

Erasmus Without Paper Network from development to production

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### Agenda

- Erasmus Without Paper Project 2.0.
- Launching the EWP Network.
- What is the EWP Network?
- How to build the EWP node and get connected?
- What are possible user scenarios?
- Connecting to Mobility Tool+.
- Competence Center.
- What going into production means?

# Online DEMO, if time allows



### Erasmus Without Paper Project 2.0

- Funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 3, years 2018-2019.
- Basing on the results of EWP 1.0, aims at building the sustainable infrastructure for digitized exchange of mobility data.
- Various pieces of the puzzle:
  - The EWP Network.
  - Connectors for SISs developed at home, by national consortia, by commercial providers.
  - Competence Center to help with dissemination and development.
  - Dashboard with IIA editor, OLA etc. for the others.
  - Open Source University Alliance to share code.



### Official launch of the EWP Network

- Took place at the launch conference in Ghent, December 2018.
- More than 350 participants from across Europe.
- Live DEMO by teams representing:
  - SOP (Austria),
  - QS Unisolution (Germany),
  - SIGMA (Spain),
  - MUCI (Poland),
  - University of Ghent (Belgium),
  - University of Porto (Portugal)
- <a href="https://www.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/launch-conference">https://www.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/launch-conference</a>

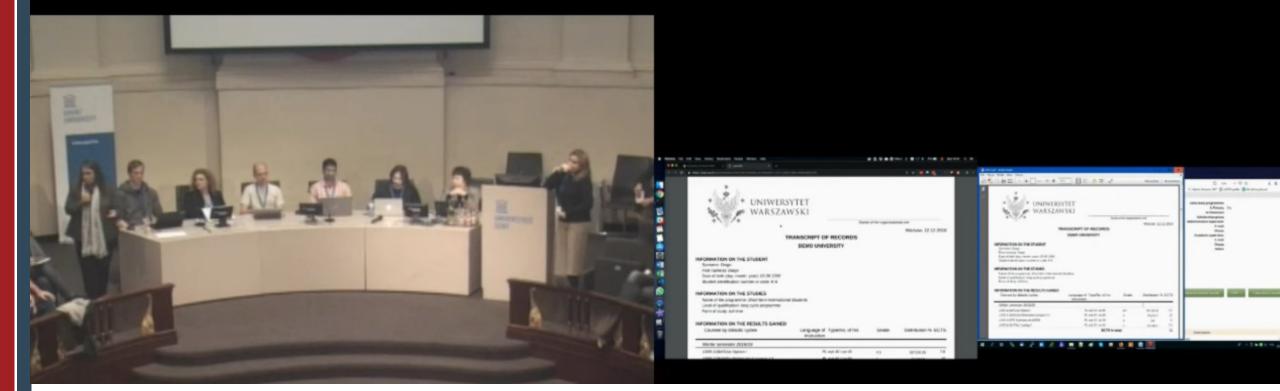


# Transcript of Records sent live from the University of Warsaw to Porto University

Erasmus Without Paper conference 12.12.18







### Design

- Network architecture, protocols, services etc. fully described in **GitHub** which is **publicly** available repository of source code:
  - **ReadMe** part high level description in "common" language.
  - **Flowcharts** explaining the mobility process for "business" oriented people.
  - XML, XSD files for technical staff.
- Available at: <a href="https://github.com/erasmus-without-paper/">https://github.com/erasmus-without-paper/</a>



# "EWP Mobility Process Explained" document. Updated on 25 Jan ewp-specs-api-discovery Specifications of EWP's Discovery API. § 2 1 issue needs help Updated on 25 Jan ewp-specs-architecture

Description of EWP's Architecture and Security.

ewp-specs-mobility-flowcharts



Updated on 24 Jan

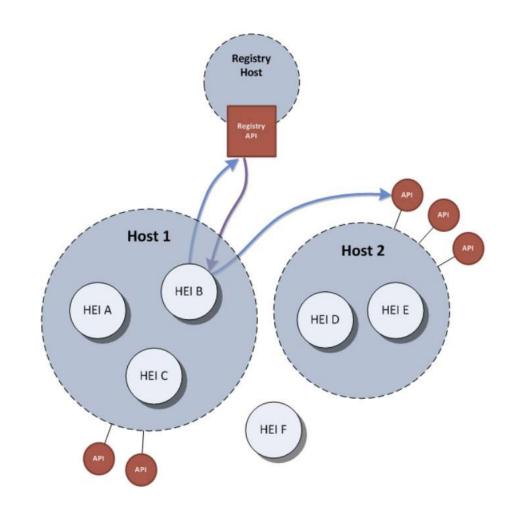
### Registry

- Address book which gathers in one place information about:
  - who is connected,
  - where how to find him,
  - what services are offered.
- Registry is updated automatically.
- Available at:
  - PROD: <a href="https://registry.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/">https://registry.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/</a>
  - DEV: <a href="https://dev-registry.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/">https://dev-registry.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/</a>
- Eventually PROD registry will have a couple of instances synchronized in real time (SLA, HA).



