Sustainable ERASMUS+ Travel

The aim of the KA2 SUSTAINABLE ERASMUS+ TRAVEL (SET) project is to bring about a broader individual and political system change so that the Erasmus+ mobilities would become more sustainable in deed. Some of its goals are to raise awareness about climate change and its impact on the environment, as well as to emphasize the need for individual responsibility and change in all the parties who take part in the tertiary education under the Erasmus + programme.

The SET project will take course over 28 months. It started in February 2024 and will end in May 2026. You can find more information about the project here: <u>SET</u>.

The project consortium is made of: European University Foundation (EUF, coordinator), Universidade Do Porto, Charles University in Prague, Universitat Zurich, Erasmus Student Network (ESN) and of two NGOs: Generation Climate Europe and Erasmus by Train.



The SET project was designed as to comply with the three following objectives in order to **raise awareness regarding the sustainable student travel**:

- to support the shift towards more sustainable mobilities via a survey that will analyse the circumstances that lead to the student's decision on the means of transport to their Erasmus+ destination
- the creation of a platform on sustainable travel that will promote sustainable travel (also by an online competition) and that will contribute to the perception of mobilities as a learning and transformative experience, enabling the students to get to know more countries and to take full advantage of the European citizenship
- to recognise the added value of sustainable travel by creating and summarising the so-called green competences and setting up a framework for the recognition of these soft skills

These objectives will be achieved by analysing the students' travel habits, including the introduction and use of the additional green allowance (the Green Erasmus), and by **assessing what is advantageous for the students** in order for them to use more sustainable means of transport. An **online competition** will be created for the students to present their experience about travelling to and from their mobility destination using sustainable means of transport. And finally, a **digital archive of the environmentally friendly competences** acquired by travelling sustainably will be devised and a framework for the recognition of these skills will be created.

The task of Charles University was to create the methodology for the creation of the focus groups, their organisation and evaluation. These focus groups were held at Charles University, in Porto, in Zürich and at one ESN in Brussels. The participants were asked to **discuss sustainable travel to and from the Erasmus+ mobilities**. Based on the output of these groups, Charles University developed and compiled a **survey** that is now being shared among all partners on different European platforms and networks.



Student Survey on Sustainable Travel and Green Mobility

The <u>survey</u> focuses on **students who have already been abroad on an Erasmus+ stay or are about to do one in the near future**. The students are of different ages and nationalities, from different socio-economic backgrounds, with different special needs, at different stages of their studies across different areas of study and forms of study.

The questionnaire consists of four parts:

- Identification (Personal Data)
- University/Study Data (Data about their studies and university)
- Daily habits and civic engagement
- Transport Data
- Final (Conclusion)

The questionnaire is written in **English** as should be all the received answers. The time needed for filling out the questionnaire is approximately **10-20 minutes**.

The deadline for filling out the survey is Friday 13th December 2024 at midnight. The survey can be found here: here .

Should you encounter some problems while filling out the questionnaire, do not hesitate to contact <u>Salome Dermati</u>, Policy and Research Officer at the European University Foundation (EUF).