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Resolution on outlaw tuition fees in Italy

ESU policy paper on Social dimension states that the most obvious barrier to participation in higher education is financial and that "individuals must not be faced with any costs to participate during their studies".

Italy has the third highest tuition fees on average in Europe. According to Italian law, the total amount of money that Universities collect from tuition fees shall not exceed the 20% of the annual financial contribution the HEIs receive from the National government. According to last surveys (2015), 1 out of 2 HEIs broke the law by exceeding this limit.

The European Students' Union reaffirms its commitment to promote free, accessible Higher Education in Europe. That is, HE without tuition fees. ESU therefore calls for the Italian Universities in Italy to comply with the law and not exceed the cap to tuition fees. It furthermore requests the Italian Universities to significantly reduces tuition fees, towards the goal of their complete elimination, and calls for the Government to financially cover the reduction of the tuition fees implemented by the HEIs.

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