

European Students' Union REPRESENTING STUDENTS SINCE 1982



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Well.. Thats a big title..
So Who are we?

The beginning....



West European Student Information Bureau

Minutes of the Board Meeting held in Stockholm, 18th October, 1982

Present:	<u>Members</u>	SFS	-	{Sweden}
		NUS UK	-	{United Kingdom}
		NSU	-	{Norway}
		UNEF ID	-	{France}
		SHI	-	{Iceland}
	<u>Observers</u>	VVS/UNES	-	{Switzerland}
		SYL	-	{Finland}
		OH	-	{Austria}

1. About Us

- **The European Students' Union (ESU)** is the umbrella organisation of **45** National Unions of Students (NUS) from **39** countries.
- The NUSes are open to all students in their respective country regardless of political persuasion, religion, ethnic or cultural origin, sexual orientation or social standing.
- Our members are also student-run, autonomous, representative and operate according to democratic principles.
- ESU was formerly known as ESIB – The National Unions of Students in Europe. ESU's name and image is legally being used by ESU AISBL, Rue de l'Industrie 10, 1000 Brussels (Belgium).



NUS – Full members



NATIONAL UNION OF ISRAELI STUDENTS

2. Our 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 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 as adopted at its 61st Board Meeting:**
ESU's mission is to represent, defend and strengthen students' educational, democratic and political and social rights. ESU will work for sustainable, accessible and high quality higher education in Europe.

3. Activities

- **Bringing together, training and informing national student representatives on policy developments in higher education at the European level;**
- **Organising seminars, training, campaigns and conferences relevant to students;**
- **Conducting European-wide research, partnership projects and campaigns;**
- **Producing a variety of publications for students, policy-makers and higher education professionals.**

Projects



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Workshops



European Students' Union - ESU

November 5 at 11:35 AM · 🌐

Tomorrow is the last day for applications! 🕒

Do you have an initiative working for inclusion and access to Higher Education of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Europe? Apply for Together, Moving Forward programme and get a grant of up to 10.000 euros + support to develop your project.

More information and criteria here: <https://bit.ly/2gdqX3l>



European Students' Union - ESU

October 29 at 6:53 PM · 🌐

🔔 Open call: Seminar on Mental Health

We are running a new session of our series of Seminars within the project 'Social Inclusion Through Participation and Democracy – promoting active citizenship in the European student movement', supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

📍 Where? Riga, Latvia.

🕒 When? between 6-9 December 2018

Apply before: 04.11.2018 23:59 CEST

Note: Travel & Accomodation covered for the selected participants.

👉 <https://www.esu-online.org/?news=seminar-mental-health>



European Students' Union - ESU

October 18 at 11:30 AM · 🌐

The 'Training on Democratisation and Youth Participation in Civic Life' took place between 26-29 September in Vienna, Austria. Organised by the European Students' Union (ESU) with the support of the ÖH - Österreichische Hochschüler_innenschaft and the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. Give us a 🙌 if you were there!

Read more 👉 <http://ow.ly/hHDu30mgAZ4>



This project is supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe



CALLING FOR PROJECTS!
[2nd Round 2018]

Funding initiatives led by
Students and/or Refugees

Apply before **6 November 2018**





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THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ELECTED FOR ESU'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM 2018 TO 2019:



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Associate members

-  ANSA - Association of Norwegian Students Abroad
-  ANSO - Association of Nordic and Pol-Balt Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Student Organizations
-  EDSA - European Dental Students Association
-  EDSU - The European Deaf Students' Union
-  EMSA - European Medical Students' Association
-  EPSA – European Pharmaceutical Students' Association
-  ESN – Erasmus Student Network
-  EWJS – European Union of Jewish Students
-  FEMYSO – Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations
-  IFMSA – International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
-  iglyo – International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Youth and Student Organisation
-  OBESSU – Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions
-  ISHA – International Students of History Association
-  IAPSS - The International Association for Political Science Students

Structures – Bodies I



Legislative Body: Board Meeting (BM)

- The highest decision making body in ESU
- Each country has 2 votes which are held by the respective national union(s) of students

Executive Body: Executive Committee (EC)

- The Executive Committee is responsible for the execution of the decisions of the Board Meeting, political affairs and the overall finances of ESU.
- Elected by the Board Meeting for the term of one year, re-elections are possible
- Chairperson, two Vice-chairpersons, seven (regular) EC-members

Secretariat

- Employed personnel such as Head of Secretariat, Financial Officer, a Project Manager and Officers, Communications Manager and Executive Assistant.

