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STUPS recommends universities taking into account student participation to face COVID-19

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused the interruption of face-to-face teaching in all European higher education institutions in the middle of the term. During this new scenario, universities have been forced to carry out far-reaching organizational changes. Therefore, **Student Participation Without Borders (STUPS) urgently calls on universities to include student participation in the decision-making of this crisis.**

This European network for the promotion of student participation claims that **discussions should be held between all stakeholders of higher education systems on solutions that address the needs of all students while causing minimal hindrance to the study cycle of students.** This would add new possibilities when facing the challenges and problems derived from online teaching and the uncertainties of online assessments.

STUPS reminds that student participation can be articulated openly and interactively through digital means and encourages universities to approach this crisis to **evaluate new ways of online teaching and participation.**

In accordance with the good response from the European university community, STUPS takes the opportunity to congratulate all the academic authorities, teaching staff, students and Administrative and Services Personnel for their response to the current scenario –which brings out the best of our societies.

Student Participation Without Borders (STUPS) is a project of strategic associations co-financed by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union that brings together institutions from Spain, Portugal, Austria and Belgium.

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STUPS - *Student Participation Without Borders* is an ambitious European project co-financed by Erasmus + Program, which aims to strengthen and promote the role of students in the good governance of Higher Education institutions and in student participation to fight inequalities.

The STUPS consortium consists of five members and is led by the University of Huelva (Spain). The University of Évora (Portugal), the University of Applied Sciences of Upper Austria (Austria), the European Students' Union



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