

Our Europe today

The University of Konstanz has organized ten "Our Europe Today" workshops since June 2021 in the framework of the European Reform University Alliance (ERUA). These online workshops took place every two weeks in order to bring together students and staff from member universities in Bulgaria, Greece, Germany, Denmark and France. The initiative is now over since December 2021.

The topics covered during these events were diversified: From a yoga session to the description of our universities or the celebration of Christmas in the ERUA member states.

Interviews, discussions and quizzes were offered to the participants during lunch time. The objective of these ERUA moments was to shape a new dynamic between the universities in order to strengthen their cohesion and create links between the participants.

Other initiatives are regularly put in place by the teams of the different partner universities.

Let's talk with Sarah CARMOIN, student in the Master ENJEUFOR and engaged in ERUA

I became aware of the "Our Europe Today" project when I joined the ERUA program. I quickly got in touch with Paulina Helmecke because the project had already started a few weeks before. Paulina was very approachable and considerate of my participation in the sessions she facilitated. We were able to exchange on these bi-monthly meetings around Europe from the angle of different themes and under the eyes of participants of different nationalities.



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I found that these moments together were very well adapted to the ERUA project both by the online availability and by the format that allowed everyone to join in. The format was thirty minutes during lunch time CET, with a presentation of the theme at the beginning, carried by Paulina. Later took place an exchange between the participants, more centered on playful questions answered by teams. The whole allows everyone to understand and deconstruct the themes presented. Especially since each week, the themes were different, thus bringing a nice plurality with an open look at Europe thanks to the participants coming from all over the world.

Everyone could benefit from the themes because they were all very different from each others: from interculturality to the celebration of Christmas. These topics concerned the world where we live and therefore allow us to better understand the challenges of ERUA, which aims to create a university beyond borders. Moreover, these spaces allow us to learn from each other and to learn who we are. We are nourished by the position and culture of each country.

"Our Europe Today" is the image of ERUA: It allows to bring together students and staff despite the geographical distance and to learn from each other in order to create a community. Thank you for this very rich and varied project which allowed us to get to know each other better in order to work on the university of tomorrow. The university on a European scale.



Current ERUA Initiatives for the Staff

March: Call for Travelling seminars

ERUA Travelling seminars are learning formats that promote experience and mobility. The purpose of the Travelling Seminars is to link the universities of the alliance together and to encourage the implementation of projects that aim different types of cooperation (co-teaching, visits of the other alliance campuses, field studies, etc.).

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