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Resolution: On the controversial law amendment on the operation of foreign higher educational institutions in Hungary

During the past few weeks, the amendment of the Hungarian law on higher education modifying the rules on the operation of foreign higher educational institutions in Hungary that was initiated by the Hungarian Government and passed by the Hungarian Parliament had a great resonance both in Europe and in Hungary.

However, according to the statement of the proposer, the amendment was meant to rectify the situation in general, when coming in force it will adversely affect the Central European University that has become one of the most significant academic and higher educational institutions in Hungary during the past few decades.

We find it unmerited and unacceptable that the legislation got drafted without consulting the relevant actors of higher education, including the students of CEU. We believe this to be a political, rather than academically motivated decision.

It is the definite opinion of the European Students' Union that the modification of the rules on the operation of foreign higher educational institutions in Hungary cannot result in the hamstringing of independent institutions pursuing education and research of high quality.

ESU calls on the Government of Hungary and other stakeholders to definitely keep in mind the interests of students and academics, as obligated by the commitment to the principles outlined in the Magna Charta Universitatum and the Council of Europe' Recommendation on public responsibility and academic freedom (Rec/CM (2012)7). In consequence, the situation must be resolved in a negotiative way in which the students' union of CEU are equal partners.

Proposed by: HÖÖK _____

Seconded by: EC, SRVS, NUS UK, EÜL, USI, SKRVS, CSC, PSRP, ANOSR, BOSS, SSU, NASC, UNEL, LÍS, ÖH, UdU, SFS, UNEF, ANSA

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