OBESSU General Assembly 2017

Berlin, Germany, 5th – 6th August 2017

Day 1, Saturday 5th of August

0. Welcoming

Ferre from the Board welcomes the delegates.

1. Opening of the GA

Board Member Laufey opens and introduces the General Assembly (GA) of OBESSU.

The roll call is made, and voting cards are distributed in alphabetical order to the organisations present. Yellow cards are given to the Member Organisations (MOs) with the right to vote and blue cards to the Candidate Organisations (COs) with the right to speak, according to the payment of the Annual Financial Contribution.

First Roll Call:

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS (not present), DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

2. Election of the Chairperson

The Board proposes Dejan Bojanic, former Board member of OBESSU to be the Chairperson of the GA.

The Dejan welcomes the delegates and he briefly shares his experience in OBESSU.

The GA approves the Chairperson by acclamation.

The official agenda sent out before the GA has been updated, Dejan presents the changes.

The Chair explains the regulations related to voting (raising vote plates, voting by acclamation, secret ballot) and other internal OBESSU signs (T&V).
3. **Election of the minute-takers**

The Board proposes Eszter Somogyi, OBEESU Programme Coordinator and Susan Reyes Project Assistant to be the minute-takers of the GA.

The GA approves the minute-takers by acclamation.

4. **Election of the Ballot Committee**

The Chairperson explains the role and function of Ballot Committee.

The Chairperson explains that the GA has to decide on the composition of the Ballot Committee (3 or 5 people). He suggests a Ballot Committee of 3 people.

Three people are proposed for the Ballot Committee. EEO proposes Magnus Kronborg, SLL proposes Anna Pärnänen and FSS proposes Nicolas Sjoberg.

The GA elects the ballot committee by acclamation.

5. **Adoption of Internal Regulations**

The Chairperson introduces the Internal Regulations of the Statutory Meetings.

The deadline for submitting Urgent Motions and Resolutions is announced by the Chair: it is the 6th August 12h. The email has to be sent to the Secretary General and the Chairperson.

The Chairperson invites the GA to adopt the Internal Regulations:

- Proceed to vote:
  - In favour: 12
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 0

The Internal regulations for the GA of OBEESU are adopted unanimously.

The Chair announces the deadline for applying for the Monitoring Committee: it is on the 5th August 12h.

6. **Voting on the presence of guests present at the GA**

The Chairperson explains that Anna Hellesnes from the Norwegian organisation SSUN would like to take part in the General Assembly. She presents herself. OBEESU Board (Lasse) spends some words to welcome her.

The MOs vote to grant the right to participate in the GA to the guest from "SSUN".
Proceed to vote:
In favour: 12
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

“SSUN” has been granted the right to be present in the GA.

The Chairperson explains that there will be a vote to allow the Affiliate Organisations SVB and KYC to have the right to speak during the GA. However, since KYC is not yet present the vote on this point is postponed to the moment when the KYC delegate arrives to the GA.

The Chairperson explains that there are some organisations that have several delegates, the platform has to vote on whether all delegates can speak or only one designated one.

SUS: In case there are more than one delegates from an organisation they should agree on the position and one should present it.

CNE: They might have different expertise, so why not allow all of them to talk?

EEO: Granting the speaking right to more than one delegate could possibly disrupt the meeting.

The Chairperson asks the membership to vote on the speaking right of the second delegate. The question is: can all of the delegates present in the room speak?

There are 12 Member Organisations with a voting right present in the room.

Proceed to vote:
In favour: 10
Against: 0
Abstentions: 2

All delegates can speak in the GA.

Chairperson is making the roll call. The following organisations are present in the room:
AKS, ASuBiH, CEF, CNE, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, LH, LMS, NSoA, RSM, SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

7. Voting right for Member Organisations failing to pay the Annual Financial Contribution

The Chairperson explains that according to the Statutes, only Member Organisations which have paid the Annual Financial Contribution (AFC) have the right to vote. There are 9 MOs and 3 COs and 1 AO that have failed to pay the AFC. These are: BSSU, CANAE, CSU, DOS, EEO, FSS, ISSU; KYC; NSoA, RSM; SAKKI; UNL, UNSS.

One delegate from each organisation has the chance to explain why their organisation has failed to pay the AFC on time. The GA will vote on whether to grant the right to vote/speak. To pass, a simple majority is needed.
The organisations concerned make a brief explanation and the Chairperson opens the floor for questions or comments:

Organisations not present: BSSU, CANAE, CSU.

- DOS explains the reasons why they failed to pay.

LMS: Are you willing to pay the AFC?
DOS: Yes, of course. I will ask our financial manager to look into this issue.

USO: Has this happened previously with DOS?
Secretary General: Never.

SUS: How long has DOS been part of OBESSU?
Chair: 3 or 4 years.

Proceed to vote:
In favour: 12
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

DOS has the voting right in the GA.

- EEO explains the reasons why they failed to pay.

SUS: Have you failed to pay in the past?
EEO: No.

Currently there are 13 Member Organisations in the room with the right to vote.

Proceed to vote:
In favour: 12
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

EEO has the voting right in the GA.

- FSS explains the reasons why they failed to pay.