### **Connector (EWP server)**

- Piece of software which is a SIS's **agent** in the EWP Network.
- Has to implement:
  - Security transport protocols (ECHO).
  - **Discovery** service (**Manifest** file).
- May implement some business oriented APIs.
- Exposed to the public by URL available in the Registry.
- One EWP node can host more than one HEI (recognized by domain names=SCHAC codes).





# Discovery API (Manifest file)



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Manifest Importer Status

Currently defined manifest sources and their statuses:

https://dev-registry.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/manifest.xml

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OK details

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# Other APIs (offered services)



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### **HEI/API Coverage Matrix**

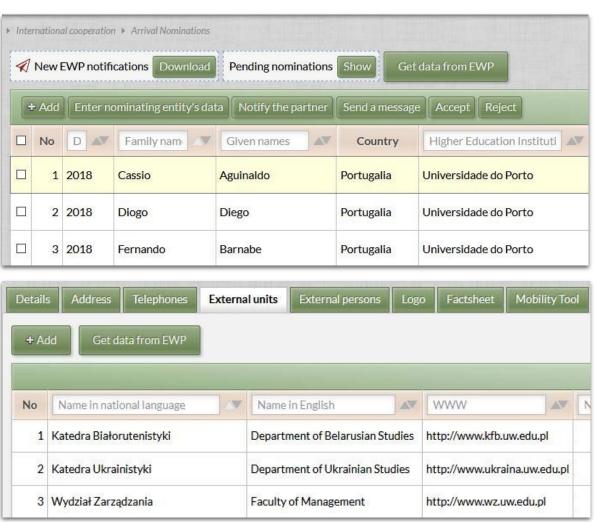
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| Institution          | General Purpose APIs |        |         |                | IIAs  |       | OMobilities |        |        | IMobilities |       | IMobility ToRs |       |       |       |       |       |
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- APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) a set of clearly defined methods of communication between various software components used to build applications.
- There are many APIs supporting the **EWP business model**:
  - Primary Network APIs (Discovery Manifest, Echo, Registry).
  - General Purpose APIs (Institutions, Organizational Units, Courses).
  - Erasmus Mobility APIs (Interinstitutional Agreements, Outgoing Mobilities, Incoming Mobilities, Nominations Approval, Mobility Arrival and Departure, Transcripts of Records, CNRs).
  - MT+ APIs (Institutions, Projects, Dictionaries).
- Each API is relatively simple and can be implemented separately from the others.
- APIs may be implemented one by one, gradually building support for the whole process.
- There are APIs for **sending** (pushing) data and for **requesting** (pulling) data in response to **change notifications** (CNR). It is possible to handle EWP data exchange **automatically** by subscribing to notifications and firing triggers when they come.

### **EWP Client**

- EWP functionalities spread over the **User Interface** of the Mobility module used by IRO.
- The most business oriented part of the project.
- Should be designed with close contact with the business owner (mostly IRO staff).
- May (will) change in time from less to more automated.



