



ERA – SUMMER EDITION

INTERVIEW WITH THE OC OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SZEGED



The participants of NA Szeged

WHAT'S THE BEST LESSON YOU'VE LEARNT FROM RUNNING THIS EVENT?

When planning an event, we learned to start working on it in advance and be more strict with deadlines. The NA was eventually organised in June and we made the first plans and working groups in March. We wanted to include as many people as possible in the OC. We made a plan for each working group but we weren't that strict with some logistics parts. So maybe, what we learned is to prioritise logistics first and then can the other organising parts begin to work.

ANY FUNNY BACKSTAGE OC INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

After the event the OC stayed in venue, where we had the plenaries and we ate the rest of the food from the gala dinner. Some people, who departed later also joined us. It was a really rewarding experience after the big event.

WHAT WAS SOMETHING UNEXPECTED THAT HAPPENED? HOW DID YOU HANDLE IT?

As our suggested date was not confirmed until the beginning of April, we could not book a dormitory before. After that due to some miscommunication we reached out to them again only in May, but the dormitory was already booked for another event. At this moment we were focusing on searching for another accommodation, and eventually we could solve the problem with booking two different hostels.

WOULD YOU DO IT ALL AGAIN? IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT IT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

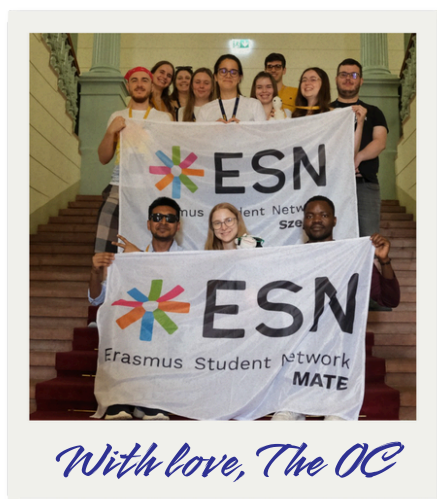
Even though we faced some difficulties while planning the event, we enjoyed organising it, so we would do it again. And if we could change one thing, we would book accommodation as soon as the date is confirmed.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE EVENT IN ONE WORD OR SENTENCE?

Too much cheesecake.

ANY MESSAGE FOR THE NETWORK?

It's extremely chaotic but fun.



With love, The OC



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS REPORTS

Krilla – Epic Tales

The event was **ESN Epic Tale in the Czech Republic**. The event was held next to the city of Karlovy Vary, in the castle of Horný Hrád. The castle is restored for touristic purposes and it is also a great venue for hosting a medieval-themed event, such as the Epic Tale. I attended the event as a simple participant.

During the competitive activities the participants were divided into teams, houses and winning house would eventually become the ruler of the castle. The activities included archery, sword fight, horse shoe-throwing, alchemy, bag jumping and many others. We also played the assassin game. We were given wooden forks along with the names of our target on a paper. We had to slice target's throat from behind and no witness should have called it out. Finally, we had to prepare a medieval brain rot content.

I would rate the event as 98%. It was really well-organised and well-prepared. The only thing was missing was a little bit of clearer communication before the beginning of the event.

I had no expectations and it surprised me how well it went.
I would absolutely recommend this the event to others.



Zoe – EGM and Section Training

The **Erasmus Generation Meeting (EGM) 2025** was held in Ancona, Italy, from April 3 to 6, 2025, marking the fourth edition of Europe's largest student-led conference on international mobility and youth engagement.

Theme and Pillars

Under the theme "Empowering Youth as the Changemakers of Society", the event focused on two central pillars:

1. Active Participation and Youth Engagement in Local Communities: Encouraging young people to actively participate in their local communities through initiatives led by the Erasmus Generation.
2. Impact of Youth Work and Volunteering on Internationalisation: Exploring how youth work and volunteering contribute to the internationalisation of higher education and beyond.

Key Highlights

- **Flag Parade:** A symbolic march through Ancona's Viale della Vittoria, celebrating unity and diversity among the Erasmus Generation.
- **EGM Expo:** A knowledge hub where ESN volunteers promoted mobility programmes and opportunities across Europe, interacting directly with higher education institutions and event sponsors.
- **Erasmus Destination of the Year 2025:** Finalist cities—Aarhus (Denmark), Łódź (Poland), Riga (Latvia), Tallinn (Estonia), and Wrocław (Poland)—presented their pitches, with the winner announced during the closing ceremony. This year the winner was Aarhus.
- **Over 100 Sessions:** Workshops and discussions addressing youth engagement, community enrichment, and intercultural dialogue through volunteering.