FSS claims to have sent the AFC on time, the Secretary General proceeds to checking OBESSU's bank account. During this, the FSS's AFC discussion is postponed.

- ISSU explains the reasons why they failed to pay.

Currently there are 14 Member Organisations with voting right in the room, simple majority now is 8.
Proceed to vote:
In favour: 15
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

**ISSU has the voting right in the GA.**

- UNSS explains the reasons why they failed to pay.

EEO: Is the Secretary General of UNSS on vacation?
UNSS: Not exactly, she was supposed to handle her job from the United States.
UNSS leaves the room.

SUS: Have they paid before?
Secretary General: Yes

ASuBiH: They have problems with the SG, she is travelling a lot, not doing her job. The International Officer of UNSS is trying hard to fix the situation.
Currently there are 15 members with voting right in the room, simple majority is 8.

Proceed to vote:
In favour: 15
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

**UNSS has the voting right in the GA.**

FSS: The payment has been done but under a wrong transfer name. Consequently FSS has met all its responsibilities so they get back their voting right.

- NSoA explains the reasons why they failed to pay.
- RSM explains the reasons why they failed to pay.

Roll Call of the present organisations:
AKS, ASuBiH, CEF, CNE, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, LH, LMS, NSoA, RSM, SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK

There are 22 Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations present in the room.
Now we have 17 Member Organisations with the right to vote in the room.
8. **Legality of GA and adoption of the Agenda**

For the GA to be legal, 50% plus 1 of the total number of OBESSU members has to be present. At this GA 22 Organisations (17 Member Organisations) are present, which satisfies the legality criterion. Furthermore, all deadlines leading up to the GA were kept. No protests are made known and therefore the Chairperson confirms the legality of the GA.

The Chairperson explains the agenda and opens the floor for questions.

VSK: Why is the Monitoring Committee report after the World Café?

Board: It is nice to shift a bit the agenda to do different things at different times.

The Agenda is adopted by acclamation.

**Break**

During the break representatives of DGS arrived to the meeting venue, consequently the number of Member Organisations with a voting right is currently 18.

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

9. **Membership issues**

Roll Call:

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

18 Member Organisations with a voting right are present at the moment.

Ferre from the Board presents the system of the memberships, some organisations are not present and he explains the reasons of their absence:

- BSSU, never contacted or reply the emails about the GA
- CANAE, were too busy on national level to assist to the GA
- UNL, they were busy with internal issues.
- CSU, they never contacted or reply the emails about the GA
- SAKKI, national level challenges did not allow them to come
• UNEL, did not find a delegate available to come
• MAKOSZ, they cancelled their participation before the GA

Ferre points out that 12 of 31 of the MO’s did not manage to pay the annual financial contribution before the GA, explains this is a very big financial challenge for OBESSU.

The chairperson asks for questions and comments:

CNE: Suggest that the Board should be more careful with the system of the payments
ELA: Explains that electronical communication can fail, so ask the MO’s to please double check before and thank them for the patient with the payment system
EEO: I would like to hear if there are consequences about this issue (system of payments)
FERRE: Reads the internal regulation of OBESSU, and points out that they understand the problems that can happen on student organisations, but the Board can propose the termination of a Member Organisation if they do not see any participation.
DOS: Is there any program where you can check the work of the MO’s on a national level?
LARISSA: We try to be in close contact through email, social media, speak to people during events. We rely on you about the activities that are happening as sometimes there are barriers because of the language.

Ferre from the Board reads the Statutes about the rights and obligations of Member Organisations.

There are no more comments or questions.

10. Presentation of the report of the COMEM 2016

The Chairperson explains that the minutes of the COMEM were sent out in time and they are available online.

The Chairperson opens the floor for questions:

The Monitoring committee ask the delegates to hold all questions regarding the committee in the afternoon

There are no more comments or questions.

11. Adoption of the meeting minutes of the COMEM 2016

The Chairperson opens the floor for questions and asks to approve the minutes with an acclamation

There are no comments or questions.

The minutes for the COMEM are adopted
12. **Board report 2017**

Ferre from the Board presents the Board report.

Larissa makes an addition about the new pool of trainers; the overall satisfaction of the last 5 OBESSU events, the different outcomes received from them and points out the structure of the present Board and Secretariat.

Lasse from the Board talks about the advocacy portfolios; Seeds of integration programme; the policy papers made during the year, and the partners of OBESSU.

Laufey from the Board presents the progress on the communication area since the last GA.

The chairperson opens the floor for questions

EEO: Board should send the reports with more anticipation and ask about the ICT policy paper.

FERRE: The ICT paper was made by the last Board, we will modify it soon.

LARISSA: We are going to try to send the Board report with more anticipation for the next GA

FSS: The communication should be more active on the Basecamp.

ISSU: How can we avoid the situation about the working group (Ruta left the Board)

FERRE: We did all the communication we could from our legal point of view, officially she (Ruta) is still on the Board as she never resigned. We cannot do that in her place, it is not legal, we can avoid this situation making sure all nominations must have a letter from their organisations.

LARISSA: It is possible for MOs to suggest the end of the Board members, so we encourage to evaluate this issue. It is in your hands. It is up to you that represent OBESSU.