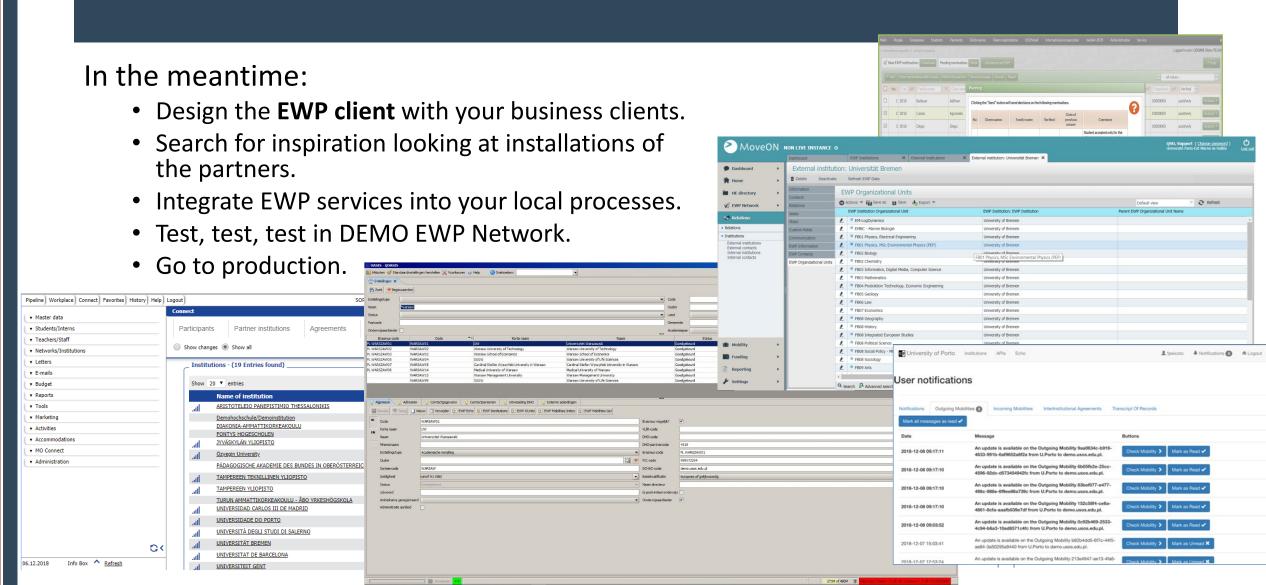


## How to build EWP node and get connected?

- Implement the **EWP connector** with ECHO and Discovery (or take it from OSUA).
- Send URL to the Registry administrator (<u>usos@usos.edu.pl</u>).
- Start testing.
- Implement other APIs as agreed with local users.
- Update your manifest file as new APIs become available.
- Test, test, test (using automated tests, reference connector, demo installations of the partners, or you own).

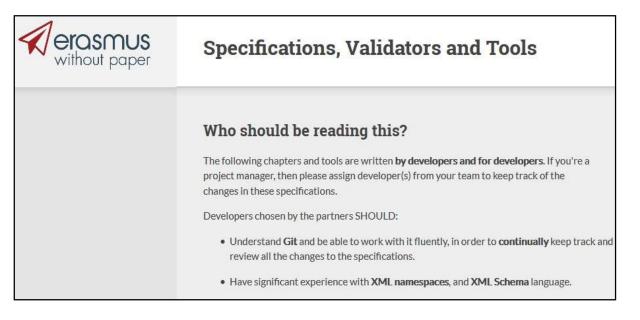


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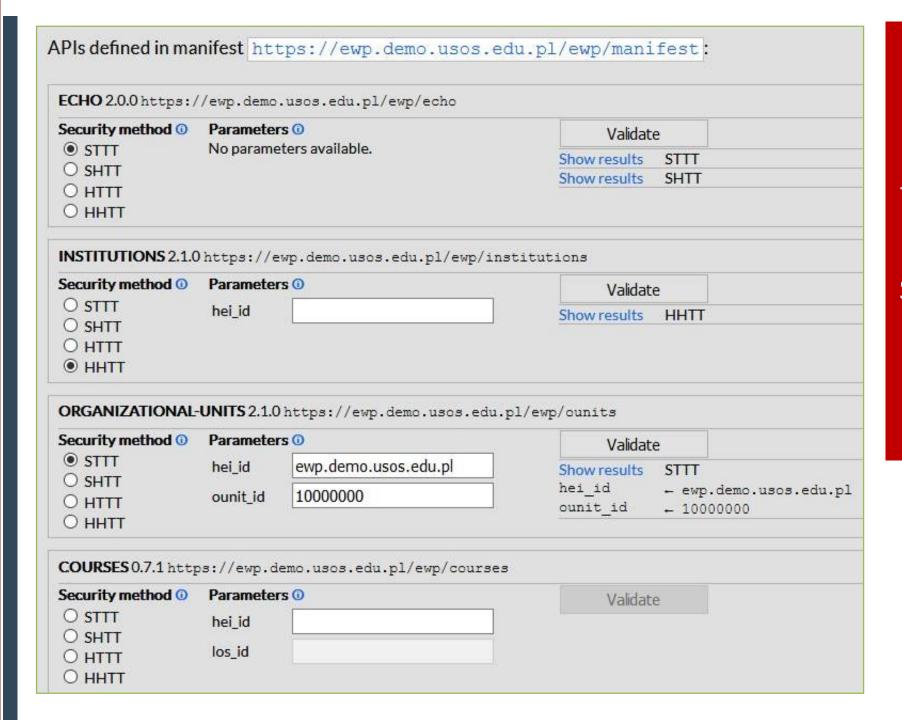


# How to get help on a technical level?

- Developers Guide: <a href="https://developers.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/">https://developers.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/</a>
- Self testing: API Validator.
- Self testing: XML Validator.

