

ESU written report

XCV BFUG meeting – 24th – 25th of February 2025 – Warsaw, Poland

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1. Latest ESU activities

1.1. 89th Board Meeting



The 89th Board Meeting (General Assembly) of ESU took place in **Oslo, Norway**. It was dedicated to the topic of **democracy** in higher education. We had the opportunity to visit **Utøya** and participate in the democracy workshop organised by the Learning Center of the Memorial, reflecting on the active **role that students and students' unions can have in promoting and**

defending democratic values. During the Board Meeting we adopted many new policies, including ESU's Strategic Political Priorities 2024-2029, the **Fundamental Values and Solidarity Policy Paper**, a Statement on Sustainability of Higher Education and a Resolution on the improvement of the processes related to the Recognition of Prior Learning in Europe.

1.2. 2nd ESU Conference of the Student Bodies of the Alliances

The 2nd ESU Conference of the Student Bodies of the Alliances was held in **Timișoara** from the 30th of October to the 3rd of November, co-organised by ESU and ANOSR, the Romanian Students' Union. More than **90 student representatives from 35 European Universities Alliances** participated



in the activities. We had very fruitful discussions and exchanges of best practices on **student representation and participation** within the alliances, and many group activities on how we can proceed further in the formulation and implementation of the **inclusivity framework** for the European Education Area.

2. Latest News and Publications

- Serbia: [ESU Statement regarding students Protest in Serbia](#)
- Georgia: [ESU Statement regarding current developments in Georgia](#)
- Romania: [Defending democracy and Romania's European path against extremism](#)
- [Still Striving for Change: The Fight Against Gender-Based Violence in HE](#)
- [Podcast \(Episode 10\): Student Actions Against Gender-Based Violence across Europe](#)
- [Urgent Call to Preserve Erasmus+ Funding](#)
- [Slovakia: Open Letter from ŠRVŠ and ESU to the Minister of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic](#)

3. Recent Policies

3.1. General

- [ESU's Priorities for a Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034 and European Semester that future-proof education](#)

3.2. Policies adopted by the 89th Board Meeting

- [Fundamental Values and Solidarity Policy Paper](#)
- [Statement on Sustainability of Higher Education – BM88](#)
- [Strategic Political Priorities 2024-2029](#)
- [Resolution on the improvement of the processes related to the Recognition of Prior Learning in Europe](#)

3.3. Resolutions & statements on national level issues

- Austria: [Against the Closure and Unaffordability of Austrian Cafeterias](#)
- Belgium: [Resolution against the government's policy of reducing funding and discriminating against non-Belgian students](#)
- Denmark: [Resolution to Recognize Faroese as a Distinct Native Language in Danish Higher Education](#)
- Estonia: [Resolution on the Higher Education Budget Cuts in Estonia](#)
- Faroe Islands: [Students in the Faroe Islands Must Have Access to Erasmus+ as Soon as Possible!](#)
- Finland: [Resolution on Finnish student housing crisis](#)
- Georgia: [ESU Statement regarding current developments in Georgia](#)
- Germany: [Demand for comprehensive teaching on abortion in human medicine degree programmes](#)
- Ireland: [Resolution on Student Housing and Student Cooperative Housing in Ireland](#)
- Israel/Palestine: [Safeguarding Palestinian students' in Gaza access to education](#)
- Netherlands: [Against increasing surveillance of the student population in Dutch HEIs](#)
- Netherlands: [Resolution on the Long-Term Study Penalty in the Netherlands](#)
- Portugal: [Not one step back on the path to free education in Portugal](#)
- Portugal: [Resolution on psychological support in Portuguese HEIs](#)
- Romania: [Defending democracy and Romania's European path against extremism](#)
- Serbia: [ESU Statement regarding students Protest in Serbia](#)
- Switzerland: [Federal Budget Cuts and Rising Tuition Fees – A Dangerous Cycle Begins](#)
- Switzerland: [Resolution on Accessibility Arrangements](#)
- UK: [Supporting Education in Minority Languages](#)
- Ukraine: [Ensuring Equal Access to International Academic Mobility for Male Students of Private and Public Higher Education Institutions in Ukraine](#)

4. Upcoming Events

Upcoming	Topic	When/Where
49th European Students' Convention	Quality in Higher Education	February 2025, Galway, Ireland
Study Session	Operationalisation of a national Student Rights Charter	March 2025, Strasbourg, France
PLAR-U-PAGs	Final Conference - Peer Learning Activities and Resources to underpin the Principles and Guidelines for Social Dimension	March 25th 2025, Brussels, Belgium
89th Board Meeting	General Assembly, with a focus on EU integration and enlargement, especially when it comes to student mobility	May 12th-18th 2025, Banja Luka, BiH

5. Upcoming Projects

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SAMUELE	Lifelong learning, Student governance, European Higher Education Area	February/March 2025
NELS	Student Leadership, skills and competencies development in Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa	February/March 2025