

ERASMUS MUNDUS:

A GLOBAL ATTRACTIVENESS DRIVER FOR THE EU
IN ADDRESSING SOCIETAL CHALLENGES



June 25th - 18:00 to 20:30

European Parliament, Brussels

Erasmus Mundus: A global attractiveness driver for the EU in addressing societal challenges



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The Erasmus Mundus Joint Master DENSYS, the Association for Consortia Cooperation – EM-ACT is organising an event under the patronage of Emma Rafowicz, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President of the CULT Commission.

In a time of rising international tensions and profound socio-economic transformations, this event will highlight the pivotal role of the Erasmus Mundus program in fostering global cooperation through education. The discussion will emphasize how Erasmus Mundus contributes to the training of international talent and significantly enhances employability, both within Europe and in partner countries. It will also underscore the program's added value for the European Union: promoting academic excellence, strengthening Europe's leadership on the global stage, and building impactful partnerships between higher education institutions, industries, NGOs, and international actors. The event will conclude with strategic recommendations to further amplify the program's reach and relevance in today's rapidly evolving global context.

AGENDA

17.30 – 18.00

Registration and welcome drinks

18.00 – 18.40

Welcome remarks, Emma Rafowicz, MEP, Vice-president CULT Committee of the European Parliament

Laurence Farreng, MEP, member of the CULT Committee, rapporteur on Erasmus +

Sabrina Repp, MEP, member of the CULT Committee, Shadow rapporteur

Aude Maio-Coliche, Deputy Managing Director for Strategic Communications, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Keynote address, Filip Van Depoele, deputy head of Unit, DG EAC, The European Commission's Vision for the Erasmus Mundus Programmes

Keynote address, Fabrice Lemoine, Europe vice-president at Université de Lorraine, Highlighting Key Issues and Showcasing Erasmus Mundus DENSYS program

18.40 – 19.30

Roundtable 1: Erasmus Mundus as a response to societal challenges and a tool to enhance EU attractiveness and train talents: The case of energy transition and carbon neutrality

Moderator: Fabrice Lemoine, Erasmus Mundus DENSYS program

Speakers:

- **Remi Mayet**, policy officer DG ENER, European Commission
- **Tea Alikaj**, DENSYS Almuna, Portfolio, Market and Asset Strategy Manager, UNIPER, Germany
- **Carlos Miguel Perez Villanueva**, DENSYS Alumni, Climate Transition Analyst, WTW, UK
- **Teresa Hallste Pérez**, DENSYS program student, Sweden/Spain
- **Sagar Niroula**, DENSYS program student, Nepal
- **Akshay Bansal**, Global R&D Energy Program Leader, ArcelorMittal Global R&D Maizières, France

19.30 – 20.15

Roundtable 2: Erasmus Mundus as a Driver of European Competitiveness and prosperity: Stakeholders engagement, employability, EU's international leadership

Moderator: Michael Gaebel, European University Association

Speakers:

- **Filip Van Depoele**, deputy head of Unit, DG EAC
- **Barbara Rega**, Erasmus Mundus Association for Consortia Cooperation- EM-ACT
- **Edoardo Celeste, Coordinator** Erasmus Mundus in Law, Data and Artificial Intelligence, Ireland
- **Nikshan Paudel**, Alumni director, Erasmus Mundus Association-EMA
- **Christophe Yvetot**, Head of UN office, Brussels

20.15 – 20.30

Concluding session

Presentation of strategic recommendations, Emma Rafowicz, MEP, Vice-president, CULT Committee, European Parliament