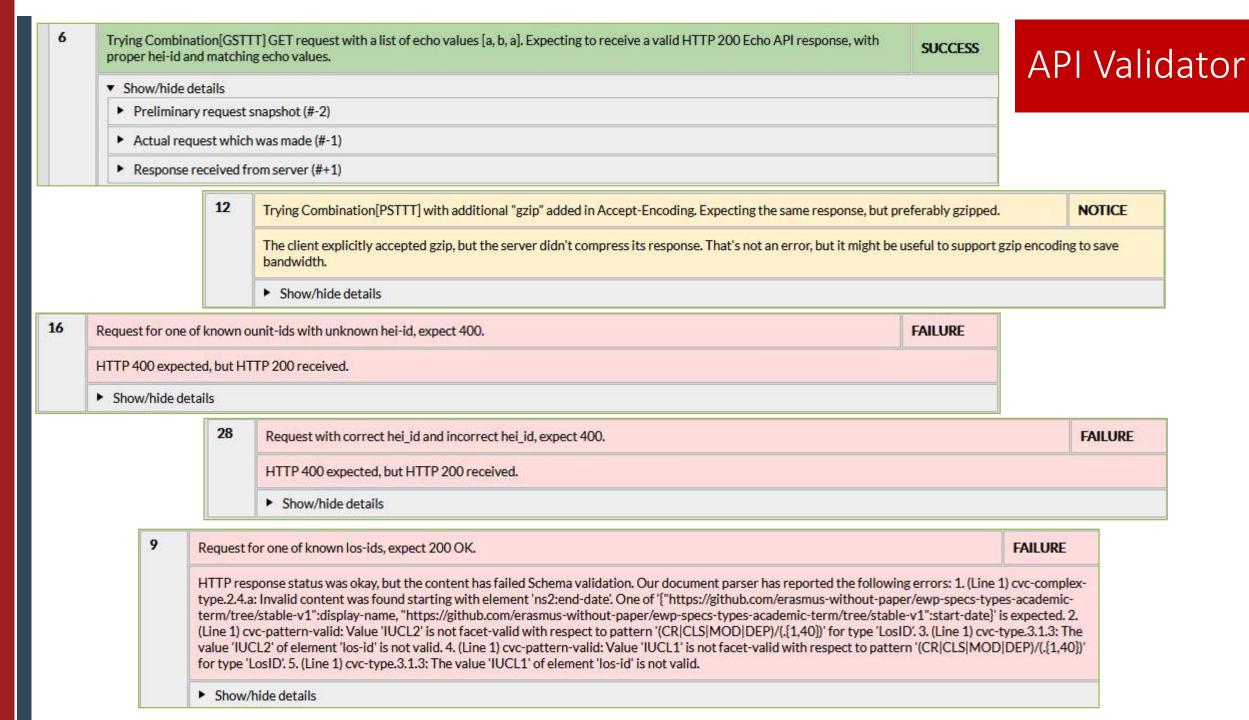


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    ☐ Chapter 2.3. Client Authentication Methods
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         + Chapter 2.3.2. Authenticating Clients with TLS Certificate 1110
         + Chapter 2.3.3. Authenticating Clients with HTTP Signature 101
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API Validator
performs
thousands of tests
with parameters
selected randomly
or entered by
hand





### XML Schema Validator

This tool will help you with writing EWP XML documents. For example, you can paste the contents of your Manifest file here before you upload it onto your production site. You should be able to validate any XML document described in all RELEASED DEPRECATED and OBSOLETE specifications listed on Developers Hub website (plus, perhaps, some of the DRAFT ones).

Note, that this tool will validate against the schema only! Even if such validation succeeds, your file may still be invalid (if, for example, you didn't adhere to the guidelines described in 
elements included in the XSD files).

Paste your XML document below and press Validate

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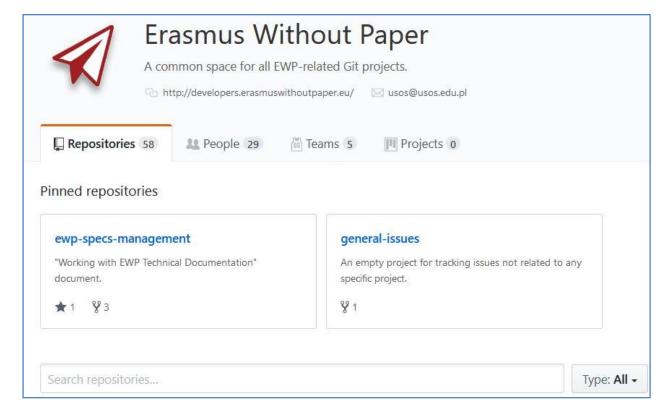
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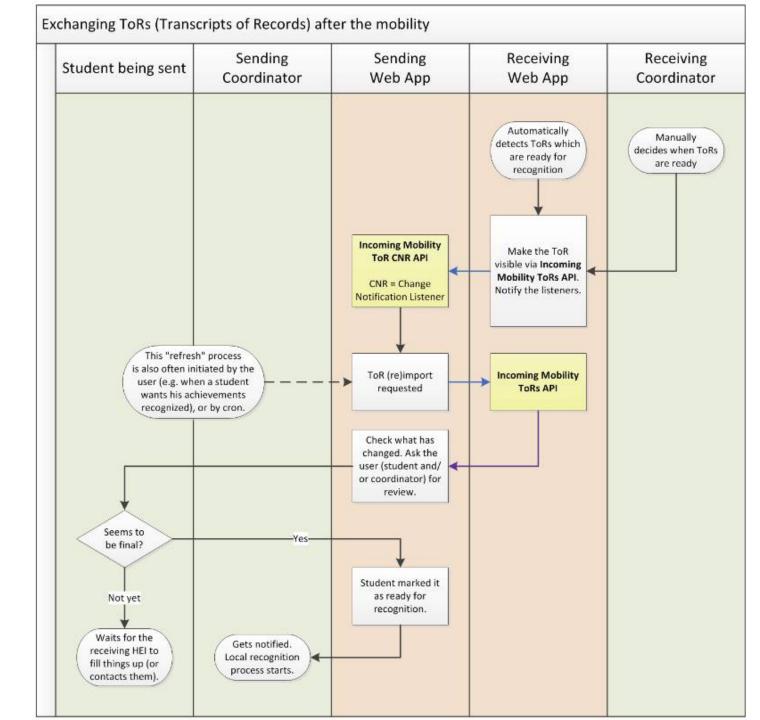
### Where to find technical stuff?

