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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE LLP NA DIRECTORS

Subject: Survey by the Erasmus Student Network

We would like to inform you about ongoing research on exchange students in Europe undertaken by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), which includes but is not limited to Erasmus students.

ESN has launched their annual survey on the topic "**Exchange, Employment and Added Value**". The main goal of the ESN Survey 2011 is to explore whether "the mobile students of today will be the mobile labour market participants of tomorrow". The survey wants to provide further evidence and insight into this important subject. In addition, ESN investigates the impact of student mobility on the environment, satisfaction with student organisations and its impact on volunteering.

We would like to ask your National Agency to support this project, for instance, by inviting the institutions involved in the Erasmus programme in your country to facilitate student participation in this survey. All past and present exchange students are invited to fill in the survey. The internet link is

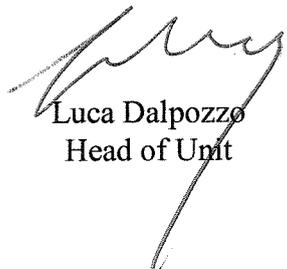
<http://esn.org/survey>

The ESN survey is available in English and open until 30 November 2011.

For this purpose, in the annex you will find standard letters to higher education institutions and to students that institutions can send to them. The incentive for incoming and outgoing students to participate in this survey, apart from a prize, is the opportunity to influence decision makers in designing successful exchange programmes in the future.

ESN will share with you the results of the survey for your country if you send an e-mail to secretariat@esn.org or if you want to receive the final report.

Thank you for your cooperation.


Luca Dalpozzo
Head of Unit

Annex: Standard letters to HEIs and to students

Dear University,

We would like to inform you that Erasmus Student Network has launched the 7th edition of its annual survey – **ESNSurvey 2011: Exchange, Employment and Added Value**. ESNSurvey is one of the biggest student surveys, with average annual response rate of 8.000 responses.

This year the main goal of the survey is to explore whether ‘The mobile students of today will be the mobile labour market participants of tomorrow’ The ESNSurvey wants to provide further evidence and insight into that more than ever crucial subject. In addition, the Survey investigates the impact of student mobility on the environment, satisfaction with student organisations and its impact on volunteering.

The ESNSurvey 2011 will be online until the **30th of November** and is available in English.

We would like to ask you to **support our project by sending an invitation to all students** at your University to fill in the survey. The link is <http://esn.org/survey>

Find attached a letter that can be sent to your students as it is or modified. We believe that students will be interested in participating in this survey as it provides them with a unique opportunity to directly influence the decision makers to improve mobility in line with students’ needs. Moreover, the students who fully complete the online questionnaire will have a chance to win one out of three iPods.

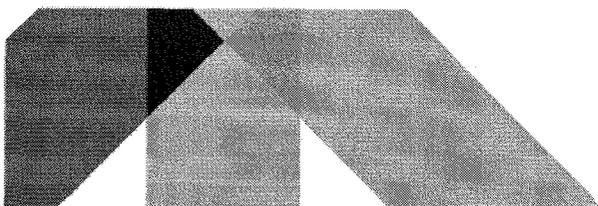
ESN will be happy to share the results coming exclusively from the students at your University with you, if the number of responding students allows representative results. For more information, if you would like to receive the final report or results for your University, please contact secretariat@esn.org.

Thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of ESNSurvey team,
Emanuel Alfranseder, ESNSurvey Coordinator
Josefin Svensson, Communication Manager ESN AISBL

About Erasmus Student Network

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest non-profit interdisciplinary student associations in Europe, founded in 1989 for supporting and developing student exchange. ESN is present in more than 360 Higher Education Institutions from 35 countries. ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing student exchanges on different levels, and providing an intercultural experience also to those students who cannot access a period abroad ('internationalisation at home').



Dear Student/former Student,

Maybe you have been an exchange student recently, maybe you are currently studying in a foreign country, perhaps you studied abroad some years ago at one of the many universities spread all over Europe. In any case, being a student is a really special period of one's life - this is why we would like to invite you to share your opinion and experience.

Why study abroad?

The same question was the introduction of the ESNSurvey 2010; the answers can be multiple and different.

The answer we are looking for in the ESNSurvey 2011 "Exchange, Employment and Added Value" is related to the job market: *the mobile students of today will be the mobile labour market participants of tomorrow.*

In this edition are also exploring the impact of student mobility on the environment, satisfaction with student organisations and their impact on volunteering.

Fill in the ESNSurvey 2011 and share your experience!

Answering the survey **takes less than 10 minutes**, and you have the opportunity to **win 1 out of 3 iPods!**

You can find the questionnaire online at esn.org/survey. It will be open from August till the end of November 2011.

Important!

By participating in the ESNSurvey, you will have a direct influence on the future of exchange programmes in Europe. ESN regularly shares the results of the survey with important stakeholders such as European Institutions, Universities and National Agencies. Your experience can improve the one of future students!

Should you have any questions or comments, we will be happy to answer them at survey@esn.org.

Thanks for your help and good luck with your studies and career!

ESNSurvey Team

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