European Universities: It is all about students

Webinar by European Students' Union

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Moderator
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- Elena Tegovska, DG EAC, European Commission
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- Dr. Daniela Trani, YUFE Alliance
- Anthony Longo, YUFE Alliance
- Morgan Bougeard, UNA Europa Allliance

Participants
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Program of the webinar

1. Introduction - ESU
2. DG EAC – Why is students involvement crucial?
3. ESU – What do students need?
4. YUFE – a student-centered and inclusive alliance
5. UNA Europa – students’ path in the alliance
6. Q&A – go to menti.com (code: 55 10 41)
What is ESU?

[The European Students’ Union (ESU) is the umbrella organisation of 46 National Unions of Students from 40 countries. 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 and European Universities

- Involved in European level consultations
- Issued three (12/2018, 05/2019, 12/2019) resolutions
- ESU at high level events and discussions
- 1st meeting of students from alliances
- EUniQ project – Quality Assurance of European Universities
- Cooperation with DG EAC
- Cooperation with University Alliances
- Informal platform for students of Alliances
- Much more

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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES – WHY IS STUDENT INVOLVEMENT CRUCIAL?

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Deep level of inter-university cooperation with a joint long-term strategy
Structural, Systemic and Sustainable impact
European inter-university Campuses
Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels

Flexible and personalised European curriculum with embedded mobility leading to a European degree

Innovative pedagogies with challenged-based transdisciplinary approach to foster entrepreneurial mind-sets and civic engagement

Enhanced staff mobility between partner institutions to teach/do research/work and equip students with a broad range of forward looking skills
Success factors – lessons learned from the first pilot call

- Relevance & level of ambition of common long term vision
- Transformational impact on institutions, at all levels
- Contribution to the European Education Area, geographical balance
- **High involvement of students and staff at all levels**
- Consistency between strategy and work plan of activities
- Concrete deliverables after 3 years
Increased ownership:
Students have been involved from the start

- Co-creation via different working groups
- Active involvement in the communication (short videos)
- Strong presence at the kick-off event on 7 November 2019

European Universities to build on this and continue involving students within their alliances
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How to organize student involvement?

By The European Students Union

Nina de Winter
Webinar European Universities
27/03/2020
1. How to organize student involvement?

Involvement in 2 phases:

- **Creation of the alliance**: students involved from the beginning while creating the application, and think about how the alliance should be shaped!
- **Project phase**: development of the alliance, implementation of the project proposal → work towards official representation
1. How to organize student involvement?

Involvement in 2 ways:

• **Official involvement in decision making of the alliance:** students involved from the beginning, enough information, official positions in the governing structure. Working towards an official student body, students from different alliances, democratically elected, in official bodies of the alliance.

• **Involvement in the creation of the learning:** creation of the content of the programs, definition learning outcomes, student-centredness, learning paths.
2. Determining factors for successful student involvement

• **Information provision:** only when provided with all the information students can be fully involved in the process.

• **Involvement in official decision making:** students should have an official say in the alliance.

• **Resources:** students should be granted the necessary resources (time, money, credits) to be as much involved in the network as other stakeholders.
3. ESU can help!

• Offering a platform and organizing webinars and meetings to connect with other students from alliances (join our Facebook group!)
• Help to develop plans and offer trainings on the level of the alliance
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YUFE: a Student-Centered and Inclusive European University

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Mr. Anthony Longo
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Webinar on Students’ engagement in European Universities
Organizer and Host: European Students Union
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...Aims at becoming a leading model of a **student-centred, non-elitist, open and inclusive** European University

...through **structural** and **effective** cooperation between higher education institutions, public and private sector, and citizens

Founded on the principle of **social responsibility**, and, above all else, to **putting students at the forefront of everything we do**.
Student Involvement in YUFE

- **Proposal phase**
  - Students as members of core working group
  - Students co-chair of working groups

- **Implementation phase**
  - Working Packages
  - Strategy Board
  - Student Forum + Board
Challenges and Opportunities

1) What is our role as students? Stop searching, start shaping!

2) How to strengthen student involvement? Cooperation and guidance

3) How to reach a uniform approach and keep the pool diverse?

4) Changing the meaning of ‘student representation’?

5) What after the pilot phase?
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How to advocate for students’ engagement in the European Universities?

Morgan Bougeard
Member of the Student Board of UNA Europa
1. WHAT WE HAVE IN UNA EUROPA

• The Student Board: a body already prepared by the institution. It is the voice of the students in UNA Europa.

• Its composition: 8 members, 1 per University. They Elect their chair who are members of the 1Europe Project Steering Committee.

• The members: Their term lasts for one year, from September to august, to coordinate the different local schedules
2. THE CHALLENGES FACED

• A project not completely launched

• The internationalization of a local engagement

• The implementation of the students in the different bodies of the project
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How is YUFE different?

- **Students co-create** and share responsibilities in YUFE
- YUFE learning is **classroom, work-experience** and **social action**
- Access to opportunities also for **non-traditional learners** in Europe
- Assessing individual progress also outside the classroom
- **Mentoring** from professionals and entrepreneurs also beyond academia
- Education aligned with **local** and **European needs**
- Strengthens **borderless** approach in learning and to business cooperation
THANK YOU!