

Some initiatives for a more inclusive, diverse and equal higher education

By The European Students Union

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Together Moving Forward

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An inclusive ERASMUS+ Programme

Workplan Project and Mental Health



1. The European Students' Union

• Aim: 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

Values: Democracy, diversity, inclusion, independence, forward-looking

 Members: 45 National Unions of Students from 39 countries. All respect our values.



• Since 2016

• What? building positive refugee-host interactions across Europe, inclusion of young refugees in education and society





Objectives:

- Reshape public discourse around forced migration and confront hate speech in our societies
- Inspire **student-led initiatives** addressing refugees' and asylum seekers' living conditions and not least their access to education
- Build capacity for student representatives
- Empower National Student Unions to promote and advocate for clear policies
- Build long-lasting links between refugees, their communities, and student communities



How?

- Capacity building seminars
- Co-funding of projects/grants programme
- Since 2016: 33 projects funded at different levels
- Task Force: developing a guidelines and good practices handbook (students, refugees...)
- Influence on ESU's advocacy work and expertise: making a change!







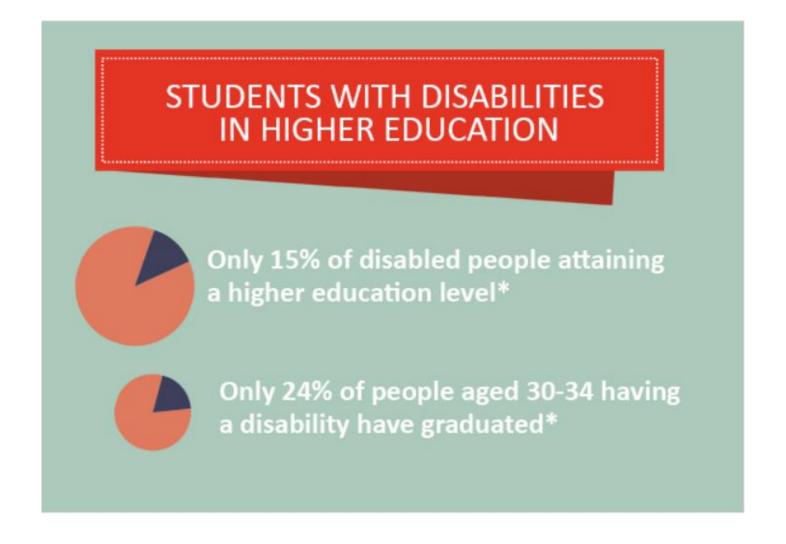


3. An inclusive ERASMUS+ Programme

- Position paper of ESU on ERASMUS: advocacy for a better inclusion of marginalized groups
- Advocacy during the new regulation consultations
- Plan of work for the implementation phase
- Work with other stakeholders
- Led to specific work and research on students with disabilities



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4. Workplan Project



- « Social Inclusion Through Participation and Democracy – promoting active citizenship in the European student movement »
- Funded by the Council of Europe and the European Youth Foundation
- Capacity building for students representatives
- Spreading the knowledge at home



4. Workplan Project

- 3 seminars:
 - Democratisation and youth participation
 - Migration
 - Mental Health
- First step in tackling Mental Health in Higher Education
- Training of students representative on the issue, but also giving them the keys to advocate for a better approach
- Main challenges: stigma, lack of knowledge, lack of funding, lack of awareness



4. Workplan Project

- Next steps for ESU and its members
 - Continue raising awareness
 - Mental Health Charter
 - Tackle the stigma
 - Projects
 - Events



ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!





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