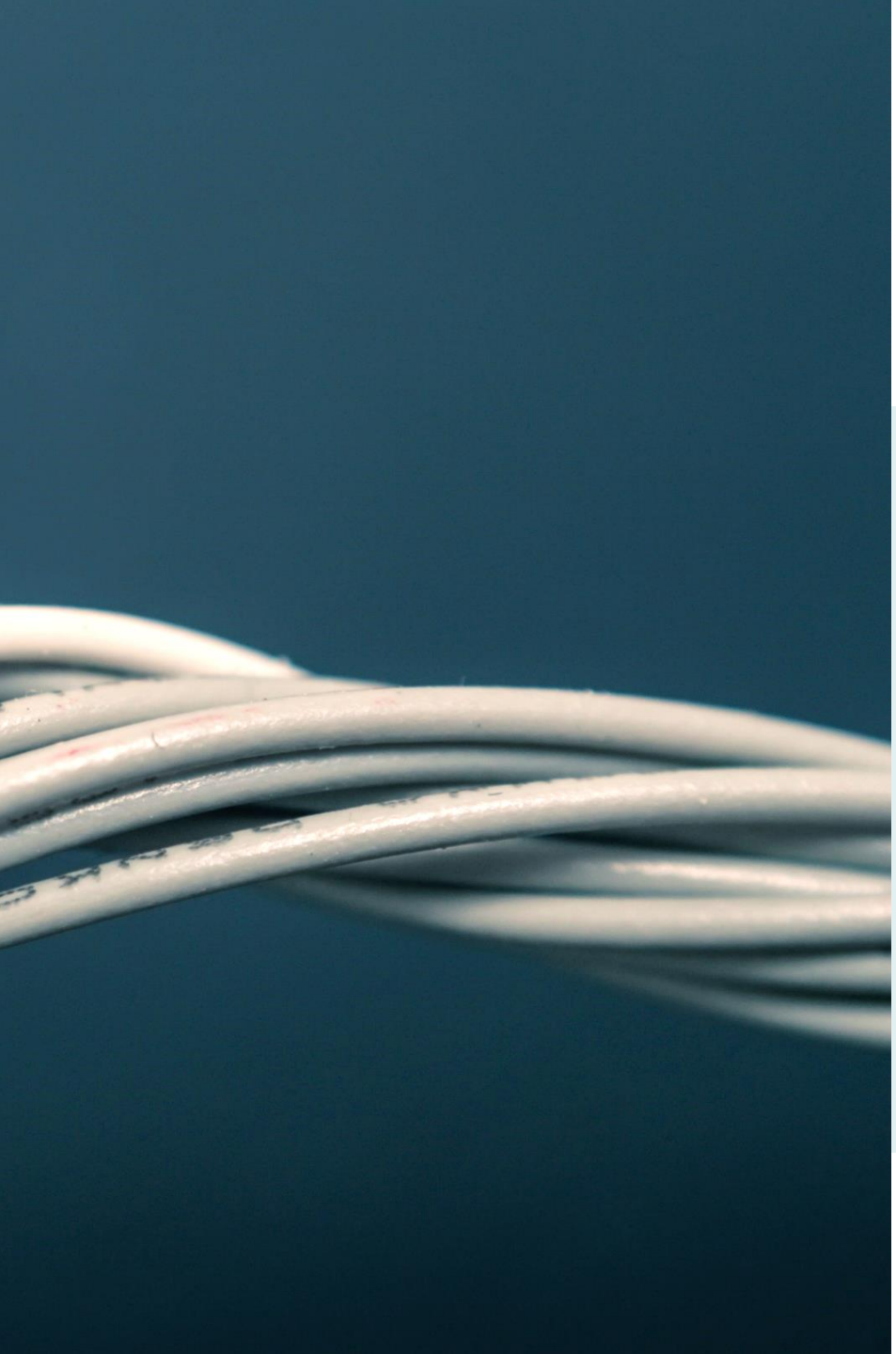

Why?

- Decrease administrative burden
- Enhance GDPR compliance
- Cope with higher levels of mobility
- More time for improving quality and impact
- Students get easier access to services
- A symbol of the European student identity

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Connecting systems and defining standards

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How do we get there?

By supporting bottom-up projects

erasmus without paper

Connecting universities

Erasmus+

Connecting students

MyAcademicID

Online identification and authentication

ESC THE EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD

Connecting student services

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Mandatory to use Erasmus Without Paper Network to transfer data of mobile students from next Erasmus programme

- 2021: Inter-Institutional Agreements and Online Learning Agreements
- 2022: Nominations and acceptances
- 2023: Transcripts of records

Timescale dependent upon users confirming the new systems are fit for purpose!

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Next Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)

Implement the priorities of the Programme…

“By undertaking the necessary steps to implement digital mobility management in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative”

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Digital change is cultural change

- Step by step development and roll-out
- Time to define institutional and national strategies
- Flexibility vs. simplification

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We look forward to working together with you!
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