



European Student Card in Slovakia

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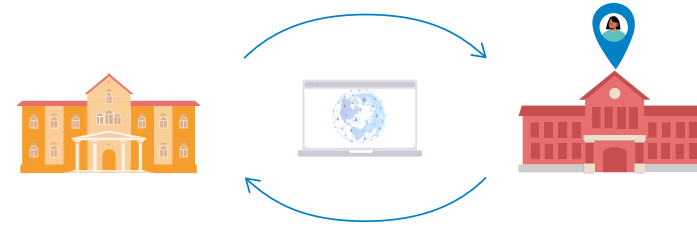
ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

The European Student Card Initiative (ESCI)

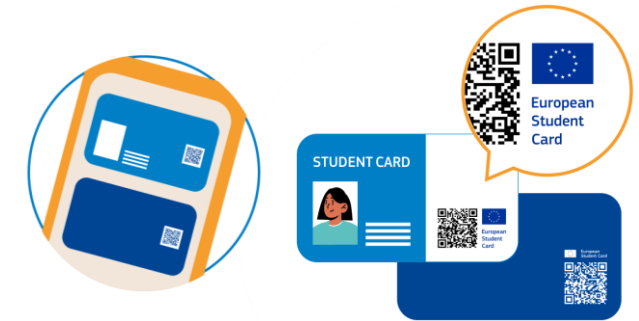
The European Student Card Initiative (ESCI) is composed of **three building blocks**: *Erasmus+ App*, *Erasmus Without Paper (EWP)*, and the *European Student Card (ESC)*.



- Plan and carry out student mobility;
- Find information about services, events and accommodation in the host higher education institution;
- Find tips, stories and student offers across Europe.



- Fill learning agreements digitally;
- Easily update learning agreements without in-person visits;
- Enjoy a streamlined, transparent and efficient mobility process.



- Verify student status quickly and in a secure manner anywhere in Europe;
- Avoid requesting a new student card when in mobility;
- Access physical and digital services during student mobility (i.e. transport, bookshops, accommodation, etc) in home and host country.



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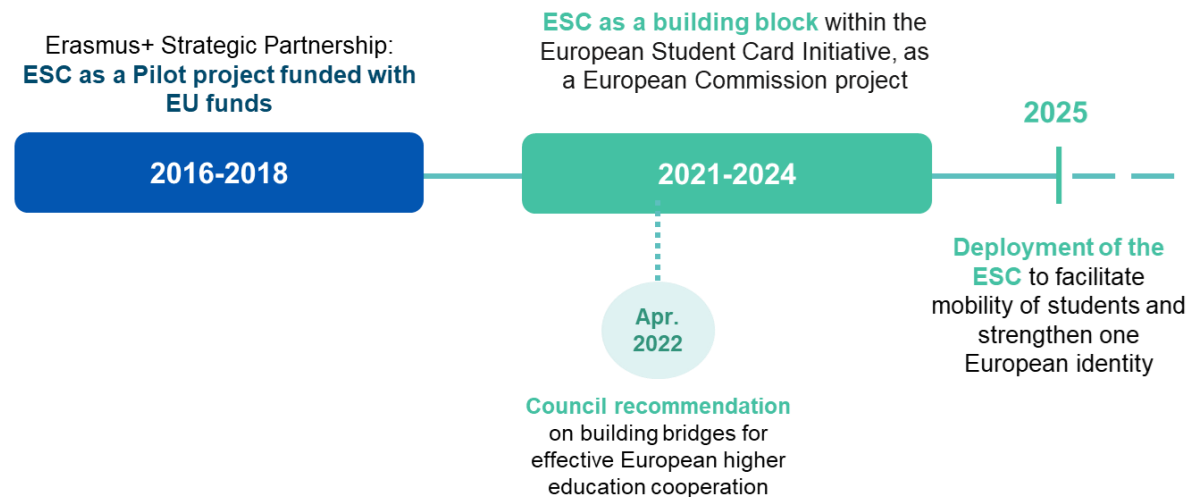
ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

A look into the ESC

The European Student Card started as an EU-funded project in 2016 to promote student mobility and participation in educational and cultural activities, as well as to reduce administrative and mobility costs for students and education institutions. The aim is that, by 2025, all European students benefit from an ESC either in their pocket or digitally on their phone.

