



The European Students' Union (ESU)

*“Representing students
since 1982”*

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1. About us: ESU's members

The European Students Union (ESU) is the umbrella organisation of **46 National Unions of Students (NUS)** from **40 countries**.

The NUSes are **student-run**, autonomous, representative and **operate according to democratic principles**. Our member unions are open to **all students** in their respective country regardless of political belief, religion, ethnic or cultural origin, sexual orientation or social standing.



1. About us: ESU's representatives



2. ESU's Aim & Mission

- **The aim of ESU is** to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at the European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the **European Union, Bologna Follow Up Group, Council of Europe** and **UNESCO**. Through its members, ESU represents almost **20 million students** in Europe.
- **ESU's mission is** to represent, defend and strengthen students' educational, democratic, cultural and social rights. ESU will work for sustainable, accessible and high quality higher education in Europe.

3. ESU's main working areas



Mobility and
Internationalisation



Quality of higher
education



Public responsibility
financing and
governance



Social Dimension

3. ESU's main working areas

- **Social Dimension:** Access and student support services
- **Public Responsibility, Funding and Governance:** Academic freedom, Student Participation, Sustainability and Community Engagement
- **Quality and transparency:** Structural reforms, academic affairs, Quality Assurance, Student Centred-Learning
- **Mobility and internationalisation:** European and Global engagement

4. ESU's Activities

Policy

Advocacy

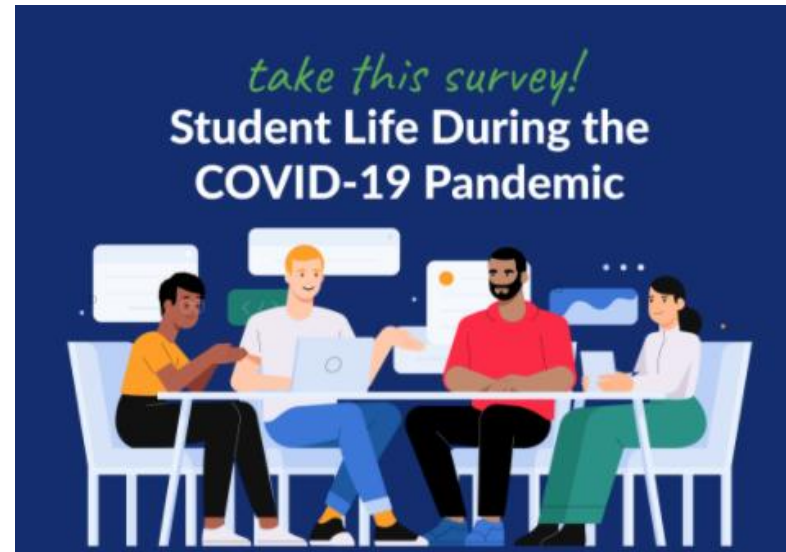
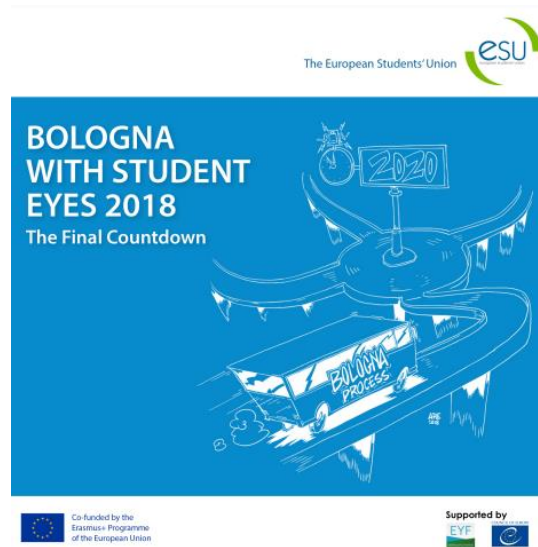
Projects



4.1 European-wide Policy development



- **Exchange** of information and good practices in higher education
- **Research** → Statements, Papers and Publications by and for students, policy-makers and higher education professionals.



4.2 Advocacy and Representation

- **European level:**

- European Higher Education Area (EHEA)
- European Commission
- Council of Europe
- Partners: ENQA, EUA, LLLP, ESN..

- **Global level:**

- UNESCO
- GSF & GCE

- **National level:**

- Higher Education Ministries
- Rectors' Conferences (Regional)
- NUSes
- National quality assurance agencies
- ENIC/ NARICs

- **Institutional level:**

- Senate / Councils / Board / Administration
- Local student unions

4.3 Projects & Capacity Building

- **Coordinating / Partnership projects**
 - Erasmus + Key action 2 & 3
 - Together Moving Forward project
- **Capacity Building**
 - Seminars/ Workshops
 - Expert pools: Quality Assurance Student Expert Pools + Trainers Pool



5. ESU's situation right now...

- Impact of COVID-19 on higher education and transition to digital learning → What does the future of education look like?

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