### GitHub: <a href="https://github.com/erasmus-without-paper">https://github.com/erasmus-without-paper</a>

- Specifications.
- Common data types.
- XSD Schemas.
- Examples of requests and responses in XML.
- Issue tracker.
- Libraries of code.



# GitHub Mobility process explained on flowcharts



### **Mobility Tool+ Institutions API**

- What is the status of this document?
- See the index of all other EWP Specifications

### Summary

This document describes the **Mobility Tool+ Institutions API**. It is assumed that this API is implemented by only one host managed by the Directoriate-General Education and Culture Unit (DG EAC) of the European Commission. However, the specification itself does not limit the number of hosts.

Once implemented by the host, it allows external clients to retrieve general information on institutions known by this host.

### Request method

- Requests MUST be made with either HTTP GET or HTTP POST method. Servers MUST support both these methods. Server SHOULD reject all other request methods.
- Clients are advised to use POST when passing large number of parameters (servers MAY set a limit on t string length).

### Request parameters

Parameters MUST be provided in the regular application/x-www-form-urlencoded format.

#### pic (repeatable, required)

A list of institution PICs the client wants to retrieve information on (no more than <max-ids> items).

This parameter is *repeatable*, so the request MAY contain multiple occurrences of it. The server is REQUIRED them.

Server implementers provide their own chosen value of <max-ids> via their manifest entry (see manifest-entry (see manifest-ent

Clients may retrieve proper PICs from other EWP APIs (most often, the Registry Service).

#### eche\_at\_date (required)

A date in the YYYY-mm-dd format. The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) accreditation included should be the one valid at this date.

# GitHub Specification of the API request parameters Response example

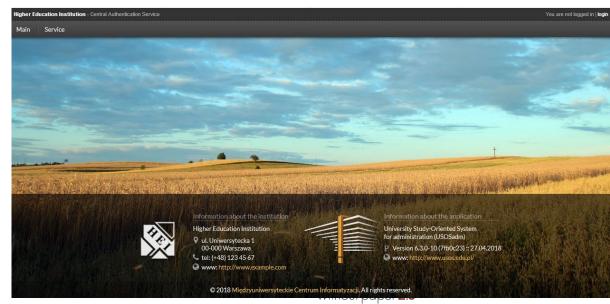
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### DEMO installations to test mobility scenarios

- Two installations:
  - University of Warsaw at <a href="https://usosadm.demo.usos.edu.pl/usosadm/">https://usosadm.demo.usos.edu.pl/usosadm/</a>
  - Some other HEI at <a href="https://usosadm-hei.demo.usos.edu.pl/usosadm/">https://usosadm-hei.demo.usos.edu.pl/usosadm/</a>





### Scenarios and APIs

- Sharing institutional details, contacts, organizational units and factsheets.
- Negotiating inter-intitutional agreements.
- Exposing course catalog.
- Sharing nominations, approval/rejection, changes.
- Learning agreements all parts (before, during, after the mobility).
- Confirmation of the arrival and departure dates  $\rightarrow$  grants.
- Digitally signed Transcript of Records with grade distributions (XML and PDF).

