



Erasmus+ Week 2024 for Sub-Saharan Africa

Cluster Meeting | 26-27 June 2024 | Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Digital in Education



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Theme: Digital in Education

*Welcome to the 2024 Erasmus+ Cluster and Contact-Making meeting,
part of the Regional Erasmus+ Week for Sub-Saharan Africa!*

This event, brought to you by the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), will take place in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) on 26 and 27 June 2024 and on the RingCentral-Hopin virtual platform.

The event aims at gathering Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training institutions from Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe active in the Erasmus+ programme or potentially interested in developing cooperation under this scheme. As participants, you will be joined by stakeholders from both regions involved in the implementation and promotion of the Erasmus+ programme such as the African Erasmus+ National Focal Points, Erasmus+ National Agencies, European Union Delegations in Africa, the European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency.

This year's thematic focus is Digital in Education.

Rapid digitalisation over the past decade has transformed many aspects of work and daily life. Driven by innovation and technological evolution, the digital transformation is reshaping society, the labour market and the future of work.

The education and training system is increasingly part of the digital transformation and can harness its benefits and opportunities. However, it also needs to effectively manage the risks of the digital transformation, including the risk of a digital divide where certain people – or regions – can benefit more than others, and prepare for the rapid deployment of Artificial Intelligence. The digital transformation in education is being driven by advances in connectivity; the widespread use of devices and digital applications; the need for individual flexibility and the ever-increasing demand for digital skills.

We have learned much from the COVID-19 crisis, which has heavily impacted education and training and accelerated dig-

ital change. In addition, African societies facing a high demographic pressure, see digitalisation as a means to expand access to education.

In line with the strategic priorities of the European Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027), the Erasmus+ programme can play a key role in supporting citizens of all ages in acquiring the digital skills and competences they need to live, learn, work, exercise their rights, be informed, access online services, communicate, critically consume, create and disseminate digital education content.

Finally, the Erasmus+ programme is part of and contributes to the Global Gateway Africa – Europe Investment Package. In this context, the event will focus on the necessary articulation of two of the Global Gateway main objectives, namely “Accelerating the digital transition” and “Improving education and training”.

Participants will engage in discussions on digital education and its impact on shaping the future of learning:

- **Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact Making (26-27 June)** The cluster meeting on the 26th and 27th June aims to support cooperation between African and European education actors, discussing the experience of Erasmus+ beneficiaries and inspiring potential newcomers. In doing so, the event will address the overall meeting theme of Digital in Education.
- **Half-day contact-making session (27 June).** The contact-making session aims at fostering potential further cooperation between African and European stakeholders. Facilitated exercises will enable participants to meet and engage with each other, with a view to forming project partnerships. The online and in situ participants will take part in different activities, designed to make best use of their physical or online situations.

Wednesday, 26 June 2024**Erasmus+ Regional Cluster Meeting, Sub-Saharan Africa - part 1**

TIME	AGENDA
13:30	Registration
14:00	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by the Representative of the Ministry for Higher Education and Scientific Research of Côte d'Ivoire • Speech by the Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire <p><i>Official photo</i></p>
14:30	Setting the scene – How to accompany digital transformation in education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European Digital Education Action Plan • The African Union Digital Education Strategy and Implementation Plan • Erasmus+ support to education institutions in their digital transformation
15:15	Coffee break
15:45	Developing digital education ecosystems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity for education institutions • Technology and infrastructure • Digital transformation plans • Strategy, leadership and investment • Digital divide
17:00	Focus on Artificial Intelligence
17:30	End of Meeting
18:30	Dinner (by Invitation Only)

Thursday 27, June 2024**Erasmus+ Regional Cluster Meeting, Sub-Saharan Africa - part 2**

TIME	AGENDA
09:00	Using digital technology in education to improve quality and broaden access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital pedagogy • Digital education content • Online, distance and blended learning • Teachers' digital skills and competences • Individualised teaching for inclusion
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Equipping learners with digital competences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital literacy and tackling disinformation • Knowledge, skills and attitudes • Lifelong learning • Use of Artificial Intelligence • Gender and ICT
12:30	Closing session
13:00	Lunch

Erasmus+ Regional Contact making Seminar – Sub-Saharan Africa

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14:30	Contact-Making Session for Onsite and Virtual Participants Activities for in situ participants: For the Erasmus+ Contact-making session, you are guided to form connections through an innovative "Find Your Match" activity. This approach aligns with the spirit of the Erasmus+ programme, emphasizing collaboration, creativity, and partnership, and creates opportunities to start building lasting Erasmus+ partnerships. This activity will be initiated by a Moderator and Facilitators onsite. Activities for online participants: Random Networking Sessions: Ringcentral provides dedicated networking sessions where you can interact with fellow attendees. On the left-hand of your screen, click NETWORKING. Doing that will facilitate live, 1-on-1 video chats. When this area is open, click on the "Ready" button and you will be randomly connected to another attendee. Intentional Networking: We highly recommend you use RingCentral-Hopin's bilateral contact-making feature which allows you to directly message others and request for a meeting. You can search for specific individuals or profiles based on interests, then reach out to arrange one-on-one meetings. Bilateral Meeting for onsite participants: If you are participating in situ, you can also use the 'Schedule a Meeting' feature of RingCentral to plan an onsite meeting with a fellow attendee. Follow the same steps then click on the Add onsite location to the pop-up form.
17:30	End of Seminar

