



Dear students, dear activists,

Have you ever experienced or witnessed gender-based discrimination? Did you feel something was wrong but just could not put the finger on it? Have you wondered how to react to it, but just were not sure how? Or you did and can share your experience?

In the times where women are standing up and speaking out, where gender-based discrimination is becoming more visible but at the same time tolerated again, we want to stress the discourse and bring activists, interested individuals and the ones who want to learn about new perspectives for a socially just society and take action.

Therefore we want to provide a platform through a study session for committed individuals that want to make a change and equipping them with the needed tools.

During the study session, we will understand the individual realities, explore the theoretical and historical context, and develop strategies and actions for acting as a change agent.

For more details on the programme [see below](#).

### **Interested?**

Then we invite you to join us at the study session “A change of perspective: queer feminist principles as the fabric of a modern, peaceful and socially just European society “ that the European Students’ Union (ESU) is holding in cooperation with the Council of Europe at the European Youth Center Budapest.

**Where?** European Youth Center Budapest

**When?** 19th of February – 23rd of February 2018

Arrival date: 18<sup>th</sup> of February

Departure date: 24<sup>th</sup> of February



**Until when to apply?** ~~12th of January 2018, 23:59 CET~~ **14th of January 2018, midday CET (new deadline)**

**When will I know?** Friday, 19th of January 2018

**Where to apply?** <https://goo.gl/forms/wizHbEJ9Z1BgU0n33>

We are looking for participants that:

- Are motivated to challenge their perspective on the topic
- work on an international, national or local context
- have worked in the field or want to get to know the field
- want to make a change

We are envisioning a diverse group of participants and opinions in order to challenge each other in a safe discourse.

During the selection process the diverse composition of the group, in regards to geography, gender and experience will be taken into account. Spots are reserved for applicants with any kind of disabilities.

Please be aware that the participation fee is 50 Euros, that covers the accommodation and meals. The travel costs will be reimbursed.

We are looking forward to your application and feel free to spread the call in your own networks.

If you have any other question, do not hesitate to contact us (at [francesca.bragagnolo@esu-online.org](mailto:francesca.bragagnolo@esu-online.org)).

Enjoy your Holidays,

The Preparation Team



## **The preliminary Program**

### Day 1: Welcome and setting the scene

During day one we will be bringing the group together, aiming for a safe environment and getting to know each other and our individual backgrounds. We want to explore our own realities and share experiences.

### Day 2: Her-Story and status - quo

The second day is dedicated to exploring how we actually got here and who was part of the journey. Famous activists and their advocacy work will be discussed in the light of historical developments and linked to the complexity of power structures and power games that dominate our society.

### Day 3: Taking a stand

Advocacy work is the main tool to achieve change. Therefore we will gain some insight into the advocacy work.

The afternoon is free.

### Day 4: Practicing action

Day 4 is all about transforming the previous day into action and developing skills to encounter sexism. We want jointly to collect arguments against sexism and experience to take action.

### Day 5: Taking action and closing

The last day will offer the space for the participants to develop their own follow-up actions, that they share with the group and can take home.