University of Warsaw displays all obtained factsheets in the web portal for students and staff



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### Partner institutions

Showing elements 1..7 (out of 7)



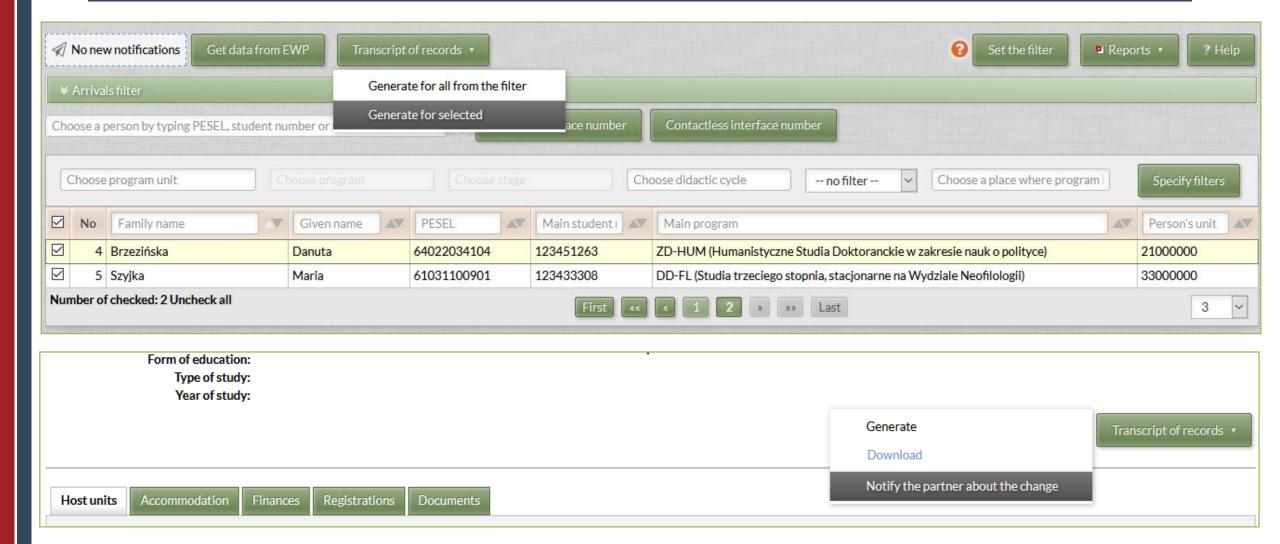
This page displays foreign higher education institutions with which DEMO University has signed at least one agreement for international exchange that fulfills the following criteria:

- · agreement comes into effect within a year from now,
- · end date is later than today or is not determined.

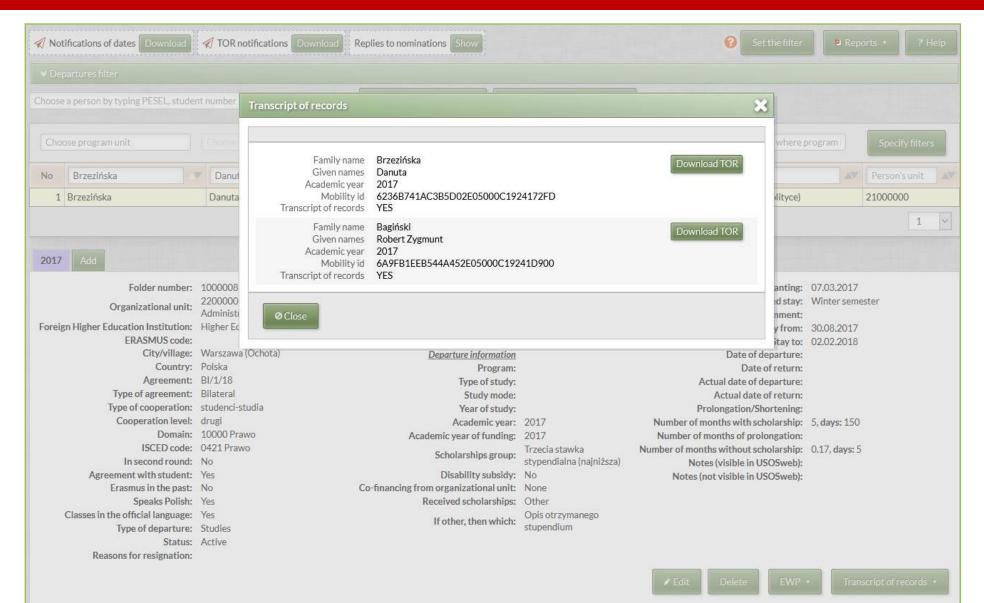
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| 4   | Russia (Ulan-Ude)       |              | Бурятский государственный<br>университет | Buryat State University | http://www.bsu.ru/  | show from USOS 🗗                     |
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| 7   | Switzerland<br>(Geneva) | CH GENEVE01  | Université de Geneve<br>(show units)     | University of Geneva    | http://www.unige.ch | show from USOS →                     |

