



To Together, Moving Forward

**Students and refugees uniting for
integration in society and education**

**Deadline for applications:
26th APRIL 2017, 23:59 Brussels time
Last deadline!
*Check for updates in the text of the call***

“Education is a human right. Any person with a desire to learn should be afforded the opportunity to do so. Therefore, we should open our education institutions to anyone fleeing situation of conflict, terror, hunger and violation of human rights (from the ESU 2015 European Students call for pan-European and proactive solidarity with refugees)”








Get the system unstuck - for integration

About one year ago ESU members called for pan-European and proactive solidarity with refugees. Since then, we have seen hundreds of initiatives, including student-led ones, showing solidarity, creativity and resourcefulness. We also witnessed, though, a continuing and substantial lack of clear European leadership, and a worrying rise in negative discourses regarding refugees and migrants.

‘Together, Moving Forward’ is a small grants programme run by ESU aiming at building positive refugee-host interactions across Europe.

We are inviting and supporting university students and refugees to work together and get the system “unstuck”. Combine your creativity to kickstart actions in Europe that tackle the main barriers limiting the inclusion of refugees and asylum-seekers in education and society.

With the ‘Together, Moving Forward’ programme **we want to be change-makers** and:

-  Reshape public discourse around refugees and confront hate speech in our societies
-  Encourage and provide strong basis for refugee student participation in our communities
-  Inspire student-led initiatives addressing refugee living conditions and not least their access to education
-  Build capacity for student representatives to be more responsive to issues related to refugee education
-  Empower National Student Unions to promote and advocate for clear policies that ease the access of refugee students to Higher Education
-  Open up to new student groups and create partnerships with different stakeholders active on refugee issues, especially refugee education
-  Build long-lasting links between refugees, their communities, and student communities

Whatever the shape of the projects, they will be a source of experience, knowledge and mutual understanding. The programme will be a learning ground for cooperation between National Student Unions and others already working in the field, especially refugees and asylum seekers themselves. We are confident that these projects will help us build a series of dialogues and common actions towards truly inclusive Higher Education systems and communities in Europe.




Check the “>>> NEW:” sections written in red to read about new rules in the application procedure, based on feedback from NUSes from previous deadlines.

Get your idea funded!

We call upon ALL National Student Unions (NUSes) and ALL students to send us your proposals for projects and actions at local, regional, national, or international levels!

Three types of grants are available to support your initiatives:

Activities that could be covered, for instance:

	Small Grants	Any sum up to 4000€	Small-scale projects, local grassroots initiatives, public debates, research projects, parts of bigger projects, campaigns, infographics and communication materials...
	Large Grants	Sums between 4000€ and 12000€	Involvement of more students, different local activities in the same country, a national training event, combination of different activities (e.g. campaign + training + public event)...
	International Grants	Up to 15000€	Projects in which the partnership and activities are - regardless of the number of countries involved - <u>international in essence</u> and where the international aspect is a clear added value

The grants cannot cover scholarships, overhead costs (e.g. purchase of printers and electronics), office rent and administrative costs not clearly connected to the project.

>>> **NEW:** For large and international grants, staff costs can be covered up to a maximum of 10% of the total grant requested.

>>> **NEW:** All organisations applying for all grants will need to present an audit report showing the soundness of the organisation's financial system (Full members of ESU only need to provide this for large and international grants).

What What What are looking for?

Any project can work, really: campaigns /// awareness raising events /// production of communication materials /// grassroots initiatives for integration /// welcome activities for new arrivals with refugee background /// capacity building events for students representatives and/or refugee activists ...

They are **good projects to us** if they:

- have a clear link with the objectives of the call
- show a good understanding of the context with regards to the needs being addressed
- provide relevant answers to those needs

Moreover, you should keep in mind seven **key principles** when designing your project:

1. Know your context
2. Build on good practices or try something new
3. Be sustainable
4. Go for wider audiences
5. Promote equality (gender, disability, minorities)
6. Explore partnerships
7. Fund yourself

Read more about them and find some tips in [Annex I - Key principles and Selection Criteria](#).

Finally, projects need to last minimum three months and be over by the end of 2017 the latest.

And now that you are motivated...

Can I apply? Can my friends apply? Can everybody apply?

We encourage all [full members of ESU](#) can apply to the programme, individually or in partnership.

>>> **NEW:** For the third deadline, **we are open to receiving project applications from all organisations**, also from non full ESU members (e.g. local student unions or student-led groups/NGOs). The projects they apply for will still need to clearly fit within the objectives of our call and to be **STUDENT-LED**.

We strongly encourage refugee-led groups to apply for one of our grants!

Please bear in mind that no application from a single individual will be accepted.

How things are going down, for your information

Fill the [online](#) application form, where you'll be asked to attach:

- a word form with your project proposal,
- an annex including timeline and proposed budget and
- a copy of your audited accounts.

Make sure you are familiar with the **selection criteria**, and read through the **tips** from the selection committee.

Find all these documents in the [application package](#) on our website (updated for the 3rd deadline).

Deadline for applications is on the 26th of APRIL 2017 - 23:59 Brussels time

>>> **Remember: this is the last possible deadline to apply for a Together, Moving Forward grant**

You've got the form, the rules and hopefully an idea. Write well. Go bold and creative. We need that! Our selection committee will be reading through all your applications and assess them individually on the basis of these selection criteria and the seven key principle mentioned above.

The Selection Committee will evaluate the projects in mid May. ESU will contact all those that applied with the news after that. Get ready to sign the grant agreements and start your project. 70% of the grant will be in your bank account soon after that. The remaining 30% will have to wait until after the validation of the financial and narrative report.

Need more help from ESU?

- Contact Francesca, our programme coordinator, at movingforward@esu-online.org with specific questions. If you prefer the phone, call us at +32 2 893 25 49
- Send in your application before the deadline so we can come back to you with relevant questions to help you improve your application
- Discuss it with one of the participants of the Capacity Building Event held 12-14 February in Brussels

Good luck, and looking forward to seeing your ideas shape up - for integration