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ERASMUS MINUS CIRCUS CONTINUES UNCHALLENGED

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It seems as the DGEAC and the Commission has totally lost control with the Erasmus minus program and the management of the program.

National Agencies are continuously and increasingly demonstrating neo-nationalistic and very un-European practices in the management of Erasmus minus applications.

The evaluation of the applications is increasingly done beforehand by the National Agencies, leaving little space for what was once called the evaluation by “independent experts”, or through post-evaluation interventions.

In some countries the very meaning of “independent evaluation” is now an illusion, even a joke.

From across Europe we hear strange stories such as:

“My NA only likes small projects with very little funding”

“My NA really likes multiplier events, so remember to...”

“My NA does not like Intellectual Outputs”

“Really? - My NA likes Intellectual Outputs, but they don’t like subcontracting”

“If we make a small mistake in the Portal, my NA gives us 10 days to correct the mistake”.

“What? My NA only gives us 3 days...”

“In my country we have to submit in our national language, even though the partners cannot read the application”

Etc, etc

Believe me; the list is very long..!

Many professionals have filled complaints to the DGEAC about all this, and for quite a long time now. DGEAC is responsible for the strange behaviour of the NA’s - on behalf of the Commission.

But nothing happens. The DGEAC does not even respond to serious letters and posts. Not even from professionals working as evaluation experts for the Commission.

We do not see the DGEAC stepping forward and explaining. They seem to not react at all; at least not in way visible to the thousands of “Erasmus minus workers” from across Europe.

The national management of the Erasmus minus program in most countries is a disgrace and disrespect to Europeans, enjoying one of the few European programs getting close to real people.

Many NA’s are systematically reducing the Erasmus minus actions to small projects like the old learning partnerships...

We would very much like to see some reactions from the responsible European authorities; from the DGEAC, from the Commission.

Tired of all these complaints, are you?

Well, get used to it!

As long as we do not see any proper reaction from the responsible institutions, we will continue our open critique of the continuous and increasing Erasmus minus circus.