# HEI generates ToRs for incoming students and notifies the partner (ToR CNR API)



# University of Warsaw receives notification and then downloads ToR to the local system (Incoming Mobility ToR API)

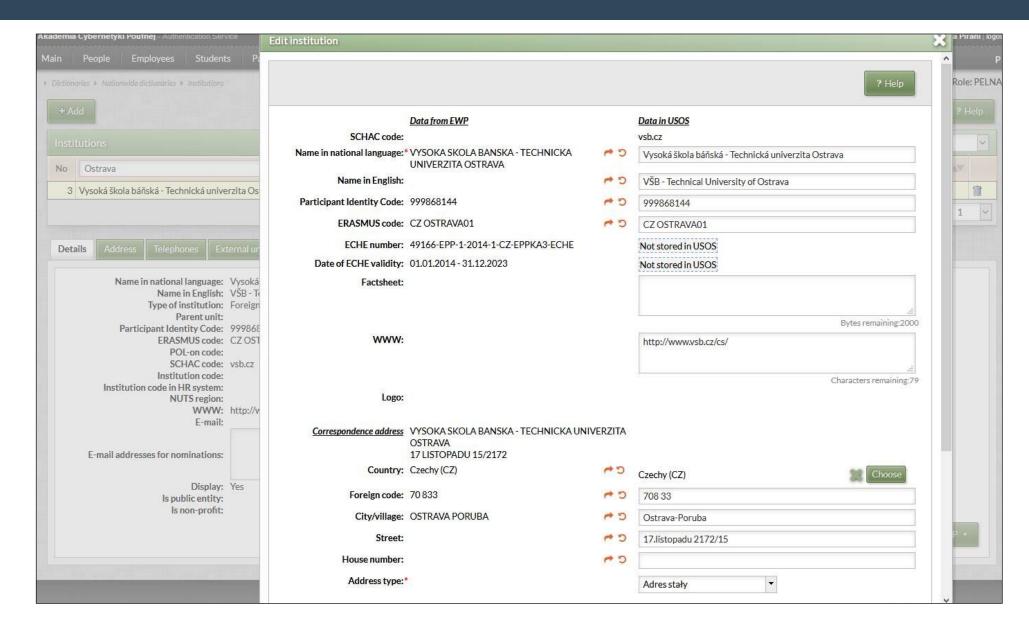


## Mobility Tool+

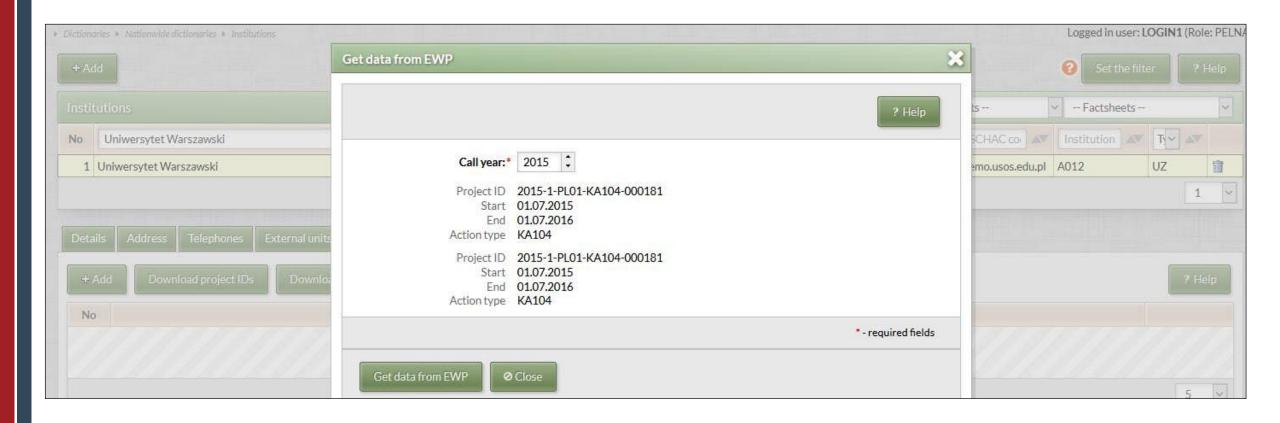
- Mobility Tool+ is managed by the *Directorate-General Education and Culture Unit* (DG EAC) of the European Commission. It is used for reporting purposes.
- It exposes:
  - MT+ Institutions API
  - MT+ Projects API
  - MT+ Dictionaries API



