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3) Priorities for the next erasmus+

Signed by DSU Denmark

In 2020 a new frame for the Erasmus+program will come into effect. Many organizations and groups of young people across Europe benefits from the opportunities the program provides - be it youth exchanges, seminars or policy work. It is important for YES that the Erasmus+program continues to develop and increase its scope.

In a time with decreasing voter turn out and general mistrust for European institutions and transnational solutions, cooperation across borders between young people are more relevant and needed than ever. We need to create spaces to exchange best practices, develop and strengthen democratic organizations and support and encourage active citizenship among the youth.

Erasmus+ provides priceless experiences for youth all over Europe. Promoting tolerance and understanding and working actively against prejudice and hate. YES wishes to strengthen the benefits of the Erasmus+program while at the same time making the program more accessible, ensuring that the scope of the program continues to grow.

YES wants the next Erasmus+ to:

- have a strong focus on capacity building organizations, developing strong active citizenship and democratic engagement among participants
- have a more accessible and less bureaucratic application form and report form making the programmer more accessible to non-academics
- focus on reaching more young people from less privileged backgrounds and including them in the entire process
- have a stronger emphasis on youth participation in both application and reporting and not just in participating in activities
- stronger dissemination of the program with the aim to get more organizations and more diverse organizations and groups to apply
- have an even better guidance for first time applicants through national seminars and exchange of best practices
- have a bigger budget and more autonomy for the national agencies to distribute the funds between the key actions

YES will work for these goals through contact with PES, our influence in the European Youth Forum, contact to members of the S&D-group in the European Parliament and through national dialogue between member organizations and members of national parliaments.