Council Recommendation 5th April 2022 *on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation*

- **Identifies the European Student Card Initiative (ESCI) as a key action** to achieve this ambition by simplifying administration for institutions;
- **Calls on the Commission and Member States to work together** to widen the ESCI;
- Supports **new emerging mobility cooperation models**;
- Encourages higher education institutions to **make full use of digital tools for mobility**.



ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

Benefits of the ESC

The European Student Card introduces a **common European identity for higher education students** so that their student status can be easily verified across Europe when in mobility abroad.



Students

- **Simplify access to on- and off-campus services** during mobility with their existing student card.
- Added **European dimension** to their student status.



Card issuers / higher education institutions

- **Securely validate the student status** of incoming mobility students.
- **Avoid the need to issue a new student card** for mobile students.



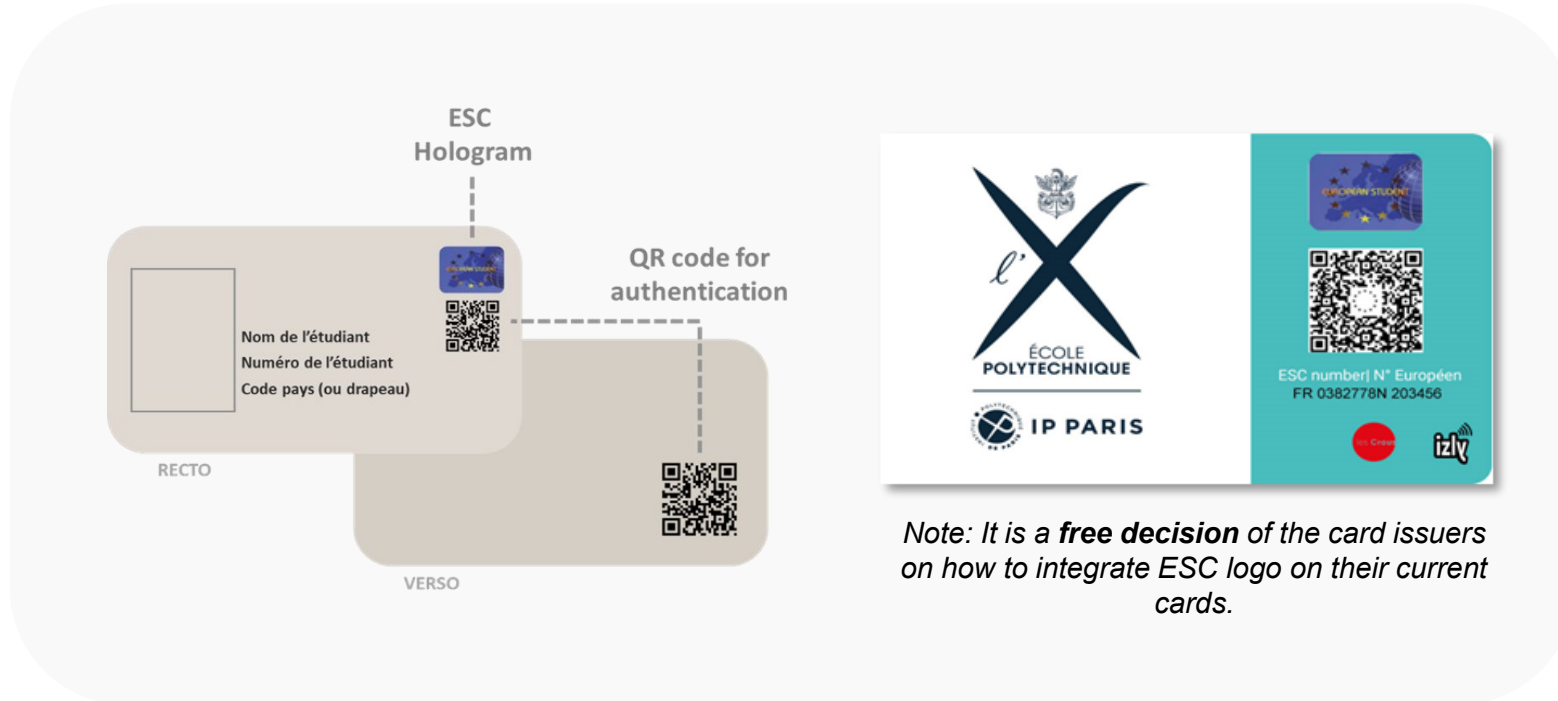
Student service providers

- **Streamline the verification of student status.**
- Gain access to a **wider network of users**

ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

European Student Card features

The **European Student Card is not a new card** but represents an upgrade to existing student cards. Depending on the institution issuing the card, the ESC can be in a **digital** or a **physical format** and can be integrated into student cards **with any type of technology** (e.g., chip technology, magnetic stripe, etc). The ESC can be issued **directly** by the higher education institution or **co-branded**. The main elements that characterise a ESC are the following :