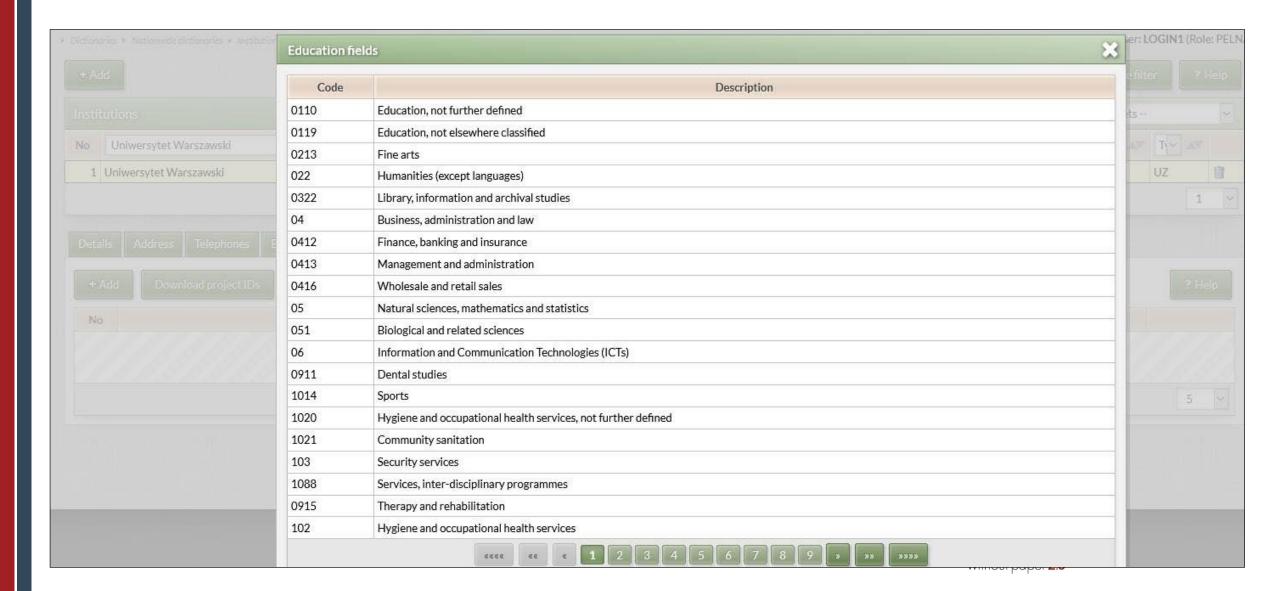
### MT+ Institutions API



## MT+ Projects API



### MT+ Dictionaries API



### Competence Center

- Provides all stakeholders with guidance on digitalising the internationalisation processes at any Higher Education Institution.
- Web portal available at <a href="https://cc.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/">https://cc.erasmuswithoutpaper.eu/</a>
- Resources, tutorial videos, presentations and other tools and material to support the transition to digital Erasmus+ management.
- Entry/Exit procedure (DEV, PROD), SLA and any other legal issues.
- Single point of contact.
- Work in progress.





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### **Erasmus Mobility Coordinators**

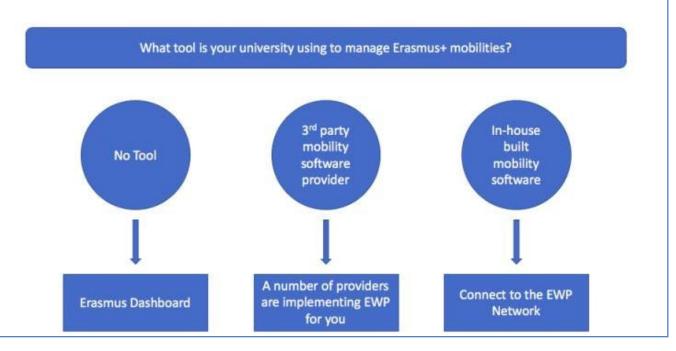
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Erasmus Without Paper allows your Higher Education Institution (HEI) to digitalise Erasmus+ mobility management processes.

Depending on the way your currently manage Erasmus+ mobilities at your institution, this page will offer an overview of the different scenarios

- 1. No Tool? Use the Erasmus Dashboard.
- 2. In-house built mobility management software? Connect to the EWP Network.
- 3. Use of 3rd party mobility management software? They will connect to EWP.

The following picture gives an overview of the different options. On this site you will find information and tools for all three scenarios.



## Further development plans

- Designing MT+ API for reporting mobilities work in progress.
  - Authorisation of end users.
  - Draft mobilities, final mobilities.
- Connecting Dashboard (with OLA and IIA editor) to the EWP Network – work in progress.
- Fine tuning and extending existing APIs (e.g. automatic Egracons grade conversion) work in progress.
- Automatic tests for all APIs work in progress.



## What going into production means?

- Industrializing the EWP Network and its elements.
- Integrating various elements of the EWP ecosystem.
- Increasing network coverage by accepting new institutions.
- Supporting new partners in joining the network, on a political, organizational and technical level.
- Integrating data transfer with business processes of student mobility carried at higher education institutions.
- Integrating services offered by other networks into one digital platform for education sector.

































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