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The impact of evolving EU policy priorities on the design and implementation of the Erasmus+ programme

Institutional Welcome
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Since September 2022, **Vito Borrelli** leads the team in charge of the Erasmus+ programme, higher education, in DG Education and Culture at the European Commission. From 2017 to 2022, he has been Acting Director of the Representation in Italy of the European Commission and Head of the political sector. Previously, he has been – among others - responsible for the Jean Monnet actions, the Erasmus Mundus programme, and the coordination of the "EU-China High Level People-to-People Dialogue".

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The Erasmus programme was launched in 1987. For a couple of decades it basically supported the mobility of higher education students within the European Union. In the early years of the current millennium, the programme acquired an international dimension, allowing for academic cooperation and mobilities to take place also beyond the borders of the Union. In 2014, Erasmus acquired a "+". The Erasmus+ programme broadened its strictly higher education scope to accommodate schools, adult education, vocational training, youth and sport. With the first von der Leyen Commission (2019-2024), the programme absorbed some of the main EU policy priorities, from twin transition (green and digital), to inclusion, and democratic participation. In the first hundred days of the second von der Leyen Commission (started in December 2024), new flagship initiatives (Competitiveness Compass, Union of Skills) were launched that are going to deeply influence the design, objectives, and implementation of the Erasmus+ programme.