

Erasmus+ Digital Nominations

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1 How can EWP nominations support the work of International Relations Officers?

Nominations done outside of EWP are highly fragmented processes in which each institution has its own requirements and processes. EWP introduces a unified and streamlined approach, which allows to replace the need to login into multiple systems with electronic data exchange at the click of a button without ever leaving your own IT ecosystem.

2 What data elements does a nomination made via EWP include?

Digital nominations in EWP follow a common structure as defined in the Mandatory Business Requirements ([MBR](#)) available [here](#). This structure was developed through extensive consultations with higher education institutions to ensure alignment with actual IRO operational needs. It represents a core yet comprehensive set of data points that provides a standardised foundation which all institutions can rely on. This approach ensures consistency, clarity and efficiency in the digital nomination process.

Each nomination includes (see full details in the MBR):

- Student identification data (mandatory)
- Mobility-related data (mandatory)
- Optional data, where applicable

This structure ensures that institutions receive all essential information needed to verify students' identity at the nomination stage, while more detailed data is collected later, e.g., during the application process, directly from the student by the receiving institution.

Please note that the EWP Nomination is not intended to replace the specific registration or application procedures established by/at the receiving HEI. These procedures follow the institution's internal requirements and specifications. The receiving HEI will collect any necessary data for this process through its own systems and methods, in line with its digital infrastructure. Any data or documents required outside the scope of the EWP specifications cannot be expected to be provided by the sending HEI.

3 Can I include additional information beyond the standard nomination data points in EWP?

Yes, the specification does include an "Additional information" field (as a comment), however, this is intended for exceptional cases rather than standard practice.

Digital nominations via EWP are designed to streamline the nomination process. A minimal set of fields required for a digital nomination was defined based on extensive consultations with IROs to ensure efficiency and interoperability. Any additional info can be requested at the application stage.

4 How did the process unfold leading to the roll out of digital Erasmus+ nominations?

The work on digital nominations is progressing rapidly, and we are now in its final phase, which is the full roll-out via EWP. The roll-out plan provides an overview of the key milestones and aims to support all involved parties in communicating the process, demonstrating the progress, and guiding stakeholders through implementation and adoption.

The following key milestones highlight the main activities and timeline for the roll-out of digital nomination:

- 2023: Extensive community consultation with International Relations Officers (IROs) to review and refine the nomination process workflow
- 2024: Finalisation of Mandatory Business Requirements for Erasmus+ nominations, accompanied by technical consultations on enhancements to Nomination API V3
- May 2025: Stable release of Nomination API V3
- October 2025: Launch of the conformance testing for nominations in digital form via EWP using the DG DIGIT testbed infrastructure. Nominations are available in the reference infrastructure or the EWP Dashboard.
- **From 2026:** a large-scale roll-out for the entire community.

5 Can Higher Education Institutions already use Erasmus+ digital nominations via EWP?

Yes. Higher Education Institutions can already use Erasmus+ digital nominations via EWP, provided that their IT system has implemented the Nominations API in version 3.

A list of IT systems that have successfully passed conformance testing and are authorised to operate in the EWP Network production environment is available [here](#).

Please note that some IT systems might still support older version of the EWP Nomination API, as visible from the [EWP Stats Portal](#). These older API versions are being gradually phased out and, in principle, will not be compatible with the latest functionality. Therefore, an institution is considered ready only if its system supports Nominations API in version 3 and is operating in the production environment after passing conformance testing.

6 How can we find out if our partner institution can exchange digital nominations through EWP?

To verify whether your partner institution is able to exchange digital nominations via EWP, you can check their connection status in the [EWP Stats Portal](#).

In the EWP details tab, you can see whether the Nomination API (Omobility Get/Index/Update) is activated, and which version is in use. This allows you to quickly assess whether your partner's IT system supports digital nominations and whether it is aligned with the required version (version 3).

However, please note that being "connected" does not always mean that all departments or faculties within an institution are actively exchanging data. Communicating with partners and coordinating bilaterally will be important during the early stages of the rollout.

7 Do IROs need special training to start using digital nominations?

The digital nomination process has been designed to be straightforward and intuitive, enabling IROs to start using it with ease. To support the transition, the European Commission and the EWP Consortium will provide helpful materials such as FAQs and a Comprehensive User Guide for digital nominations. Any system-specific instructions or training should be offered directly by your system provider, ensuring guidance fits your local setup.

8 Where can we access support or documentation to assist with the transition to the digital process?

The Mandatory Business Requirements can be found [here](#) and Comprehensive User Guides for nominations in digital form will be published [at the ESCI Portal](#).

For system-specific guidance please contact your system administrator (in-house or third-party provider).

EWP Dashboard users are able to access guidance material via [Knowledge Base](#), with additional support provided through online training sessions held in November 2025.

9 What is the Conformance Testing process for the digital nominations via EWP?

Conformance testing is a quality assurance process that ensures each system can correctly and securely exchange digital nominations through EWP. Before moving into production, system providers test their solutions in a controlled environment – an automated DG DIGIT testbed – to confirm that they meet the technical requirements defined in the EWP technical specification. Conformance testing helps ensure smooth data exchange across all participating institutions.

For IROs, this means that once their system providers successfully complete conformance testing, their system will be ready to exchange digital nominations with partners through EWP.

10 What role does ESI play in Nominations?

The European Student Identifier ([ESI](#)) is a unique electronic identifier used to identify mobile students using EWP, ensuring consistency across different IT systems. This identifier is one of the fields exchanged as part of the nominations process via EWP.

11 Does the digital nomination process also include a unified Erasmus+ nomination deadline across partners?

Currently, there is no unified nomination deadline, and it remains determined by each institution.

Please note that the information on nomination deadlines is exchanged via the digital factsheets.

12 Is it mandatory for institutions to make use of both sending and receiving nominations?

The sending and receiving digital nominations belong to the same API family and are technically supported together within the system. Institutions are strongly encouraged to make use of both, as this ensures full interoperability, reduces administrative work, and provides a smooth, consistent digital experience for all partners. Using both sending and receiving functions helps institutions fully benefit from digitalisation and stay aligned with the direction of the Erasmus+ digital transition.

13 How should our institution manage the transitional phase when not all nominations are processed through EWP? Could this result in additional workload?

This transitional phase should not create additional workload for outgoing IRO teams. The current nominations landscape is fragmented, requiring institutions to track each partner's individual nomination process. Even in an early roll-out scenario where only a third of your partners have digital nomination capability (for example), that still represents a third of your nominations workload centralised within your own mobility system, no Excel templates, institutional logins, or Google Forms needed. Incoming teams may, however, have to manage a period of two nomination procedures, their own internal form and EWP. This situation will improve quickly as more institutions adopt the new functionality.

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Will this help our institution to be GDPR compliant?

The existing process requires institutions to share sensitive personal data, required for nominations, via non-encrypted emails or online forms. This can pose a threat to GDPR compliance. Sending nominations via EWP will significantly increase the safety of the data exchanged in several ways:

- Encrypted data transfer: Unlike emails or online forms, EWP uses secure, encrypted channels (API-based communication) to exchange student data between institutions. This avoids unauthorised access or interception.
- Authenticated institutions: Only verified higher education institutions connected to the EWP network can exchange data. This ensures the information is sent to legitimate, trusted partners.
- No manual data handling: With nomination data transmitted system-to-system, there is less human involvement (no emailing, or uploading sensitive data), reducing the risk of accidental data breaches from phishing etc.