LAUFAY: We as a Board we made a position to support Ruta.

RSM: Have you find easy to link advocacy in national and international level?

LARISSA: Sometimes we have lack of information about what the organisations are doing, therefore we encourage you to communicate a lot with us, so we can link a lot better. You as Member Organisation can do amendments about it, you decide what we advocate for, and that your priorities for next year match our priorities too.

There are no more comments or questions.

13. **Approval of Member and Candidate Organisations**

The chairperson asks the Board to present the organisations and their decisions about the membership, and give 5 minutes to the organisations to present their selves.

NSoA presents themselves
USO: How old is your organisation?

NSoA: 3 years

VSK: What are the biggest achievements of your organisation so far?

NSoA: After some campaign, the apprentices now get paid on the UK with the minimum wage.

SUS: What is going to happen with the organisation if the Brexit finally happens?

NSoA: Nothing really changes.

FSS: How many apprentices are in the UK, and how many apprentices do you have in your organisation?

NSoA: We have about 20 apprentices in the leadership, but there are thousands of apprentices on the UK that are already members or can join us.

RSM: Do you have cooperation with the workers representation in your country, do you also do advocacy with the government of your country?

NSoA: The government asked us to collaborate with them.

There are no more comments or questions.

The chairperson opens the floor for the vote.

18-member organisations have the voting right.

Proceed to vote:

In favour: 18
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

NSoA is now a Candidate Organisation of OBESSU.

UEM presents their organisation

FSS: Where are you going to go with your advocacy now, what are your steps to increase the number of student members?

UEM: Promoting the quality of education, try to find budgets working with international organisations.

UDS: How many students do you represent, also do you represent VET and high school students?

UEM: We represent both groups, and there are 20 000 pupils affiliated to our school student organisation.

There are no more comments or questions.
18 member organisations have the voting right.

Proceed to vote:
In favour: 18
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

**UEM is now a Candidate Organisation of OBESSU.**

**CEF** presents themselves as organisation

VSK: We are happy that you join OBESSU, and that we hopefully get better communication, so the whole of Belgium is strongly represented.

CEF: We really want to develop the link with you

UEM: What is your future strategy?

CEF: We want to develop the right of freedom to choose education, so students can freely choose what they want to study we as well want to work for inclusion.

There are no more comments or questions.

FSS: Suggest a Basecamp conversation between all the organisations

KYC present themselves as an organisation.

Lunch

**14. Report of the Secretary General**

**Roll Call**

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

18 Member Organisations with voting right are present, the majority vote is 10.

The Chair announces that 2 more candidates submitted their applications to run for the Monitoring Committee.
Secretary General Ela Jakubek presents the Secretariat Report.

Main points:

A. Presentation of the staff (5 people)

B. Daily tasks (technical support, SG is preparing a Weekly Overview of Functioning at the beginning of the week, Mail at the End of the Week summarising the achievements of the week)

C. Challenges
   a. No answer to Secretariat messages, whereas it would be necessary to proceed with the work
   b. Too many mails with questions that could be avoided by paying more attention to the documents the Secretariat is communicating to MOs/ event participants
   c. Not respecting deadlines
   d. Money issues (not paying the AFC, losing money on book flights too late)

D. Finances

The Chairperson opens the floor for questions:

VSK: There is the section membership fees in the excel sheet, what is that?

SG: Fees that we are paying to be part of different platforms (LLLP, YFJ, Sirius)

EEO: We do not know how to use Basecamp, we receive way too many notifications and we can’t filter the messages that are useful for use. This is why people are asking so many questions.

SG: Switch notifications off, target the information you need.

UdS: Why do not you have a deadline for booking flights? If you book the flight after the deadline, then the ticket will not be reimbursed. Another point is an issue with Basecamp and mailing, we never know what information is where. Why not switch completely to Basecamp? Also, what does other income of 13 thousands euros mean in the excel sheet.

SG: The 13000 euros is Core budget, EYF Workplan, 5000 euros from other income which comes from the School Method 2020 where ESCU applied for money, so they transferred us an amount for the reimbursement. The reimbursement point on the flight booking deadline you made should be in the Statues, so you should amend it.

Board: Please pay attention to the deadlines.

There are no more questions.
15. **Decision on the 2017 Annual Financial Contributions**

Secretary General explains how the system of the AFCs is working and stresses the importance of the AFCs in the OBESSU budget.

- Seeds for Integration fund should be left out of the annual turnover
- Grant received by MO to host an OBESSU event should be left out of the annual turnover

SG explains that the proposal is to keep the AFCs at the same level as for 2017.

UEM: Asks for clarification. What if an organisation receives project funding and the money cannot be used for membership fee.

SG: The GA has to amend these rules.

VSK: Is it possible to make an amendment during the COMEM?

SG: Yes, it is possible.

UNSS: What was the main argument for having project money in the turnover declaration?

Ferre: In many cases an organisation can spend some money on other costs like a membership fee.

CNE: It is also unfair to make organisation pay money though they do not have the resources for it.

The Chair encourages the members to have this discussion at the COMEM.

UdS: There is a difficulty in identifying what type of funding should be excluded from the turnover, another thing is in case you are part of OBESSU, you should also be financially responsible for the organisation.