Participation and Support

The event brought together over 1,200 young volunteers from more than 1,000 universities and 520 ESN sections across 45 countries, along with over 150 representatives from local, national, and international institutions.

EGM 2025 was organised in collaboration with the Marche Polytechnic University and supported by the Municipality of Ancona, the Marche Region, the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), the National Institute for Documentation, Innovation and Educational Research (INDIRE), Fondazione Cariverona, and the European Commission.

It is an unforgettable experience, to see the motivation and dedication of the ESN volunteers to work together to make mobility better. Also it was an amazing event to enrich my knowledge and enlarge my network.



Dahia – International Sustainable Youth Outreach Programme (ISYOP) in Azerbaijan

In collaboration with ESN Hungary, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Azerbaijan for the “International Sustainable Youth Outreach Programme” (ISYOP). Hosted by ESN Azerbaijan and supported by the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, ISYOP focuses on educating and empowering youth on climate change and environmental sustainability.

This experience not only deepened my understanding of the global climate crisis but also helped me develop key skills in leadership, teamwork, and communication. A major focus of the programme was exploring Azerbaijan's role in global climate initiatives. We discussed the country's growing involvement in international environmental agreements like the Paris Climate Accord and their strategies to balance development with sustainability.

We also had an insightful conversation about the upcoming COP29, which will be held in Baku. This future event places Azerbaijan at the center of global climate discussions, further highlighting the country's commitment to addressing climate change.



Throughout the programme, we delved into the impacts of climate change and discussed strategies for reducing carbon footprints.

Workshops emphasized practical, everyday actions we could take, both individually and collectively, to mitigate our environmental impact. This knowledge was essential for understanding how even small changes in behavior can contribute to larger sustainability goals.

Another enriching aspect was the global connections we made. The programme brought together participants from diverse countries, creating opportunities for collaboration on international sustainability projects.

A particularly impactful moment was our field visit to an Ecological Industrial Enterprise in Azerbaijan. We observed sustainable practices in action, which gave us a tangible understanding of how businesses can reduce waste and energy consumption on a large scale.

Beyond the structured programme, we also had the chance to explore the beautiful city of Baku. The city's stunning mix of modern architecture and rich cultural heritage added to the overall experience, making our time in Azerbaijan even more memorable.

To sum it all up, my participation in ISYOP was transformative. It enhanced my knowledge of climate action, leadership, and international collaboration, while also offering a chance to witness firsthand Azerbaijan's growing role in global sustainability efforts. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and feel more motivated than ever to contribute to environmental initiatives in my own community, as well as more inspired to engage in international programmes.



Simon from ESN Pécs – NA Poland

Going to the ESN National Assembly in Poland was such a superb experience. It was one of those events where you're constantly learning, meeting new people, and stepping a little out of your comfort zone. The event was quite formal overall, there were plenary sessions where people voted on different motions and shared updates, and we also had some really insightful workshops on topics like leadership, teamwork, and how to grow as a section. But it wasn't all serious, there were also cultural activities, city tours, and social evenings that made everything more fun and relaxed.

I was there as a participant, representing my local ESN section. It was my first time attending something this big within ESN, and I honestly didn't know exactly what to expect. I went in hoping to learn more about how ESN works beyond the local level, and I definitely came back with a much better understanding and a lot of new motivation.

There were a lot of things that went really well. The event was well-organised, the people were super friendly and open, and the energy throughout the days was very positive. I really enjoyed hearing ideas from different sections and seeing how things are done in other countries. On the flip side, a few parts weren't as exciting, some sessions felt a bit too long or technical, and sometimes it was hard to stay fully focused. There were also small hiccups like delays or rushed transitions between activities, but those things are pretty normal at big events.

To be honest, I thought it would be more chill and informal, but it was actually quite structured, which wasn't a bad thing—it just surprised me. In the end, I learned a lot from both the highs and the lows. The best part was feeling part of something bigger and realizing how connected we all are through this network. And even the slower or more challenging moments taught me a lot about how these events work and how to prepare better for them.

