EUA and UUK urge negotiators to swiftly agree to UK association to Erasmus+

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The European University Association and Universities UK – together representing more than 900 universities across Europe – strongly support the association of the United Kingdom to Erasmus+ subject to mutually agreed financial terms.

Exchanges of students build long-term bridges across our continent and enhance skills, competences and outcomes. Staff exchanges disseminate knowledge more widely and make higher education both more resilient and more innovative in times of change. Cooperation between higher education institutions enrich and strengthen institutional policies across the pillars of education, research, innovation and culture, and enhance learning opportunities and collaboration for everyone.

The UK rejoining Erasmus+ will open the door to all these benefits for all parties and would enhance the UK-EU relationship. For these reasons, the European family of universities is pleased to see that negotiations on association are advancing and looks forward to being able to welcome the UK back into the Erasmus+ programme.

However, time is of the essence. EUA and UUK urge negotiators to be ambitious in agreeing to long-term association and to do so swiftly. Our Associations also urge clarity and timely communication so that all stakeholders – governments, higher education institutions, students and staff – can successfully plan and deliver Erasmus+ partnerships and programmes at the earliest opportunity.

The European University Association (EUA) represents universities across Europe, with over 900 members and affiliates in 48 countries.

Universities UK (UUK) is the collective voice of 141 universities in the United Kingdom. As part of UUK, Universities UK International (UUKi) represents UK universities globally.