Ferre: In response to CNE, we encourage members to assess your own budget and find ways to pay the AFC, but if there is a fundamental problem paying the AFC, please contact the Secretariat, there is always a way to come up with a solution.
SG: An organisation should not only rely on project funding, so we as OBESSU Secretariat we can give you support and advices on how to diversify your funds.

Board: We hope you see the benefits of OBESSU membership, we also spend money on your events, it is also about all of us making a small contribution. You spend money on membership but the return is quite important we hope.

SSUN asks the floor to speak. The Chair opens the floor for the members to vote on the speaking right of the guest.

Proceed to voting on granting SSUN speaking right on that specific question
In favour: 18
Against: 0
Abstaining: 0
SSUN has been granted speaking right on this topic.

SSUN: How come you take into consideration the annual turnover and not the annual budget?
SG: I will look it up in the meeting minutes of the GA when the concept of AFC was adopted.

There are no questions or comments so the Chairperson calls for the vote on the AFC 2018.
Proceed to vote:
In favour: 17
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1
The AFC 2018 is adopted.

16. Working Group presentations

- WG on VET is presented by Laufey from the Board
  - Prezi presentation

VSK: Will the WG continue its work?
Laufey: Yes, though it depends on the future Board. It was my portfolio and I am leaving. However, based on the current Working Plan it should continue at least until the end of this year.
Lasse: A new call will be launched in 2018 to recruit a new WG.
RSM: EC launched the VET Skills week, was there someone from the WG? There were interesting moments there on the EC approach. What is the approach of the WG members to be present at important events organised by the Commission to ensure OBESSU presence?

Laufey: Last year none of the WG members made it to the week, Ela represented OBESSU there. It is of course important that the EC has such an event, though it was during the exam period. EC invited OBESSU through YFJ, we can influence the EC’s work through the European Alliance on Apprenticeship as well.

Lasse: This year the apprentice network will meet at the VET week, we will for sure do something. Maybe we will connect the skills week with the OBESSU VET event.

- WG on Political Platform is presented by the Board (Ferre)

There are no questions.

Break

17. World Café

- Work Plan 2018
- Political Platform
- Seeds for Integration

18. Presentation of Monitoring Committee Report and Internal Regulations

Nicholas from the Monitoring Committee presents the MC Report.

The Chairman opens the floor for questions.

FSS: What happened in Dublin with the report?

LASSE: The report was done the day before the COMEM last year, we were dissatisfied with what the committee informed, we think it will have been better that what it was exposed was said on the internal report than the external report.

UNSS: Why the monitoring committee is out of the Basecamp?

FERRE: It is something we really want to do, we are going to add the Monitoring Committee to Basecamp.

EEO: The Monitoring Committee have not been present in all OBESSU events. Therefore, I think they should not make reports.

NICHOLAS: The product (report) that we as a group made was changed, the previous one was unethical due to the short time we had for making it. About the events, we decided that it is not fundamental for
the MC to assist to every event of OBESSU as our role on those events should have been a little be unclear, we agreed we do not need to be physically present.

EEO: This would be a right place to make an amendment about this point (MC).

UDS: The direct contact with the MC is necessary. I also think they should not point out only just the problems but the positive parts as well.

FSS: How the MOs evaluate the monitoring work?

NICHOLAS: We think that maybe if we were in the Basecamp our communication will have been much close and there will have been an evaluation about the MC too.

VSK: Have you faced any other problems apart from the Dublin one? Is any other problem about the MC and the Board apart from what happened with Ruta?

Nicholas: Well, most of the year the communication has been very difficult, lots of frustration from the Board and the MC about it, but we do not have personal issues between each other though.

VSK: What about the Secretariat?

Nicholas: The relation with the Secretariat has been good, they made a great effort for our meetings.

ISSU: Did you notice any other issues with the Board?

Nicholas: Well, as I mentioned in the presentation, there has been issues with the Board basically about not following up with the work. Communication as well was very slow.

Roll Call:

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

18 Member Organisations with voting rights are present at the moment.

The chairperson opens the floor and asks the delegates to approve the report of the MC.

On favour: 14

Against: 0

Abstaining: 4

The chairperson informs that the report of the MC has been adopted.

End of day 1
Day 2, Saturday 6th of August

Ferre is presenting the social challenge of the day 😊

Roll Call

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC, LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

Now we have 18 MOs with the right to vote and 4 COs and 2 AOs with the right to speak and SSUN as guest.

19. Discussion and voting on proposals (amendments to the Statutes, internal regulations)

- Statutes

The Chairperson explains the procedure of the amendments to the Statutes. The changes have to be agreed by 2/3 majority. The majority is 12 as 18 members have the right to vote.

Amendment #1 (VSK)

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Rational: This proposal aims to increase the transparency of OBESSU’s operation. OBESSU operates on a solidarity basis, which is understandable, but this requires a certain amount of openness. Making accessible the amount of income sourced from each member organisation will increase mutual trust and cooperation.

In addition, presenting a full account of income sources will make it possible for the General Assembly, as the organisation’s highest organ, to fully take on its responsibility of financial control. It will also help the organisation fully comply with Belgian non-profit regulations.