Would I recommend it? Absolutely. If you ever get the chance to attend a national or international ESN event, go for it. You'll come back with new friends, new ideas, and a fresh perspective on why we do what we do in ESN. I'd definitely go again maybe even take on a more active role next time.

DO YOU HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL ESN EXPERIENCE THAT MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON YOU?

Whether it's about cultural exchange, unforgettable friendships, or personal growth, we would love to hear it! Your insights and stories can inspire fellow ESNers across the network, showing how powerful and meaningful our community truly is. By sharing your journey, you can encourage others to step out of their comfort zones and embrace the international spirit. Send us your story and let's celebrate the diversity and connections that make ESN so special!



EXPLORE THE PANNÓNIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Are you a Hungarian university student seeking international experience? The Pannónia Scholarship Programme is a new initiative from the Hungarian government, designed to support students enrolled at Hungarian higher education institutions who wish to study or undertake internships abroad. The scholarship aims to provide mobility opportunities with a particular focus on destinations within the European Higher Education Area, but often also including other key partner countries.

Key features of the Pannónia Scholarship Programme:

- Open to students at Hungarian universities across all degree cycles
- Supports study or internship placements abroad
- Funding covers part of living expenses and travel costs
- Promotes intercultural exchange and professional development

The Pannónia Scholarship Programme provides excellent support for students:

- The scholarship amount for long-term student mobility ranges from 350,000 to 400,000 HUF per month, depending on the destination country.
- For short-term student mobility, the amount ranges from 5,000 to 35,000 HUF per day, depending on the level of studies, the destination country, and the duration of mobility.
- The amount of the excellence scholarship ranges from 450,000 to 500,000 HUF per month depending on the destination country. Excellence scholarship recipients may also apply for additional support to cover tuition fees, travel, and accommodation costs.

One of the greatest benefits of the Pannónia Scholarship Programme is that participating students do not fall behind in their studies or face extended graduation timelines because of spending a semester or undertaking an internship abroad.

How credit recognition works:

- Before departure, students, together with their home university's academic coordinator or department, choose subjects at the host institution that are equivalent to Hungarian courses.
- A Learning Agreement is typically completed, outlining which foreign courses will be recognized and count towards your degree requirements at your home university.
- After successfully completing the courses abroad, the credits are transferred and added to your Hungarian academic record. This means you stay on track with your degree, while also gaining invaluable international experience.

If you plan to apply for the Pannónia Scholarship Programme, make sure to consult your university's International Office early in the process, and work closely with academic advisors to set up your Learning Agreement. This ensures your studies proceed smoothly and you can make the most of your time abroad—both academically and personally!



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Advantages for Scholarship Holders:

- No delay in graduation: Your time abroad counts fully toward your degree, so you return on schedule.
- Broadened perspectives: Studying or working abroad allows you to experience different academic cultures, develop new skills, and build your professional and personal networks.
- Added value for your career: International experience is increasingly valued by employers; by going on exchange, you gain both academic and practical skills that enhance your employability.
- Conference participation: The programme also supports attending international conferences, meaning students can apply for funding to take part in events such as the Erasmus Generation Meeting (EGM)—as participants from ESN Óbuda and ESN MATE successfully did last year.

Interested students are encouraged to apply through their university's international office. Full details on destinations, eligibility, and application deadlines can be found on the official Pannónia Scholarship Programme website and via your university's study abroad pages. Don't miss this chance to broaden your horizons and gain invaluable international experience!

Lívía Csizy



FUTURE OF ERASMUS+



Since its creation in 1987, Erasmus+ has continuously evolved and positively impacted the lives of over 16 million participants. This programme that helped many students to learn new skills, discover new cultures, and grow personally and professionally through experiences abroad, enters a new chapter in 2028. The Erasmus+ runs in seven-year cycles, each shaped around the EU's priorities and long term goals, and preparations and negotiations have already started for the next 2028-2034 programme cycle. The European Union and student organisations like the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) are working to make the next Erasmus+ even more accessible, sustainable, and impactful. Here's what the future could look like for the Erasmus Generation.

