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OPEN CALL FOR TASK FORCE MEMBERS

TASK FORCE ON MAINSTREAMING AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE STUDENTS' RIGHTS CHARTER

The Executive Committee is hereby launching an open call for volunteers to be part of the newly established Task Force on the mainstreaming and operationalization of the Students' Rights Charter, which will be working on options to operationalize and mainstream the Students' Rights Charter, in a European setting, towards important other stakeholders in the EHEA as well as towards the EU. All members of ESU's NUSes are encouraged to join in.

Aims and Motivation

The Terms of Reference mandating the Task Force on the Students' Rights Charter is based on Plan of Work point *1.4 Mainstream and operationalise the Students' Rights Charter European wide and globally* voted at BM 80 held online. The task force is composed of 10 individuals and a member of ESU's EC. The Task Force is working together with the Human Rights and Solidarity Coordinator.

The purpose of this Task Force is to:

- Work on options to operationalise the [Students' Rights Charter](#) and mainstream it in a European setting written by ESU in 2021.
- Work on options to map out and mainstream it towards important stakeholders in the EHEA as well as towards the EU.
- Work together with the Global Student Forum in order to mainstream a set of students rights globally

- Organize and manage the consultancy of ESU's members in order to address their views and opinions on the mainstreaming and operationalization of the new charter.
- Conceptualize and write a strategy for mainstreaming and operationalization of the Students' Rights Charter globally.

Responsibility and Outcome

The aim of the Task Force entails working on options and strategies to operationalise and mainstream the [Students' Rights Charter](#) in a European setting, towards important other stakeholders in the EHEA as well as towards the EU and to work on a global implementation of a students rights charter based on the charter voted upon by ESU in order to make it politically influential and to mainstream a set of students rights globally- for example towards UNESCO - on equal footing with other students around the globe.

Application

We would like to encourage people from all different regions to apply to ensure diversity amongst the Task Force members and support a balanced and differentiated approach in the Task Force results. **The application should consist of a motivation letter and a CV resume.**

The work of the members of the Task Force is on a voluntary basis. Meetings of the Task Force will take place online, making use of online tools, and face-to-face, during ESU events, when possible.

Expectations and Considerations

Task Force members are expected to:

- Be capable to discuss and write in English,
- coordinate wider conversations,
- hold and participate in regular task force meetings held online and face-to-face, when possible (at least 5-10 hours per month),
- work on a voluntary basis but can expect to gain valuable policy and networking experience,
- attend meetings and events on behalf of the Task Force,
- ensure that information is widely distributed,
- participate in the drafting of planned outcomes of the work of the Task Force, ESU's plan of work and the reports to the Board Meetings.

Considerations to be taken into account when choosing the Task Force members (these are not requirements):

- Leadership (listening, communication skills, open-minded, skilled networker, and collaborator, ability to negotiate and strive toward consensus),
- experience in the area of human rights and an understanding of the purpose of the SRC,
- experience in student activism, student representation or diversity-related

activism/policy work

- committed to anti-discriminatory practices in all areas

Reporting

Participation in preparing the written and oral reports is expected before/during every BM according to the Standing Orders.

Selection panel and Deadline

The applicants will be selected by the EC based on the motivation letter and the resume. The content of this Task Force call has been reviewed by the SD cluster and a member of the presidency prior to publication.

We encourage potential members to apply as soon as possible, but no later than the **15th of August 2021 at 23:59 CET**. Applications should be sent to hacks@esu-online.org

If you have any questions regarding this call and the Task Force, don't hesitate to contact ESU's Executive Committee Member Meral Nur (meral.nur@esu-online.org) or the Human Rights and Solidarity Coordinator Borna Nemet (borna.nemet@esu-online.org).