*Note: It is a **free decision** of the card issuers on how to integrate ESC logo on their current cards.*

European Student Card logo

Combines the European identity (text & flag) with the QR code. It facilitates the implementation and recognition of the ESCs

ESCN - European Student Card Number

Unique card identifier that serves to link a specific card to the specific higher education institution who produced it and to identify a card

ESI - European Student Identifier

Unique identifier that allows to link a given student to a specific ESC. It is not recommended to be printed on the card.



This ESC hologram will be **valid until December 2027**, as a **new ESC Logo will be launched soon**. As of 1 January 2028, all ESCs must feature the new ESC Logo to be valid.

ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

ESC adoption



3.22M

Students who have been issued an active ESC*

293

Organisations issuing active ESCs



893

Organisations registered in the ESC-Router



6.19M

Total of holograms requested (from 2018 until 2024)



18 countries where ESCs are issued

Where ESCs are issued:

15 EU MS and third countries associated to the E+ Programme issuing ESCs

3 Third countries not associated to the E+ Programme issuing ESCs

Other countries connected to the ESC-R:

16 EU MS and third countries associated to the E+ Programme not issuing ESC, but connected to the ESC-R

Data from the new ESC-Router (November 2024)

***Active card**: it means that the registration process has been completed and the institution has issued an ESC with both the hologram and QR code updated to the ESC-Router.



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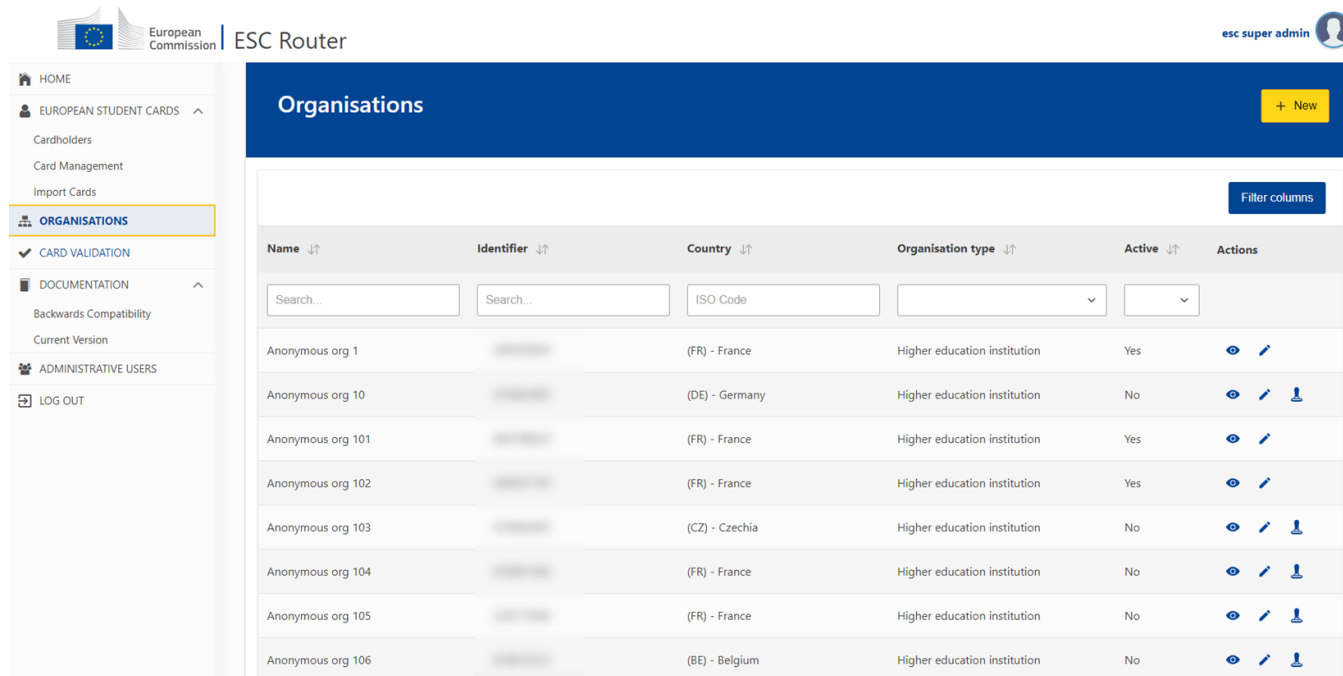
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HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