The Chairman opens the floor for questions:

AKS: Equal participation is important regardless to the income, making the AFC public can create a misbalance of power. AKS does support the current system. Full trust is NOT making this information public; also we do know the total amount of money coming from the AFC so that is transparent.
LMS: It would create competition between the organisations.

Board: Transparency is important but this amendment can have bad long term consequences, every organisation has to have equal voice, making the amount public is not the ideal way to ensure that.

UdS: Amendment can lead to a dangerous path; income of the organisations should not be made public as they live in different contexts all around Europe. Some organisations are funded by public institutions; some do not have income, so politically it is important that we do not count our income, the important that every organisation is contributing as much as they can.

VSK: It would not decrease equality, VSK pays more than most of the organisations but we do not feel more powerful than your organisations. If you cannot handle that our organisations know how much yours is getting that is sad. We only want to have full transparency and the feeling of fairness. We just want to have access to this information, not asked the Board to send it around. If this amendment does not go through it says a lot about OBESSU.

DGS: We have the right to full transparency, we have a duty to treat this information accordingly and also not make decisions based on emotions and the atmosphere.

USO: It is important to know what we are talking about, to see why an organisation would vote no to this amendment. We do support this amendment.

SUS: An organisation with smaller income will have an idea of how things run in OBESSU. It can create power misbalance, so we are against.

VSK: We have all one voting card, we have the same rights. To comply with Belgian legislation, we need this information.

EEO: We know that money is a problem, but making this information public we are afraid that it can happen that those paying less will receive less attention at the GA. What about organisations that cannot pay the AFC?

USO: We already know that there are differences between the AFCs, we know that we pay less than Nordic countries. We do not feel that there is a misbalance in power even though we already know that there are big differences. The information is already out there, we just need to have it in a transparent way.

LMS: We are asking for a secret ballot on this.

VSK: This is also about increasing professionalism. As USO said we talk with each other

SUS: What does not seem transparent right know for you?

VSK: We are not satisfied with the work OBESSU is doing. We also face financial difficulties. We did sign up for the solidarity system; we just do not know what we exactly signed up for without knowing how many people are paying.

DGS: A lot of argument is based on speculation which is not a way to handle a political discussion. At least maybe we should try to be transparent on this, and then see how things go and change it back if necessary.
UNSS: What is more important? Money or good ideas? Also, we do not know what will happen in the future, maybe in 10 years people will think differently. I have more trust not knowing how much you all pay.

VSK: We are the General Assembly, so we have to talk about finances here as well.

ISSU: The amendment talks about the right not give a full detailed excel, if some organisations feel that they need this transparency that they need that, if others feel victimised we should handle this.

FSS: When at GA we argue about the AFC it is good to know this information. This information is for the GA.

UdS: The Statutes establishes general rules, not trust in a person. We never know who will be sitting at the next GA, when we think about the Statutes we need to make general rules. The faith and transparency on the AFC is based on a legal document signed by the president of the organisation. There is no problem of transparency.

EEO: Let’s see today how the European Union is working. We are afraid.

CNE: Money is power, fine but we paid different amount of money relative to our income.

SSUN asks the floor to speak. The Chairperson invites the members to vote on SSUN right to speak.

In favour: 17
Against: 0
Abstention: 1

SSUN has been granted the right to speak.

VSK: OBESSU is growing which is great, what if we grow much more, then it would be an important thing to know from each other. I agree that knowing this information when discussing the AFC it is important.

Board: To reply to the Belgian legislation; it is not always clear what the law is asking; the organisation’s book has to be transparent. In OBESSU the AFC is booked under one category, the ‘membership fee’. It would have been good to receive from VSK the article of the law stating the mentioned point before the GA. OBESSU is an ASBL so does not fall under the same legislation as a Belgian NGO, but if VSK is not satisfied with this answer, we can ask for legal advice.

RSM: It is necessary not to make our GA about debating money and how much money we pay. In which way should this transparency be realised? It is important to know that a union is not doing well, but also the GA should not be all about discussing finances.

SSUN: It is up to people present at the GA not to create a bad atmosphere; we all are paying as much as we can. We need to create this environment in our own organisation.

LMS: Reply to FSS, for decision-making on AFC knowing the amount can be important. However, it does create on a personal level a feeling of misbalance in power.

ASuBiH: We do not want to know how much people are paying, what do I get from this information? It is much more important to present our projects and organisations to learn from each other not the money.
VSK: Asking the overview would be an internal thing.

ESCU: We want to ensure that OBESSU runs as smoothly as possible, we have a Secretariat for this job, and as long as we do not have financial problems why do we need this information.

There are no more comments or questions and the Chairperson reminds that LMS asked for a secret ballot.

Roll Call

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

There are 18 organisations with the voting right present in the room.

Proceed to vote:

In favour: 5
Against: 10
Abstentions: 3

The amendment has been rejected.

Amendment #2 (OBESSU Board)

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Rational: During the past year, the Board discovered that we have a lot of very old and outdated policy papers in our database. These are papers that were adopted more than 10 years ago, but as they do not have any expiry date, they’re still official OBESSU policy. Therefore we suggest adding an expiry date to
policy papers (after two years). When a paper is expired, the next statutory meeting will get to decide whether to keep the paper or discard it. All of this to have a better overview of what our policies actually are and to prevent that we will have outdated policies on different topics.