A GREENER AND MORE DIGITAL ERASMUS

Sustainability and digitalisation are also high on the agenda. Students have called for easier access to greener travel options, such as better train connections, and for universities to actively support sustainable choices. At the same time, Erasmus+ is set to expand digital tools that simplify paperwork and make mobility more user-friendly. From online learning agreements to student cards, the vision is a smoother, more modern Erasmus journey.

INCLUSION AT THE CORE

Erasmus+ has always been about "unity in diversity," but there's a push to make this more than a slogan. The future programme aims to give all students, regardless of background, a fair chance to join mobility. This means extending extra support to students with fewer opportunities, improving pre-departure guidance, and ensuring mental health and well-being services are equally accessible for international students. Universities will be encouraged to actively recognise volunteer work and civic engagement, giving more value to contributions outside the official university frames, such as the ESN mentor programmes.

SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

Besides the amazing cultural exchange, Erasmus+ is also about preparing students for their careers. Future plans and recommendations include expanding traineeship opportunities, helping students reflect on the skills they gain abroad, and strengthening the link between mobility and employability. More structured post-mobility support, like CV workshops, interview training, and skills recognition workshops, will help students make the most of their international experience once they return home.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FUNDING

To ensure that the programme stays inclusive, sustainable, and able to reach more students, the Erasmus+ budget must grow. ESN is advocating for a significant increase in the budget, because all of these goals require proper investment. A stronger budget would mean more grants, more inclusion measures, and more opportunities for every student, not just a few.

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

For students and mentors, these changes promise a more supportive, flexible, and empowering Erasmus+ experience. Mentors, in particular, play a key role in guiding students through their exchange, helping them navigate challenges, and ensuring they feel at home in a new environment. By knowing what's coming, mentors can be confident that the future of Erasmus+ is designed with the priority to meet their needs.

The Erasmus Generation has always been about curiosity, openness, and solidarity. The 2028–2034 programme cycle promises to carry these values forward, removing barriers, creating opportunities, and ensuring that every student has the chance to embark on this transformative journey.

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INTERVIEW WITH THE OC OF THE SECTION TRAINING

WHAT'S THE BEST LESSON YOU'VE LEARNT FROM RUNNING THIS EVENT?

Things don't always go as planned, we always need a backup plan when we feel like something is going off the rail. Also stick to the preparation time schedule.

WOULD YOU DO IT ALL AGAIN?

Hell yes.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT IT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Having an international trainer, it brought a great vibe to the first one and we'd like to keep it as a tradition.

WHAT WAS SOMETHING UNEXPECTED THAT HAPPENED?

There was another university group who we were scared of first, but they ended up being very fun people who even invited us to their own party.

HOW DID YOU HANDLE IT?

It was clear communication and we went to the party:)

ANY FUNNY BACKSTAGE OC INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

We all decided that one of the OC members will name their child Kunigunda.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE EVENT IN ONE WORD OR SENTENCE?

Mysterious



ESN HUNGARY NEWS



THREE YEAR STRATEGY

After consultation with the Sections, ESN Hungary has carefully drafted and successfully introduced a Three Year Strategy. Why is it important?

To align our vision and plans with ESN International, and to set a path for 3 National Boards, so that we can grow continuously.

It helps us align all level of ESN

[You can check it out here!](#)

We are very proud and grateful for the network for this milestone!

OUR RECENT PARTNER

Pepe Housing

We're delighted to announce that Pepe Housing is now the official housing partner of ESN Hungary!

Pepe Housing is an international rental platform created for students, expats, and young professionals. With a team who have lived in various countries and experienced the challenges of securing accommodation abroad, Pepe Housing is committed to making the search for high-quality and equipped flats as smooth and stress-free as possible.

Their platform helps customers find safe, verified, and convenient accommodation in Poland, Hungary, and Spain. You can browse multiple listings and complete your booking entirely online—securely and without hassle. With trust and support at the heart of their values, Pepe Housing is the ideal choice for anyone starting a new chapter and looking for a place that feels like home.

As the housing partner of ESN Hungary, Pepe Housing is dedicated to offering tailored support ensuring that your housing needs are met swiftly, reliably, and securely.

 Special Offer

Enjoy a 10% discount on your booking fee with the code: **ESNHUNGARY**.

Find your ideal student flat and book entirely online [here](#).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION! SEE YOU NEXT TIME! :)

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