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Forging pathways for virtual exchange and online international learning

Additional reading and resources

Guest speaker [Robert O'Dowd](#) has pulled together a list of useful resources and readings to get you started on virtual exchange in higher education.

If you have additional questions or otherwise wish to connect Robert, feel free to reach out via [email](#) or social media [@robodowd](#).

Virtual Exchange Initiatives

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange

[Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange](#) is a ground-breaking project enabling youth in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean to engage in meaningful intercultural experiences online, as part of their formal or non-formal education.

X-Culture

[X-Culture](#) is a large-scale international experiential learning project that involves over 3,500 MBA and business students from 100 universities from 40 countries on six continents every semester. The students are placed in global virtual teams of about seven, each student coming from a different country.

Conversifi

[Conversifi](#) connects foreign language learners with native speakers for on-demand language practice and cross-cultural exchange over video chat.

Soliya

The Connect Program—[Soliya's](#) flagship virtual exchange initiative—is an online cross-cultural education program integrated into curriculum that provides young adults with a unique opportunity to: ... Develop 21st Century skills such as critical thinking, cross-cultural communication, and media literacy.

Sharing Perspectives

The [Sharing Perspectives Foundation](#) has developed a Virtual Exchange pedagogy for students at higher education institutions and other youth that promotes discussion and study of current socio-political issues that go beyond national and/or cultural boundaries.

TELETANDEM

The online language learning [tandem project](#) by UNESP - Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil.

Cultura

[Cultura](#) is an intercultural project that connects groups of students online to help them understand each other's culture. A Cultura exchange is typically based in a language class and involves two partner teachers and two groups of students from two different cultures.

Platforms, Projects and Organisations

UNICollaboration

The cross-disciplinary professional [organisation](#) for telecollaboration and virtual exchange in Higher Education. The organisation offers training, consultancy as well as a conference and journal.

EVOLVE

[EVOLVE](#) (Evidence-Validated Online Learning through Virtual Exchange) is an Erasmus+ KA3 project which aims to mainstream Virtual Exchange (VE) as an innovative form of collaborative international learning across disciplines in Higher Education (HE) institutions in Europe and beyond.

The Stevens Initiative

The [Stevens Initiative](#) is an international effort to build global competence for young people in the United States and the Middle East and North Africa by growing and enhancing the field of virtual exchange: online, international, and collaborative learning.

SUNY COIL Center

The [SUNY Center for Collaborative Online International Learning](#) (COIL) is one of the leading international organizations focused on the emerging field of Globally Networked Learning (GNL).

Research and Reading

NAFSA article: Virtual Exchange 101

A short introductory [article](#) to steps to keep in mind when introducing Virtual Exchange.

Journal of Virtual Exchange

The open-access academic [journal](#) of the UNICollaboration organisation.

From telecollaboration to virtual exchange: state-of-the-art and the role of UNICollaboration in moving forward

An [article](#) by Robert O'Dowd on the origins of Virtual Exchange and its different models

Report on Evaluating and Upscaling Telecollaborative Teacher Education (EVALUATE) - a European Policy Experimentation.

This is the full [report](#) of the EVALUATE project which examined the impact of Virtual Exchange on students of Initial Teacher Education.

Online Bibliography of Virtual Exchange research by UNICollaboration

An online collaborative [bibliography](#) of research publications on Virtual Exchange.

Virtual Exchange Typology by Stevens Initiative

This [typology and glossary](#) of terms is shared in an effort to improve mutual understanding among virtual exchange practitioners and enable further development of the field.

Online Training Courses

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange: Basic Training course

The next online [training course](#) begins in September.

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange: Advanced Training course

The next advanced online [training course](#) begins in November.

Short videos

- [What is Virtual Exchange?](#)
- [What is X-Culture?](#)
- [Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange: What did you learn from Virtual Exchange?](#)
- [EVOLVE and Dr. Shannon Sauro: Critical Incidents in Virtual Exchange](#)
- [What was the EVALUATE project?](#)