The Chairman opens the floor for questions:

UNSS: If we make amendments then when does the expiring date of the policy paper start?
Board: Then it will be from the meeting when the amendments were adopted.

USO: How many policy papers do OBESSU have?
Board: Between 20 and 40.

USO: The idea to keep the policy papers up to date is great and hopefully it will not be too much work.
Board: We want to give the recommendations to the COMEM.

There are no more comments or questions and the Chairperson calls the vote.

Proceed to vote:
In favour: 18
Against: 0
Abstentions: 
The amendment has been carried.

- Internal regulations on reimbursement

**Amendment #1 (OBESSU Board)**

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<td>- Should OBESSU, under exceptional circumstances, purchase the tickets on behalf of some participant, the latter has the obligation to inform OBESSU with a minimum notice of 10 days should they not be able to attend the event. Failing to do that will give the right to OBESSU to claim the full amount of money advanced for the purchase of the ticket. The request for reimbursement could be addressed by OBESSU either to the individual or to the organisation they belong.</td>
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<td>- As far as accommodation and food is concerned, since OBESSU is indeed responsible to arrange hotel and meals reservation for most of the events in case of no-show and in absence of a 10 day notice notification, the full reimbursement of accommodation/meal costs will be claimed by OBESSU to the individual or his/her organisation. In case of so called ‘force majeure’ cancellation, a case-by-case consideration will apply. After:</td>
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**Rational**

The amendment will allow a more efficient management of OBESSU funds, as lately due to several last-minute cancellations on events, the budget of OBESSU was compromised on a number of occasions.

The Chairman opens the floor for questions:

VSK: It gives the Secretariat insurance to manage the finances in an efficient way and there must be a consequence if organisations do not respect the rules.

There are no more comments or questions and the Chairperson calls the vote.

**Proceed to vote:**

In favour: 18
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

*The amendment has been carried.*

- Internal rules and regulations on OBESSU policy statements

The Board proposes a new ‘Rules and regulations documents’ that is intended to outline the types of political statements that OBESSU issues, with clear defined purposes and procedures for each of them.

SUS: How did you work before this paper?

Board: It was more about looking up how other organisations are doing it. It is also related to the revision of the Political Platform, it is also to ensure what goes in the Political Platform and what in a policy paper.

There are no more comments or questions and the Chairperson calls the vote.

**Proceed to vote:**

In favour: 18
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

*The amendment has been carried.*

**Coffee break**
20. Adoption of the new Work Plan 2018-2020

Roll Call

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO,
ESCO, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present),
SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

18-member organisations, 4 candidates, 2 affiliates and 1 guest are present at the moment

Lasse from the Board presents the new Work Plan 2018-2020

The Chairman opens the floor for questions and comments

VSK: I would like to ask about the part of the education funding

Lasse: We want to see what kind of funding goes to education, analyse what does increase and
decrease funding means.

DGS: We want to say that like the new structure, we specially like the diversity topics on it.

SSUN: I would like to ask about the organisation capacity

Lasse: Our idea is that inclusive organisations would be a nice topic to include. We have the programme
Seeds for integration, we want to work more on it.

SUS: Does not the Board think that maybe there are too many topics for these years?

Larissa: We have lot of events and many different actions so it is quite feasible. We have lot of different
ways to deal with all these topics.

SUS: Do we have a structure for the mental health topic?

Larissa: We want to work further next year about it, we have some data on our research.

CNE: Is this information public? (research about mental health)

Larissa: It is not published yet, but will be published soon and of course you will have access to all this
information.

VSK: Just want to say that we will love to work together about this topic, wellbeing.

RSM: There are many things that we have said during the study sessions about inclusion, part of this
section is about the right of education for students of poorest families, they are not part of minorities,
but they are a consistent part of European society, so we think it would be useful to focus more on this
aspect, the school opens to all part of the society, inclusion.

CNE: I am very happy you are approaching this area of quality of education. I think this is something
very relevant, that should not be only about the students but the teachers and school. Our organisation
738 makes a general reaction of the people we represent, and I think this is something we should focus on, about the capacity of organisation, that all the students get to know who we are.

740 ISSU: Thank the Board for constructing this structure.

741 There are no more comments or questions and the Chairperson calls the vote.

742 Proceed to vote:

743 In favour: 18
744 Against: 0
745 Abstentions: 0

747 The work plan 2018-2020 has been adopted.

749 21. Adoption of the Policy Paper on Innovation in Education: The School Student’s Perspective (School Methods 2020)

750 Ferre from the Board presents the new policy paper.

752 VSK: I would like to propose to go straight to vote.

753 There are no more comments or questions and the Chairperson calls the vote.

755 Proceed to vote:

756 In favour: 18
757 Against: 0
758 Abstentions: 0

759 The Policy Paper on Innovation in Education has been adopted.

760 22. Political platform

762 UDS presents the amendment.

765 Amendment #1 (UdS)

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766 Rational: The first barrier to social inclusion for migrants is language, it is important to ensure free courses to allow easy access to education.

