

Erasmus Back to School Austria

www.bildung.erasmusplus.at/erasmusbacktoschool

- Started in 2010 as a project managed both by the Austrian National Agency Erasmus+ Education and the Austrian Society for European Politics (ÖGfE, www.oegfe.at)
- Former Erasmus outgoing students visit their former schools in Austria with the aim to motivate young people to go abroad and to show them the benefits of an Erasmus+ stay
- Every year, all Austrian former Erasmus students of the last three years (approx. 20.000 in total) are informed via an online-campaign about Erasmus Back to School
- The project is managed via the website of the Austrian National Agency: interested former Erasmus students register online for the project, inform us on the important facts of their visit before they go and, after having done the presentation, provide us with a feedback (all that via standardized forms, which makes the compilation of all kinds of statistics very easy)
- Students are free to visit the school of their choice (mostly their former school, but not always). There is no platform in order to match students and schools. The NA tries to assist though in case a student interested in taking part has difficulties in finding a school
- Regarding the structure and content of their presentation, it is up to the students to design it as it suits them best. The NA provides a PPT-template containing the basic facts and statistics about the Erasmus+ programme. Most students add pictures or personal experiences to these slides
- Students receive EUR 60,00 for each presentation they do (as a compensation for their travel expenses and preparation of the lecture) with a maximum allowance of three presentations per year
- Each year there are between 40 and 70 school visits. Since 2010 approx. 400 successful visits during which about 15.000 young students have been informed about the Erasmus+ programme
- The initiative is promoted and supported very actively by the Austrian NA via newsletters, flyers, facebook-campaigns, Youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdacnoT9UHg>) etc.

