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

It's time again for some updates from and for ASAF!

Things were and are busy again after the summer break and we are especially delighted to see that some events and meetings around the world are even taking place on the ground again. As you will see, ASAF is also planning to hold a first on-site meeting after a long time of online activities. So stay tuned on our ASAF channels, get involved and become an active ASAF member to hopefully join an exciting ASAF activity in the future!

Enjoy the updates,

The ASAF Team

## ASAF webinar series 2021

This year's ASAF webinar series kicked off in July 2021 and still is in full swing! Various webinars have been conducted successfully so far, among others topics such as **Conflict management and communication**, **Successful virtual collaboration**, **Social Media**, **Entrepreneurship** and **Collaborating online: using wikis and other collaborative tools** were covered.

The feedback surveys filled in by ASAF participants showed that 100% of the participants would take part in an ASAF webinar again as they were satisfied or very satisfied with the webinar they took part in, as well as with the trainers who moderated the sessions.

In general, members especially liked the interactive character of and the learning gain through the webinars.

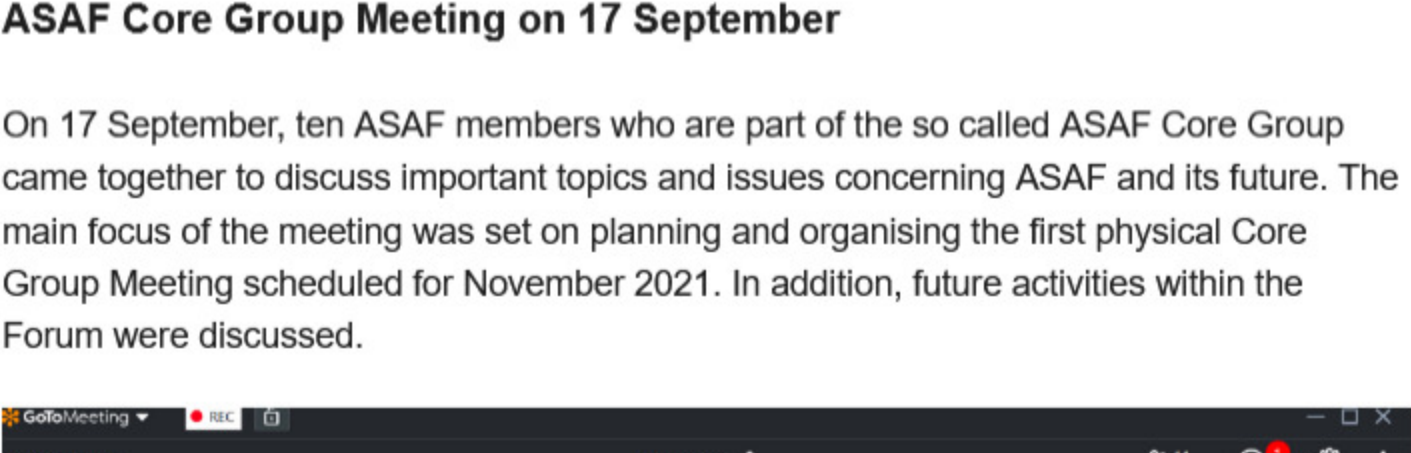
If you are an ASAF member and interested in participating in one of the upcoming webinars in October and November 2021, check the announcements below and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!

**Please note:** As places for each webinar are limited, applicants will be selected thoroughly. Being one of the lucky selected participants is a great opportunity on the one hand – on the other hand – means that other ASAF colleagues were not accepted as participants. Please take the confirmation of your registration seriously and take part in the webinar you have been selected for. You will also receive an official certificate of participation.

## ASAF Website now available in Arabic and Portuguese

We are more than happy to announce that the ASAF website is now also available in Arabic and Portuguese, which is another big step towards a bigger outreach for the ASAF network. Check out all language versions here: [www.asaf.africa](http://www.asaf.africa)

With these new versions you can provide interested people in ASAF and academic mobilities with information in their languages.



## ASAF Core Group Meeting on 17 September

On 17 September, ten ASAF members who are part of the so called ASAF Core Group came together to discuss important topics and issues concerning ASAF and its future. The main focus of the meeting was set on planning and organising the first physical Core Group Meeting scheduled for November 2021. In addition, future activities within the Forum were discussed.



## Erasmus Plus and the African continent

In June 2021, the *Erasmus+ France - Education & Training Agency* published the review *Erasmus Plus and the African continent*, which shows the diversity of Erasmus+ activities that can be carried out between French and African actors.



The Erasmus+ programme does not stop at the borders of the European Union, but supports mobility and partnership projects in 33 programme countries around the world. In general, the programme seeks to enhance the attractiveness of the European Education Area, contribute to the sustainable development of partner countries and support the European Union's development aid action.