769 The Chairman opens the floor for questions:

770 VSK: Is it realistic for your government to do this?
UDS: Yes, it is realistic, because it will be free. Schools can provide these courses because they are part of the curriculum anyway.

LSM: Is not already on OBESSU documents that all students in Europe have equal access to education regardless to different conditions?

Larissa: It is not there already, because this is very specific. This is about providing free languages courses.

SUS: Will this course be useful for refugees, I mean for their final destination?

UDS: It is very difficult to know because of the different repartition of migrants.

SUS: About finances, the teachers must be paid, cannot be for free. Is there any deep financial structure?

UDS: There are European funding for student migrants and there is normal funding for schools. In Italian schools, there are more teachers than the normal courses we have, so this is possible.

AKS: What we decide here would be independent from governments, is it then something worth to fight for? If we already know that some governments are not in favour, I do not think this is a relevant debate.

USO: It is able to finance this project, in Switzerland we already had that program to migrants; it is not an easy process but it is possible.

FSS: As a regarding about SUS and the economical finances issues, I have statistics that prove that if the migrants that arrive, got to learn the language, the economy can improve. And that it is very important that everyone got opportunities to learn.

RSM: It is fundamental to have this linguistically support, not only for migrants but for all students that have different backgrounds. There are many differences in students. They study in a language that is not their language. It is important to create communities.

ISSU: It is a terrific proposal to provide language courses to refugees and migrants, but my concern will be that in the arrival countries there are not enough teachers available to provide these courses.

FSS: This is already a practice in Finland, we can have some helpers like migrants that already learnt the language; I do not think that it is a big problem.

VSK: Refugees and migrants get some resources from governments; we give them somehow with that free access education already.

There are no more comments or questions and the Chairperson calls the vote.

**Proceed to vote:**

In favour: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

**The amendment has been carried.**
Ferre from the Board presents the proposal of a new Political Platform.

FSS and RSM, as members of the working groups, present their contribution about the Political Platform and encourage the present delegates to give their outputs about it, to focus more on policy papers, and everything that will help our platform.

There are no comments or questions and the Chairperson calls the vote.

Proceed to vote:
In favour: 17
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

The Political Platform with the amendment of UDS has been adopted.

23. MO’s Fair (Annex 1)

Lunch

24. Silent discussion on OBESSU services

Topics:
- Pool of Trainers - PoT
- Basecamp
- Monthly OBESSU Overview - MOO

25. Presentation of the European Youth Forum

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

18 member organisations are present with voting right, the majority is 10.

The delegate from LMS is giving the right to vote to ESCU by depositing a proxy letter to the Chair.

26. Adoption of the Budget 2017

Secretary General Ela Jakubek explains the Budget 2017 and explains that it is very difficult to make a prediction for a full year.

The Chairperson opens the floor for questions:
SUS: OBESSU wants to apply for the highest amount of the Visegrad Fund, however as a prerequisite there has to be a regional impact.

Ela: We want to apply for a small amount. We will bring the expertise of school student unions to countries where the national school student union is not developed yet. The impact on the region will be to ensure student representation.

CEF: Why does Belgium fund OBESSU but not other countries?

Ela: In Belgium the social sector is providing extra funding to CSOs that have their legal site in the country.

There are no more questions or comments so the Chairperson calls for the vote to adopt the budget 2017.

Proceed to vote:
In favour: 18
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

The Budget 2017 is approved.

Coffee break

AKS, ASuBiH, BSSU (not present), CANAE (not present), CEF, CNE, CSU (not present), DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, KYC (not present), LH, LMS, MAKOSZ (not present), NSoA, RSM, SAKKI (not present), SIF, SLL, SUS, SVB, UDS, UNEL (not present), UNL (not present), UEM, UNSS, USO, VSK.

18 member organisations are present with voting right, the majority is 10.

27. Election of new Board members

The Chairperson explains that usually Board candidates have to leave the room, but as there are candidates that are the only delegate of their organisations, the proposal is that all candidates stay in the room for the speeches, but that all candidates have to leave the room for the questions and answers.

There is no organisation against it.

There are 2 candidates:
- Rob O’Donnell, from ISSU
- Sara Þöll Finnbogadóttir from SIF

The Board candidates start their presentation.

- Sara Þöll Finnbogadóttir from SIF presents herself

The Chairperson invites the other candidate to leave the room and opens the floor for questions:

VSK: What quality do you consider to have?
Sara: I am very organised so I think the Board will benefit.

LH: what is your experience?

Sara: I worked on the council of municipality so I worked with Politicians

UNSS: Do you have any idea for the Balkans countries to reach the level of education of other European countries?

Sara: We really need to encourage them to take part of the prep teams, on working groups, into the Board, to take more part in OBESSU work.

SVB: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Sara: Going to university, pursuing a master in Geology. I will not go this year if I go elected.

FSS: What is like the one thing you would like to change about how OBESSU is?

Sara: I would like to focus on a good connection about the Board and MC.

UDS: What instrument would you consider to improve the relation between the Board and the MOs?

Sara: Well I think the relationship has been already very good.

VSK: What do you think it is going to be one of your most difficulties in the Board?

