



AFRICAN STUDENTS & ALUMNI FORUM
FORUM DES ÉTUDIANTS & DES ANCIENS BOURSIERS AFRICAINS

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

It's been a while since our last newsletter, but as always, things have been happening at ASAF over the last few months!

So it's high time for our first newsletter in 2021 to bring you up to date on the African Students and Alumni Forum and other interesting activities.

Enjoy the reading!

The ASAF Team

First ASAF Co-Ambassadors take up their mandate 2021

In the past months, ASAF worked intensely on defining and setting up a concept for ASAF Co-Ambassadors to represent the Forum on the ground all over Africa.



The first eleven members just took over this role in the following eleven African countries:

- Republic of Benin
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Mozambique
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Rwanda
- Zambia
- Tunisia
- Botswana

Our Co-Ambassadors are the point of contact for ASAF at a national level. They promote ASAF and support, organise, and motivate ASAF members in their country of assignment and the corresponding country group in the ASAF online community.

If you are an ASAF member, join the country group of your country of residence in the [ASAF online community](#) and stay tuned for our next call for Co-Ambassadors on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and our [website](#)!

Find more information, the link to the document regarding a Co-Ambassador's role and responsibilities as well as the profiles of our first Co-Ambassadors [here](#).

1st ASAF General Forum online on 10 April – Save the Date!

Finally, we proudly announce the **1st ASAF General Forum** which will be held virtually on 10 April 2021 from 10am to 3pm CAT!

Besides **representatives of the European Commission and African Union**, all interested ASAF members are warmly invited to register for the event (further information on the registration process will follow soon).

The Forum aims at introducing participants to ASAF itself as well as to its strategy, milestones, and the role of the ASAF online community. Moreover, an important topic of the agenda will be ASAF's mission and role regarding international learning experiences and the improvement of Higher Education in Africa.

Of course, the fun factor must not be left out, which is why a cultural programme and music will accompany the online event.

As places will be limited, interested ASAF members should **check our channels regularly for the official registration**.



EU ALUMNI – a new initiative by the European Commission

EU ALUMNI is a European Union (EU) funded project aiming at fostering interactions and engaging individual alumni from the EU's different international mobility and exchange programmes. The ultimate objective is to build bridges by fostering mutual understanding around EU principles and policies to facilitate current and future cooperation, while engaging meaningfully with individuals and existing networks. This initiative offers an added value for all partners by supporting and strengthening the cooperation of already existing EU alumni organisations.

Find out more on the [EU ALUMNI website here](#).



What's next

1st Call for Project Ideas 2021 by ESAA open until 30 March!

[The Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Alliance](#) (ESAA) launched its 1st Call for Project Ideas 2021 on 18 February 2021.



To be eligible to apply with an own **project idea that promotes**

- Higher Education Quality,
- Social Inclusion,
- Capacity Building or
- Erasmus+.

applicants must be member of one of ESAA's Partner Organisations [garagErasmus \(gE\)](#), [Erasmus Student Network \(ESN\)](#), [Erasmus Mundus Association \(EMA\)](#) or [OCEANS network](#).

ASAF members who did their mobility in a **European country** under ERASMUS+ can join (depending on the eligibility criteria):

1. **Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA)**. Please check [FAQs and eligibility criteria here](#).
2. **OCEANS network**. Please check [FAQs and eligibility criteria here](#).

Eligible applicants can submit their project idea until **30 March 2021, 10 AM CET**. The envisaged budget of the project should not exceed 20.000 Euros.

Please find all necessary information on the [Call for Project Ideas here](#).

Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) – General Assembly from 14 – 16 May 2021

The Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) will hold its next General Assembly from 14 to 16 May 2021.

As the detailed planning regarding the format, among other things, is still ongoing due to COVID-19, you can **keep up to date on the [EMA website](#)**.

Contact information:

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