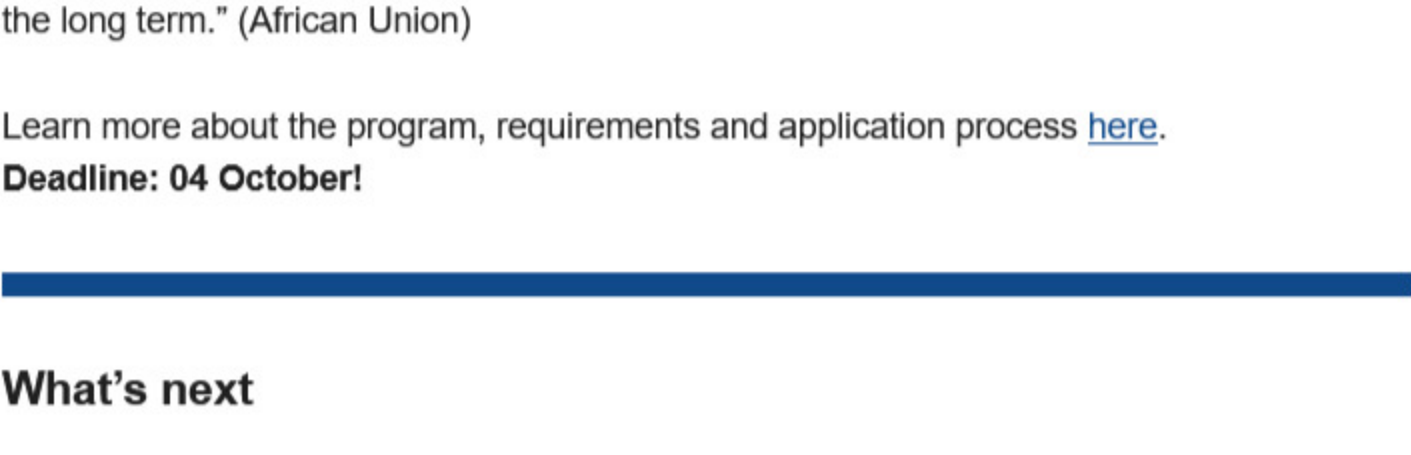
Among other things, the review demonstrates the importance and presence of ASAF and its members in terms of international mobility programmes, the development of the higher education system in Africa and cooperation between Europe and Africa by mentioning the Forum, some of its members and their experience with ASAF and Erasmus+ in several pages.

[Read more here.](#)

## EU launches Youth Sounding Board in Nigeria

The Delegation of the European Union to Nigeria recently inaugurated a **Youth Sounding Board in Nigeria**. The Board is composed of 25 young Nigerians, who will help in shaping and implementing EU programmes and strategies in the country.

[Find the full article here.](#)



## Call for Application : AU Digital and Innovation Fellowship – Deadline 04 October

"The fellowship program is a robust fellowship program that identifies and deploys highly competent tech innovators within the African continent to organs within the African Union Headquarters and organs as 'resident fellows' to understand the system within those organs; identify challenges within the system and propose solutions to these challenges. The fellows will be expected to co-create and build innovative tailor-made products and processes that improve the delivery of the African Union's mandate especially in the context of good governance and citizens engagement. Additionally, the program will seek to facilitate conditions for building the internal capacity of the host African Union organs in the long term." (African Union)

Learn more about the program, requirements and application process [here](#).

**Deadline: 04 October!**

## What's next

### #ErasmusDays 2021 – ASAF participation

The #ErasmusDays is an annual three-day celebration of the Erasmus programme in Europe and beyond. This year, the 5th edition of the #ErasmusDays will take place on 14, 15 and 16 October, while the focus will be set on the objectives of the new Erasmus+ 2021-2027 programme. Whether you are an Erasmus+ beneficiary, a European actor or an alumni of the programme, all Erasmus+ programme players (educational and training institutions, companies, research centres, employment agencies, organisations and NGOs, etc.) are free to organise any kind of event.



ASAF is planning to hold an event under the topic **"How can Erasmus+ mobility contribute to the development of skills in Africa"**. The ASAF Core Group and Co-Ambassadors – who are mainly working together on the organisation of this event – opted for the *World Café* method to implement the event online.

Participants will have the choice to join one of out of three "tables" where different questions will be discussed in groups. At the end of the event, the results of each table will be presented and therefore shared with the others.

We hope to welcome you in our ASAF session and use the opportunity of the #ErasmusDays to learn what is in for you in Erasmus+.

For more information on the #ErasmusDays, [follow this link](#).

Concrete information on ASAF's event will follow soon on our channels!

## Upcoming ASAF webinars - October 2021

### Présentation des modules de la communauté en ligne

Language : French  
Date : 13 October 2021  
Time : 16 :30 – 18h CEST /CAT  
Interested ASAF members can [register here](#).

### Entrepreneurship

Language: English  
Date: 30 October 2021  
Detailed information and the link for registration will be published soon in the ASAF online community and on our social media channels!



## ASAF Core Group Meeting - November 2021

The upcoming ASAF Core Group Meeting is currently planned on-site and expected to take place from 05 -07 November 2021 in Bonn, Germany. Various topics concerning ASAF's future will be discussed, but also a review of the last 2 years regarding the development of the Forum will be presented. Besides the 15 Core Group members, representatives from the European Commission and the Service Provider are invited to join this event.

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