

Quick Wins

1. Basic Information

- Title/Name of the Quick Win: Erasmus Days
- Country/Region of Origin: Italy
- Institution/Organization Implementing the Practice: ENAC Ente Nazionale Canossiano
- Target Audience: third and fourth year students
- Duration of the activity: 2/3 hours
- Accessibility: during school hours, accessible for students of the school
- Year of Implementation: 2024
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2. Description of the Quick Win

- **Description of Activities:**

Erasmus Days are organized as an interactive and informative event held at the beginning of the academic year in VET schools. The primary activity involves older students who have previously participated in the Erasmus program sharing their experiences with their peers. These presentations often include stories about their mobility experiences, the skills they developed, and the cultural exchange they experienced.

The event also features Q&A sessions where prospective applicants can ask questions about the program, logistics, and the benefits of participation. Informational booths or stands are set up to provide detailed guidance on the application process, including deadlines and requirements. Inspirational success stories, videos, or photo exhibitions are showcased to create excitement and motivate students. During the event, the application process for the upcoming Erasmus cycle is officially opened, encouraging immediate engagement and participation. In addition to student presentations, school staff or Erasmus coordinators provide structured information on how Erasmus supports vocational training and personal development. The event concludes with a call-to-action encouraging students to seize the opportunity to broaden their horizons through this impactful EU initiative.

- **Why is this approach useful to teach EU matters?**

This approach engages students by showcasing tangible benefits of EU citizenship and mobility through relatable peer experiences.

It inspires and informs students about opportunities available under the Erasmus program, fostering a culture of international learning.

The event encourages participation, broadening horizons for students and integrating EU values into their educational journey.

- **Why is it a quick win?**

Organizing Erasmus Days is a straightforward activity that leverages the experiences of past participants, requiring minimal additional resources.

Results are immediate: students gain motivation, learn application procedures, and get inspired to apply for Erasmus opportunities.

The format—peer-to-peer sharing—is effective and engaging, leading to high levels of participation and interest.

- **How to make this approach successful?**

Plan the event at the beginning of the academic year to align with the opening of new Erasmus applications.

Involve older students who have participated in the Erasmus program to share their experiences and answer questions.

Promote the event through school communication channels (e.g., newsletters, posters, social media).

Prepare a structured agenda including presentations, Q&A sessions and application guidance.

Provide clear, accessible information about the application process and deadlines.

Encourage interaction and excitement by showcasing success stories and tangible outcomes from previous participants.

- **Related resources**

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- **Additional Notes:**

Follow up after Erasmus Days with reminders about application deadlines and one-on-one sessions for interested students.

Consider sharing photos or videos from the event to further inspire and promote the activity.