What is the ESC Router?

The European Student Card Router has been launched on the European Commission's cloud on **October 23rd**.



The screenshot shows the 'Organisations' page in the ESC Router interface. The page has a sidebar with navigation options: HOME, EUROPEAN STUDENT CARDS (with sub-items: Cardholders, Card Management, Import Cards), ORGANISATIONS (highlighted), CARD VALIDATION, DOCUMENTATION (with sub-items: Backwards Compatibility, Current Version), ADMINISTRATIVE USERS, and LOG OUT. The main content area is titled 'Organisations' and includes a '+ New' button. Below the title is a table with columns: Name, Identifier, Country, Organisation type, Active, and Actions. The table contains 10 rows of data for 'Anonymous org' entries, with varying countries (France, Germany, Czechia, Belgium) and active statuses (Yes/No). Each row has icons for view, edit, and delete actions.

Name	Identifier	Country	Organisation type	Active	Actions
Anonymous org 1		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	View Edit
Anonymous org 10		(DE) - Germany	Higher education institution	No	View Edit Add
Anonymous org 101		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	View Edit
Anonymous org 102		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	View Edit
Anonymous org 103		(CZ) - Czechia	Higher education institution	No	View Edit Add
Anonymous org 104		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	No	View Edit Add
Anonymous org 105		(FR) - France	Higher education institution	No	View Edit Add
Anonymous org 106		(BE) - Belgium	Higher education institution	No	View Edit Add

The ESC-Router

The ESC-Router is a **platform** that allows higher education institutions and other card issuers to **manage and issue ESCs**, as well as **verify student status**.

Higher education institutions can **issue cards through the ESC-R directly themselves, or through third-party providers**.

