

## Draft Programme

# 'Fostering active citizenship through Erasmus'

23 May 2018, 18h-19h30  
European Parliament  
Hosted: MEP Brando Benifei

As shown by the Erasmus Impact Study (2015), Erasmus+ student mobility fosters active citizenship. This is particularly true for students who participate in local volunteering activities during their stay abroad. Moreover, Europe needs to be brought closer to its citizens and to invest in mechanisms that foster social inclusion. Therefore we have proposed the Pilot Project 'Erasmus Local Volunteering' that should lead to more Erasmus students engaging in voluntary activities in their host community. We want to discuss this idea and other ways to foster active citizenship through Erasmus+.

### **Picture moment (18h00-18h05)**

Signing of Pilot Project by supporting MEPs

### **Introduction (18h05 - 18h10)**

- Carmen Mazijn, Representative of ESN

### **Testimonials (18h10-18h30)**

- Rebecca Gomez, Participant in the Erascout programme, WOSM
- Adéla Česenková and Maria Oliva Campabadal, Participants in the SocialErasmus programme

### **Panel discussion (18h30-19h15)**

- MEP Brando Benifei, S&D, Co-Chair European Parliament Youth Intergroup
- Lloyd Huitson (or Elena Tegovska), DG EAC, European Commission
- Walter Massa, ARCI Liguria
- EUF (tbc)
- Gabriella Civico, CEV

Moderated by Carmen Mazijn, ESN

### **Q&A: 19h15-19h30**