



## The European Student Card

Simplifying student mobility for students and higher education institutions.

### Why would you need the European Student Card?

Student mobility in Europe is in constant development, and so is the need to simplify procedures and to promote **greener and student-friendly alternatives**.



As a response, the European Commission launched the European Student Card Initiative (ESCI) - under the Erasmus+ programme - to promote **simpler, flexible, and easy-to-integrate** solutions for student mobility.

#### European Student Card Initiative



Erasmus Without Paper

European Student Card

Erasmus+ App

### The European Student Card (ESC) is an important step in...

**Promoting** a seamless student experience.

**Streamlining** processes for campus service providers.



**Recognising** student status across Europe.

**Facilitating** management by card issuers.

### Who benefits from the ESC?

#### For Higher Education Institutions and other card issuers



'Easy integration with your current student card'

'Flexible and adaptable to your needs'

Expand your institution's reach and join a European dimension by integrating your current student card with the ESC - a **scalable and interoperable solution**.

The ESC offers a simpler alternative that can evolve with your institution's needs and **provides for greener and digital solutions**.

#### For Students



'A gateway for student mobility in Europe'

'The ESC makes your life easier'

The ESC attests of your student status at **home and abroad**.

The ESC **simplifies access** to student services and benefits - discounts, transport, cultural activities and much more.

#### For on-campus and off-campus Service Providers



'Streamline your verification processes'

'Increase the reach of your services'

With the ESC you can streamline verification processes, making them **easier, faster, and more convenient for students** to access your services.

Expand the reach of your services with the ESC and **include mobile students** in your portfolio.

### What is the ESC-Router?

The ESC stores student data in a centralised database called 'ESC-Router' and provides optimized mechanisms to validate cards **across Erasmus+ programme countries**.

The ESC-Router enables online card validation and centralised access to all the card issuers in Europe, **while ensuring protection of students' data**.



### How does it work?

The European Student Card can take a **digital or physical format**.

The ESC-Router delivers several features to facilitate status verification:



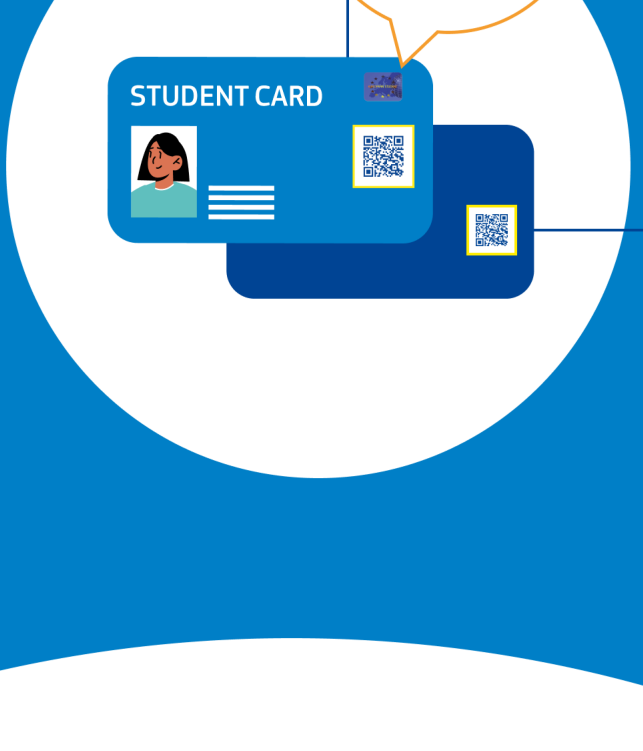
#### Card Elements

##### European Student Identifier (ESI)

A digital identifier that enables students to uniquely identify themselves in Europe.

##### European Student Card Number (ESCN)

A unique card identifier that serves to identify student cards and validate them.



##### Visual Element

A logo on the front of the card that certifies the card's authenticity at a European level.

##### ESC QR code

A digital format code on the front and back of the card which certifies the card's validity at a European level.

### The ESC so far...



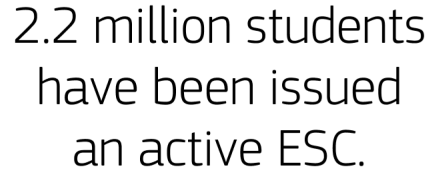
**724 institutions**

Since 2016 a total of 724 institutions have implemented the ESC.



**16 countries**

16 countries issuing ESC active cards.



**2.2 million students**

2.2 million students have been issued an active ESC.

**120 % adoption**

In recent years the ESC's adoption grew exponentially with a 120 % increase in institutions issuing ESCs.

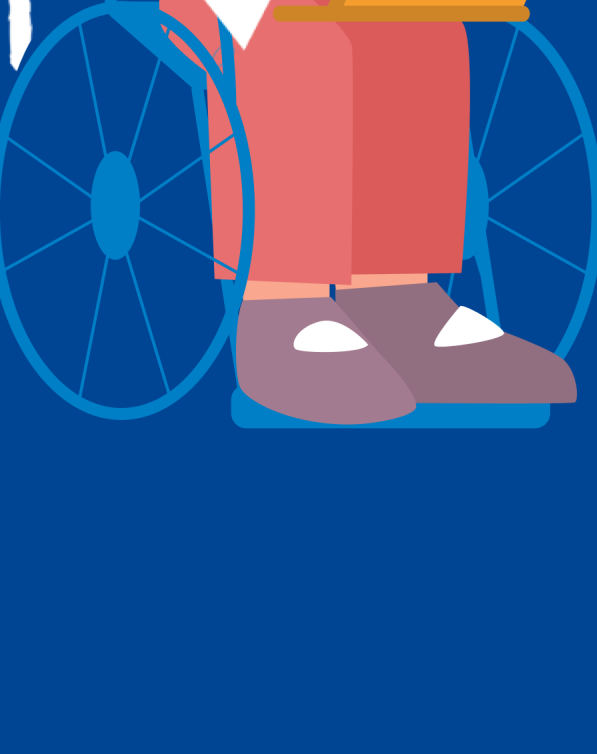


**150 % increase**

150 % increase in active ESCs since 2016.

\*Data from November 2023.

#### Discover the ESC



Discover ESC benefits for student mobility, and the Higher Education community on our website:

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/european-student-card-initiative/card>

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#### Contact

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