

Green Erasmus 2.0 Living Lab

Co-creating Sustainable and
Community-Engaged Student Mobility
3-4 November 2026, Poitiers, France

Open Call for Participation of Students,
ESN volunteers and Student
Representatives



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Open call for participation in co-creating sustainable and community-engaged student mobility

Dear ESN volunteers,

We are excited to launch an open call for participation in the **Green Erasmus 2.0 Living Lab!**

The Living Lab is a unique initiative designed to bring together 30 passionate individuals from different countries and backgrounds to tackle **real-world challenges** within international **sustainable mobility**. Students, universities, NGOs and local representatives will work together to **co-create solutions** for sustainability challenges through community-engaged teaching, learning and international student mobility.

Why participate?

Through interactive workshops and collaborative activities, you will work alongside academic experts and community partners as team members, where everyone contributes to the design of ideas that benefit both students and local communities. You will explore **local sustainability challenges** and learn how to address them in the classroom or through student mobility. Through the Living Lab you will gain practical experience in solving real-world challenges and meet local organisations and community partners. You will have the opportunity to get creative and contribute to the design of meaningful and **community-engaged mobility experiences**. Importantly, you will gain knowledge on **sustainability, teamwork** and **project design**!

Upon successful participation, each participant will receive a Living Lab **Certificate**, to recognise the contribution to the work of Green Erasmus 2.0 and competencies gained throughout the process.



Key information on the Living Lab:

Theme	Location	Dates
Co-creating Sustainable and Community-Engaged Student Mobility	Poitiers, France	3rd November (Tuesday) - 4th November (Wednesday) 2026

Please note that the core event will last **2 days**. Participants should plan their travel in the following way:

- Arrival on Monday, **2nd of November 2026**
- Participation in the full event on Tuesday and Wednesday - **3rd and 4th of November 2026**
- Departure on Thursday, **5th of November 2026**

Participation Fee and Travel reimbursement

- Participation is **free of charge** for all selected Living Lab participants.
- Participants need to book their own travel and accommodation on their own. **Financial support** for travel and accommodation will be provided by Green Erasmus 2.0 consortium in the form of **reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses of up to 700.00 EUR after the event**.
- The reimbursement will be processed by the **University of Poitiers after full participation** in the Living Lab and after the required supporting financial documentation is collected.
- **Lunch** will be provided on both days of the Living Lab. Breakfast and dinner, if not provided by the organisers, can be reimbursed within the 700.00 EUR lump sum provided for travels and accommodation. As we are still finalising certain logistical arrangements, we will keep participants promptly updated on the meals that will be provided during the event.

Further information will be provided to the selected participants at a later stage.



Selection Process & Requirements

The selection process will be carried out by Green Erasmus 2.0 project consortium. Applications will be assessed based on their **quality** and **originality**, while ensuring diversity of backgrounds and voices contributing to the Living Lab.

To apply, it is necessary to complete the application form below which includes two key components:

1. **Short motivation statement** where you tell us why you are interested in participating, what you hope to contribute to the Living Lab and and what do you expect to gain from this experience.
2. **Share briefly your concrete idea for a sustainability project or initiative** that connects international students with the local community, which could be implemented in the spring semester 2026/2027. What local environmental challenge do you want to address and how will your project/initiative bring international students and the local community together to solve it? Describe your idea now, develop it further with peers and other participants during the event. Later on, eligible initiatives will have the opportunity to apply for funding to bring their project/initiative to life during the Green Erasmus 2.0 local implementation phase!*

**The local phase serves as a multiplier for Green Erasmus 2.0, taking participant concepts and rolling them out on the ground. Student- and ESN-led initiatives can apply for funding, which is awarded based on an evaluation of pre-defined criteria. Selected initiatives receive not only financial support, but also coaching and dedicated support throughout the implementation. While eligibility rules, award criteria, and application details will be announced at a later stage of the project, please note that participating in the Living Lab might be considered an advantage during evaluation.*

To ensure the success of the co-creation process, selected participants are expected to:

- Participate for the whole duration of the event and take active part in the Living Lab
- Bring fresh perspectives to tackling sustainability challenges



- Come forward with concrete ideas for a community-engaged initiative

How to apply

Apply here: [application form](#)

Application Deadline: The deadline for applying is **6th of September 2026**.

Results Announcement: Selected participants will be notified by **25th of September 2026**.

We look forward to receiving your applications and welcoming you to Poitiers!

If you have any questions regarding the Living Lab, please contact Neli Kalinova-Schmieder, ESN's project officer for the Green Erasmus 2.0 project at neli.kalinova@esn.org



About Green Erasmus 2.0

Promoting Sustainable Behaviour and Institutional Change in Erasmus+ Mobility

GREEN ERASMUS 2.0 addresses the urgent need to make international student mobility more environmentally sustainable while preserving its educational value. The project responds to the persistent “attitude–behaviour gap” among students, where strong environmental awareness does not consistently translate into sustainable choices.

Building on previous initiatives such as Green Erasmus and Erasmus Goes Green, the project aims to embed sustainability structurally within Erasmus+ mobility at both individual and institutional levels.

To support this, the project develops tools that focus on behaviour change, a self-assessment instrument, and learning resources to help students adopt more sustainable practices during and after mobility. It also strengthens universities' societal impact by engaging international students in challenge-based learning activities with local communities and by introducing the Green Erasmus Label to recognise sustainable internationalisation practices. A network of Green Erasmus Ambassadors further supports the dissemination and long-term adoption of sustainable mobility practices across Europe.

Find more information at the project website: [Green Erasmus](https://greenerasmus.eu)



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