The Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (EYE) programme has reached 10 000 entrepreneurial exchanges. This number marks a milestone, proving the enormous success of the programme.

Since 2009 EYE has helped experienced and aspiring entrepreneurs from all over Europe to exchange knowledge and expertise, and to expand their business and their professional network.

The programme has grown steadily since its launch, progressively increasing its budget and the number of countries involved, and in turn leading to more applications, relationships built, and new companies created. Thanks to extra financial support from the European Parliament, since 2018 the programme has been testing new destinations beyond Europe allowing new entrepreneurs to work with host entrepreneurs from parts of the US and Canada, Israel, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan.

The Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs helps provide aspiring entrepreneurs with the necessary skills to start and/or successfully run a small business in Europe. New entrepreneurs gather and exchange knowledge and business ideas with an experienced entrepreneur from another country, with whom they stay and collaborate for a period of 1 to 6 months. The initiative, funded by the European Commission, operates across the participating countries with the help of local contact points, competent in business support (e.g. chambers of commerce, start-up centres, incubators etc.).

We are pleased to present you the 10 000th match of the programme. Sebastiano Giuliani, 26-year-old new entrepreneur from Italy, is planning to open an e-commerce, primarily selling beverages. He decided to travel to the Netherlands and collaborate with Daniel Pisano, a successful Dutch business owner and an experienced entrepreneur, partner and board member of Vurdere, international company in the sector of e-commerce advertising. They are looking forward to what their EYE collaboration can bring to their entrepreneurial paths!