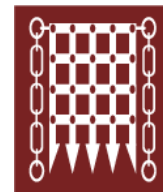


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Next steps for international student exchange

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Implementing Erasmus+ in the UK - priorities for delivery, participation and partnership development**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Sector preparations for Erasmus+ implementation**
Iona Murdoch, Policy Advisor, Global Mobility, Universities UK International
- 9.40 **Key considerations for transitions from Turing - Erasmus+ programme design and preparation for delivery**
transition from Turing to Erasmus+ and implications for programme architecture | Erasmus+ requirements and flexibilities developed under Turing | provider readiness and operational planning across HE, FE and international partners | governance, funding and partnership continuity within UK association to Erasmus+ | balancing European exchange opportunities with wider global mobility partnerships | institutional delivery models, administrative systems and capacity requirements | ensuring long-term mobility, scale and sustainability of participation
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, FE college
Senior representative, international university
Senior commentator
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Assessing the interaction between immigration policy and international education priorities**
Senior commentator
- 11.00 **Aligning exchange programmes with skills, workforce and economic priorities**
alignment with Industrial Strategy, Skills England priorities and sector workforce planning | integrating exchange programmes with employer-led skills needs | Horizon Europe research and innovation linkages | talent pipelines for students, researchers and graduates | international research partnerships | Graduate Route and immigration policy impacts on mobility flows | strengthening placements, apprenticeships and work-based learning pathways | assessing value for money and labour market outcomes
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, employer
Senior representative, research
Senior representative, local authority
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Widening access, addressing barriers to international exchange and measuring impact**
supporting engagement across diverse learner groups | addressing barriers for disadvantaged and underrepresented learners | affordability, funding and student support mechanisms | widening participation across education settings | flexible and short-term mobility opportunities | measuring participation, outcomes and impact | links between mobility and social mobility | role of institutions in expanding access | evaluating impact, value for money and lessons from Turing
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, FE college
Senior representative, youth group
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for international student exchange and Erasmus+ rollout**
Emma Shaw, Head, EU and Erasmus+, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Higher Education Forum