Structures – Bodies II



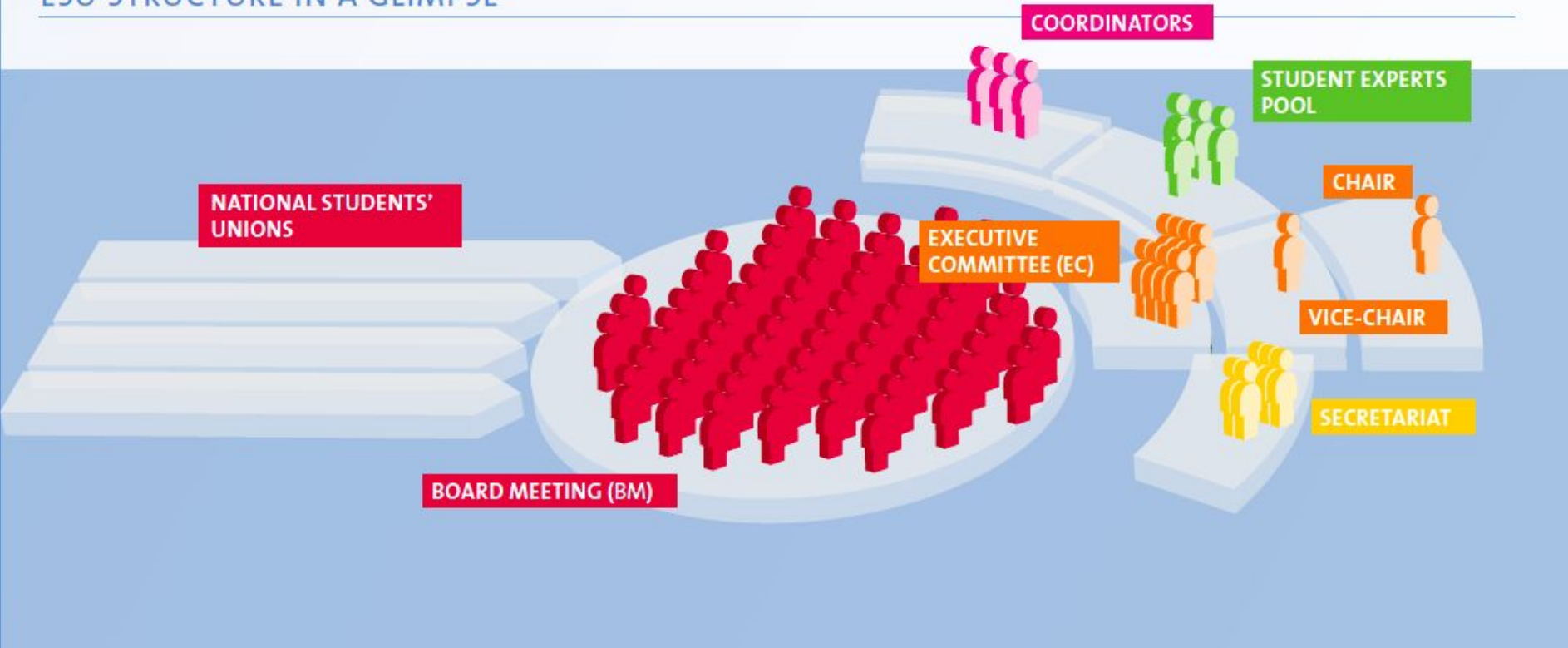
- **Controlling Body: Commission for Internal Auditing**
Responsible of the internal audit of ESU
- Three members, elected by the Board Meeting for the term of three years, re-elections are possible
- Members can not be elected representatives of ESU's staff or its member unions.
- **Coordinators** are three individuals appointed by the Executive Committee for max. 2 years. They are responsible for the areas of Equality, Human Rights and Solidarity and Membership issues.

Structures – Bodies III



- **Working Groups** are established by a motion at the BM, they shall deal with specific areas of work relevant to the work of ESU or its members. Members of working groups are Member Unions.
- **Task forces** are mandated by the BM or the EC. They shall carry out defined tasks in limited time. Members of task forces are individuals.
- **Expert pools** are established by the BM and implemented by the board. They provide expertise, consultancy and training externally. Members of experts pools are individuals.
 - Quality Assurance Student Experts Pool
 - Trainers pool

ESU STRUCTURE IN A GLIMPSE



BM approves the ESU's Budget, Plan of Work and Policies

4. Main Working Areas





Mobility and
Internationalisation



Quality of higher
education



Public responsibility
financing and
governance



Social Dimension

- **Social Dimension:** Access and support
- **Funding and Governance:** Public responsibility for education
- **Quality and transparency:** Structural reforms, academic affairs, Quality Assurance, Student Centred-Learning
- **Mobility and internationalisation**

How Is ESU Working in These Areas?



- Representation & advocacy
- Research & concept development
- Capacity-building & information exchange

ALL THESE WORKING FIELDS ARE ASPECTS OF STUDENTS INVOLVEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EHEA

Partners



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