Benefits of the ESC-R



Secure infrastructure and environment



Scalable data model based on EU standards



User Interface following EU design guidelines



Issue ESCs directly from the ESC-R

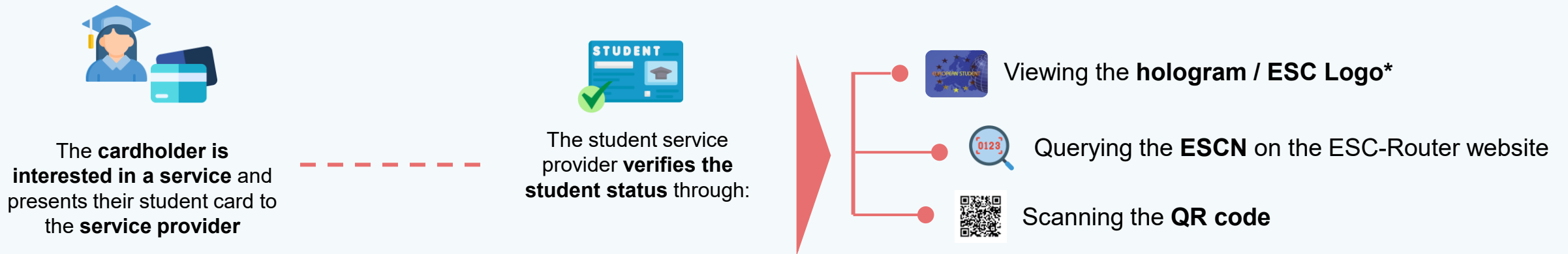


Access an updated API

HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

Student status verification

This process includes the **demand of services** from the student to the student service provider and the **verification of student status**. Three main ways currently exist to verify student status through the ESC: the ESC hologram, the QR code, or manually through the website.

