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PRESS RELEASE

The Agricultural University of Athens is organising a one-day event as part of Erasmus Days, titled "Learning and Growing: Skills for Tomorrow".

The **Department of International Relations and Mobility** of the **Agricultural University of Athens**, together with **volunteers from ESN AUA Athens**, successfully organized the event entitled **"Learning and Growing: Skills for Tomorrow"** on **Tuesday, 13 October 2026**. Held as part of **Erasmus Days 2026**, the event brought together more than 30 interested students and members of the university community in the Multipurpose Hall of the Central Administration Building.

The ESN AUA Athens section and its volunteers welcomed those present with a brief introduction, explaining the purpose of the Erasmus Days as well as this year's theme, dedicated to the values of the European Union, with the slogan "We learn and grow: skills for tomorrow".

The Department of International Relations and Mobility then presented the Erasmus+ mobility opportunities and programmes offered by the University, as well as the procedures for taking part in them.

Next, the Association and the volunteers from ESN AUA Athens took the floor to provide information on the ESN local section's activities and programmes, as well as the prospects and opportunities for volunteering and skills development available to students.

Next, the floor was given to the President of ESN Greece, Despoina Vlachoura, and the Education Officer of ESN Greece, Antigoni Kapellaki, who shared, from a more personal perspective, their experiences of mobility through the Erasmus+ programme, the skills they acquired through their participation in the programme, and their journey to becoming active volunteers working to improve the Erasmus+ programme in Greece.

This was followed by an open Q&A session with the Department of International Relations and Mobility and representatives of ESN Greece. The event concluded with discussion forums, where the speakers engaged with participants in a more relaxed and informal setting.

The Erasmus Days 2026 event, organized by the Department of International Relations and Mobility and the ESN AUA Athens student association, highlighted Erasmus+'s long-standing contribution to student mobility and the University's European orientation. It also promoted the

opportunities the programme offers to students of the Agricultural University of Athens and fostered interaction with young volunteers, emphasizing its connection to the values of the European Union.

**What are #ErasmusDays?*

Erasmus Days is an international six-day celebration of the Erasmus+ mobility programme. During these days, people from all over the world are invited to come together and organise or take part in events that celebrate the projects and opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ programme. These events can take various forms, such as information days, seminars on the exchange of best practice, conferences promoting intercultural opportunities, multilingual sessions to improve conversational skills, photography exhibitions depicting mobility experiences, etc.

For the year 2026, the events took place between 12 and 17 October, and everyone involved in the Erasmus+ programme was invited to organise an event (digital and/or in-person) focusing on the values of the European Union. This year's slogan was: "#ErasmusDays 2026: 'Learning and growing: skills for tomorrow'", as part of the European Commission's "Union of Skills" initiative. At a time when Europe is undergoing profound changes through the green and digital transitions, skills are, more than ever, the driving force behind innovation, resilience and competitiveness. On the initiative of the European Commission, the Skills Alliance aims to enhance the quality of education, training and lifelong learning by investing in what matters most: people.

At the heart of this dynamic, the Erasmus+ programme broadens horizons, enabling everyone to develop their potential in an international environment. The 10th edition of Erasmus Days will be an opportunity to celebrate the impact of Erasmus+ and to demonstrate how it contributes to the development of the knowledge and talents of tomorrow.

**What is the Erasmus Student Network?*

ESN AUA Athens is the voluntary association of the Agricultural University of Athens, which forms part of the wider ESN AISBL – Erasmus Student Network. It has been part of the network since 2010 and operates with the full support and cooperation of the Department of International Relations and Mobility at the Agricultural University of Athens.

The ESN network consists of student-run, voluntary, non-profit and non-political associations, whose mission is to represent international students, thereby providing opportunities for cultural understanding and personal development in line with the principle of 'Students Helping Students'.

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