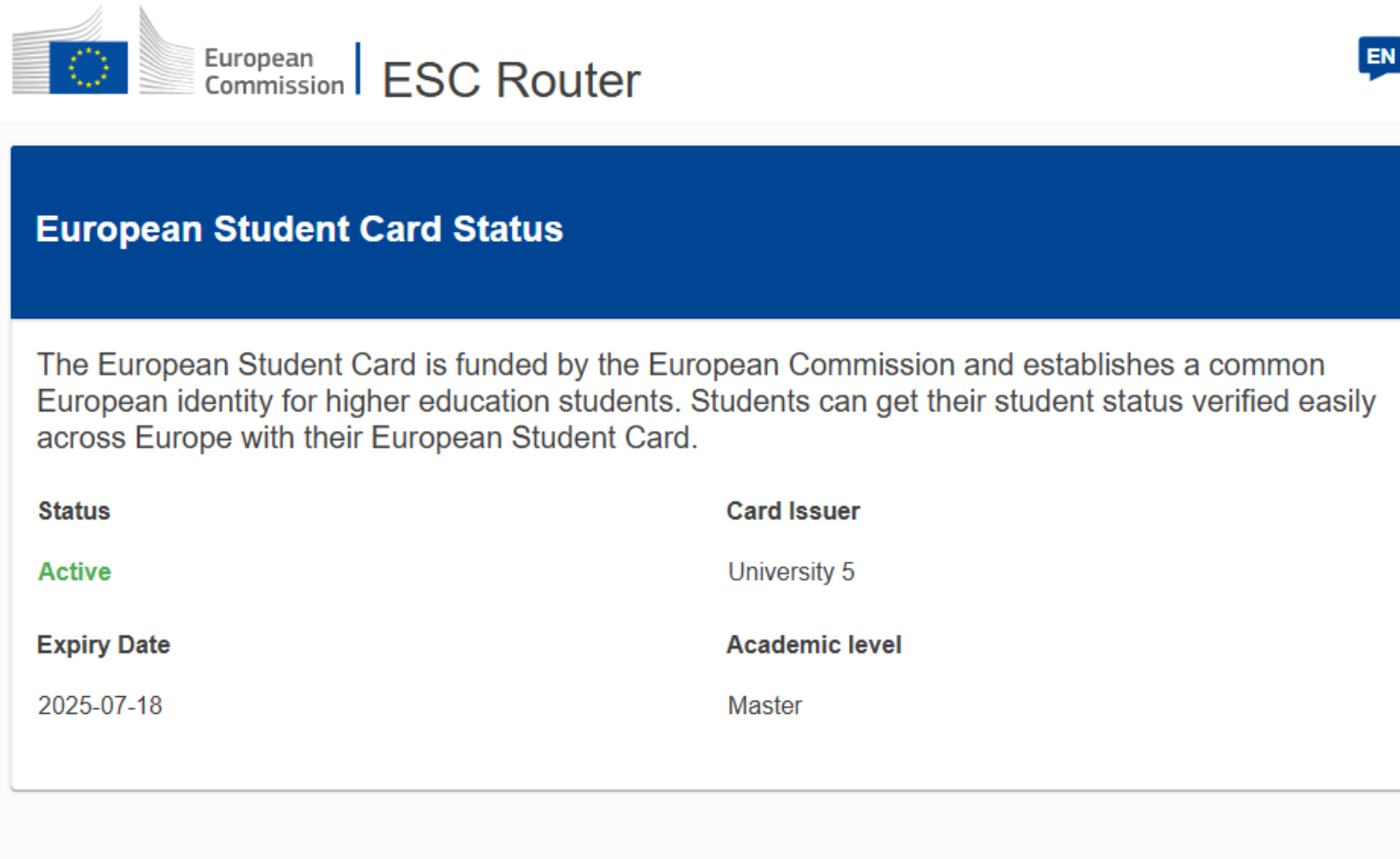


** Student status can be validated by viewing the logo or the hologram, depending on the ESC issued. However, QR code scanning is recommended as it represents a more reliable validation method.*

HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

Student status verification

This is what a **service provider** sees when scanning the QR code of a ESC in order to validate the status of a student.



The screenshot displays the ESC Router interface. At the top left, there is the European Commission logo and the text "European Commission | ESC Router". At the top right, there is a language selector button labeled "EN". The main content area has a blue header with the text "European Student Card Status". Below the header, there is a paragraph of text: "The European Student Card is funded by the European Commission and establishes a common European identity for higher education students. Students can get their student status verified easily across Europe with their European Student Card." Below the text, there is a table with two columns: "Status" and "Card Issuer". The "Status" column contains the value "Active" in green text. The "Card Issuer" column contains the value "University 5". Below the table, there are two more rows of data: "Expiry Date" with the value "2025-07-18" and "Academic level" with the value "Master".

Status	Card Issuer
Active	University 5
Expiry Date	Academic level
2025-07-18	Master



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USING THE ESC ROUTER

Categories of users in the ESC-R



Higher education institutions or **public authorities issuing student cards** at local, regional or national level in any **EU/EEA Member State** or **European microstate**



ECHE holders in third countries* (other than **EEA**) associated to the Erasmus+ Programme and ECHE holders in the **Western Balkans** (Region 1)**

* *North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye*

** *Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Montenegro*



Third-party processors issuing student cards on behalf of higher education institutions or public authorities registered to the ESC-Router.

USING THE ESC-ROUTER

Connecting to the ESC-R

Higher education institutions or Public Authorities issuing cards in EU/EEA MS



1
Log in to the ESC-R



2
Agree to the **T&Cs, Privacy Statement** and **JCA**



3
Regenerate **API Tokens**



4
Issue cards

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Connecting to the ESC-R

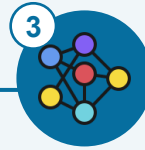
Higher education institutions or Public Authorities issuing cards with a Third-Party Processor



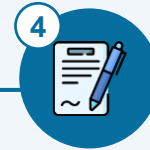
Log in to the ESC-R



Agree to the T&Cs, PS and JCA



Add the Third-Party Processor



Accept the updated JCA with processor details



Issue cards through the Third-Party Processor

USING THE ESC-ROUTER

Acceptance of legal documents to use the ESC-R

Upon first login, users will access the ESC-Router, where an **authorised person from the organisation** will need to review and accept legal documents on behalf of their organisation to ensure they can continue to use the platform. To be able to use the ESC-R, users will need to:



**Higher education institution /
Public Authority**

Authorised person

- ✓ Agree to the **Terms & Conditions**
- ✓ Agree to the **Privacy Statement**
- ✓ Agree to the **Joint Controllership Arrangement***



Third-Party Processor**

*Higher education institutions or Public
Authorities can register their processor(s)
OR
Processors can register themselves*

- ✓ Agree to the **Terms & Conditions**
- ✓ Agree to the **Privacy Statement**

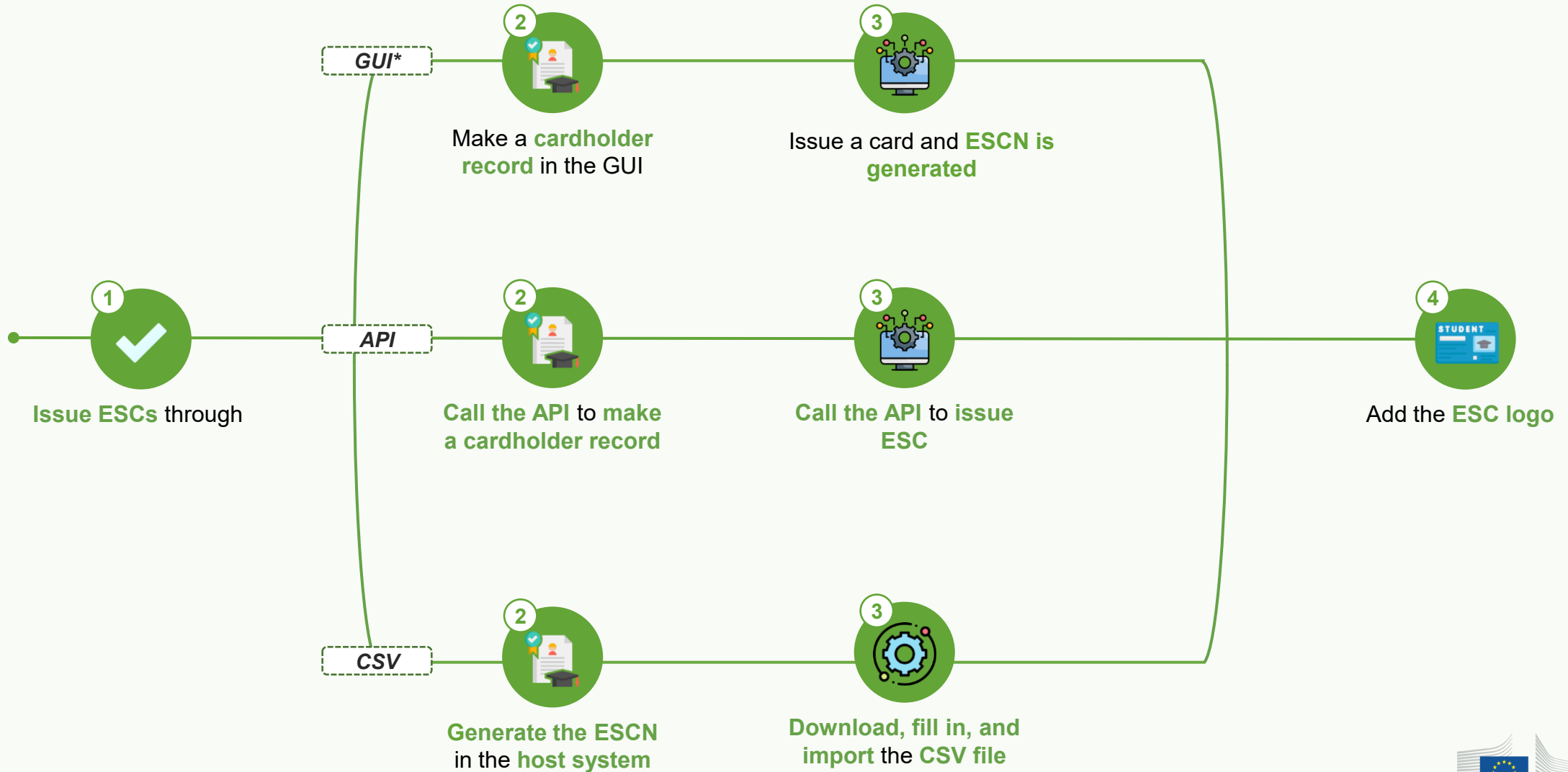


Third-party processors in the ESC-R must be linked to a higher education institution or Public Authority to be able to issue or manage ESCs

* Updated automatically with the higher education institution's data, and Third-Party Processors linked in dynamic fields when being added to user. In case they add a third-party processor, higher education institutions / public authorities need to re-accept the Joint Controllership Arrangement.

USING THE ESC-ROUTER

Issuing European Student Cards





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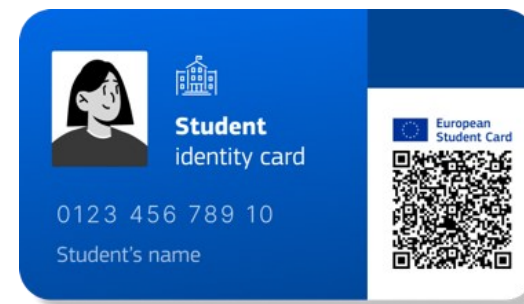
What is the new ESC logo?

The new ESC logo **facilitates the implementation and recognition of European Student Cards**. The [graphic charter](#) provides guidelines on how to implement the ESC logo in an existing student card.

Benefits of the new ESC logo

- Implement the new ESC logo **easily with no external costs**;
- Provides a **flexible and secure solution** for student status **verification**;
- Reinforces the idea of a **collective identity for European students** with the EU flag;
- The combination of the QR code and logo **takes up less space**, and the horizontal and vertical layout options ensure **increased compatibility with student cards**; and,
- **Adaptable** to both **digital and physical** cards.

*The QR code on an ESC embeds the European Student Card Number and a URL leading to the validation page.



Physical version



Digital version

i The launch of the new ESC logo is followed by a coexistence phase until the end of December 2027, where both the previous version of the ESC logo (with the hologram) and the new ESC logo can be issued. **As of January 2028, new cards issued must have the new ESC logo.**

OTHER UPDATES

Third launch of the ESC Survey

ESC Online Survey 2024

The **third edition** of the **ESC Online Survey** aims to understand:

- The **state-of-play** of the ESC implementation and the **needs** of card issuers and students regarding ESC adoption;
- Understand the **level of awareness and experience** with the ESC among key stakeholders;
- Identify **potential obstacles** encountered while using or implementing the ESC.

Four **main audiences** are targeted in the online survey:



STUDENTS



IT STAFF



IROs



OTHERS

ESC SURVEY RESULTS 2023



4.323
responses received



33
Erasmus+ countries covered



The **ESC online Survey 2024** will be open **until November 29th!**



Scan the QR Code to access to the ESC Survey



Your support in disseminating the ESC Survey 2024 within your network is greatly appreciated!

OTHER UPDATES

ESC Trainings & Resources



An additional **in-depth training session** about the European Student Card will be organised on **December 12th (14 to 16h30)**. Participants can register at this [link](#).

ESCI News Articles

The **latest news, events, and updates** on the European Student Card, Erasmus+ App and Erasmus Without Paper

Published on 18 September 2024
Erasmus Without Paper Days: Driving the future of digitalisation in higher education
Work continued again over the summer period to outline the next steps in digitalising higher education.
News details

Published on 11 September 2024
Join the European Student Card Initiative at the 2024 EAS conference in Toulouse
From September 17-20, the European Student Card Initiative team will be in Toulouse for the 34th Annual Conference of the European Association for International Education (EAIE).
News details

Published on 28 August 2024
Advancing digitalisation: highlights from the first European Student Card Technical Development Forum
The first-ever highlighted "how-to" affairs from European Universities Alliance, as been to promote the relevance and usage of digital European student cards, which could foster overall digitalisation in higher education institutions.
News details

ESCI Newsletter

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For more information about the European Student Card Initiative, please visit the [European Student Card Initiative Portal](#).

Main Information

E-mail *

First name *

Last name *

Country of residence *

Organization type *

FAQs

FAQs are also available under the ESCI Website

- + If one partner institution is not able to exchange digital inter-institutional agreements or digital learning agreements through the EWP Network & yet, do we need to postpone the planned mobility cooperation?
- + Is there a deadline for my institution to ensure all our existing inter-institutional agreements outside EWP are transferred to the network?
- + My institution does not use any software for managing student mobility. Can we still join?
- + My institution has concluded many inter-institutional agreements outside the EWP Network, are these agreement considered valid?
- + How much does it cost to use the EWP Dashboard?
- + What is the European Student Identifier (ESI) and how can my institution obtain it?

Helpdesk

If you don't find the answer to your question, contact the ESC support team through our:

ESCI Helpdesk

esc.support@nttdata.com





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