Sara: Speaking clearing English and the policy papers, I need to read more.

ASSUBIH: What do you think it is your biggest weakness?

Sara: Stress, I think I can get stressed being on the Board, but I think it is a great learning experience

DOS: If you get elected how do you think it will benefit you?

Sara: I think it is a learning process, I do not see this is as on my CV, will benefit me in communication skills, and how education system works.

SSUN: Any thoughts about how will you increase the members of OBESSU?

Sara: Talking to others, there are probably more organisations in the countries that are already member, so we can start more connections.

USO: Which is your favourite book?

SARAH: “I love dicks” it is a book about women’s talk, about what they are looking for a man

EEO: When did you apply for the Board?

Sara: At last minute, as I was unsure about if I was good enough, but I also feel like I have done everything in SIF and therefore that I am ready to move from national to international level.

UEM: What do you think about eastern expansion of OBESSUs membership, we have small network with them

Sara: Of course, why not.

UEM: So can you say this will be one of your goals?

Sara: Yes of course, one of the things I can suggest on the Board.

There are no more questions and the Chairperson welcomes the candidates back to the room.

- Rob O'Donnell from ISSU presents himself

The Chairperson invites the other candidates to leave the room and opens the floor for questions:

FSS: what are your future plans and how will you make them work together?

Rob: I would like to combine what I am learning with my engineering and maths degree with this experience, I am sure something can be applicable.

EEO What do you think are your strengths?

Rob: I am proactive in approaching people, about personal connection to every MOs, I have done more work with facilitation.

DOS: Do you think you'll find enough time to put everything together?
Rob: The first 2 years I have been on the Board of my organisation, there was just one member so I spent more time in the office than in university, this is my main project (OBESSU Board), this is the plan.

LH: What can you say it is one achievement in your organisation?

Rob: There was a moment where we could not get people interested, so we started getting students council doing training with them.

USO: What is your favourite book?

Rob: It is one about cities underneath, not really a common one.

VSK: What is the first subject you want to work on the Board?

Rob: The work plan, I think teacher evaluations are very important and that this is very different in European countries, this is something important. We can learn so much from each other, I would love to facilitate that area.

SSUN: Do you have any plan to increase the number of member organisations?

Rob: I think meeting with the organisations, so I will just continue with the work they are doing, I will continue with what has been done so far.

There are no more questions and the Chairperson welcomes the candidates back to the room.

Roll call (the only with the right to vote)

AKS, ASuBiH, CNE, DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, LH, LMS, SIF, SLL, SUS, UDS, UNSS, USO, VSK.

There were 18 valid votes. The Chairperson reads the name of the candidates who have been elected:

- Sarah from SIF is elected.
- Rob from ISSU is elected.

The Chairperson asks the newly elected Board Members if they accept the votes. They do.

Sarah and Rob are elected as new Board members of OBESSU.

The Chairperson thanks all the candidates that run.

28. Election of Monitoring Committee

There are 3 candidates to the Monitoring Committee.

- Frederic Koch from SVB (nominated by SIF) presents himself.
- Agnesa Qerimi from KYC (nominated by USO) presents herself.
- Peter Hybschmann from EEO (nominated by EEO) presents himself.

The Chair informs the MOs that as the application deadline was after the beginning of the GA, the ballot papers are blank. The MOs can write up to 3 names on the paper.

Peter Hybschmann from EEO presents himself.

The Chair opens the floor for questions:

LH: What do you think it is your best achievement in work?
Peter: To make my school council as big as its now.

SUS: Why have not you run for this position in the first call?

Peter: In the first call, I had all my final exams, and on the second call I was ready, I think it can be a great opportunity.

VSK: There were many problems with communication last year, how will you improve this issue?

Peter: Lot of communication problems came from internal, so I will do my best since I have lot of experience in getting other people doing some work as well. I hope I can have a good connection with the new Board and Secretariat.

SUS: You mentioned that one main part it is the structure of the organisation, are you willing to do this?

Peter: Yes, I will say so, I will have a gap year, I will have the time do so.

FSS: What are the regulations of the MC?

Peter: Does not say anything about the international officers and the MC; that regulation only applies to member of the Board.

ISSU: What positive strengths will you bring to the MC?

Peter: I am very dedicated with the work I do, I am good at making good reports, I am a trustable person.

VSK: How good do you manage stress?

Peter: I think I manage stress quite well, will not be as hard for me.

USO: Would you stay as an international officer?

Peter: It really depends on how you handle this professionally and personally I think I can do this.

There are no more questions and the Chairperson welcomes the candidates back to the room.

Frederich Koch from SVB presents himself.

The Chair opens the floor for questions:

UDS: Will you be an international officer while being on the MC?

Frederich: I will not as I want to focus on the MC.

LH: What is the biggest achievement in your work?

Frederich: Getting Funding from the youth parliament.

USO: What is your favourite book?

Frederich: A fantasy novel about magic 200 years ago.

VSK: How will you contribute the MC?

Frederich: I think I have a lot of experience, I am really organised, I know how to organise communication, I can use all this experience to the MC.

There are no more questions and the Chairperson welcomes the candidates back to the room.

Agnesa Qerimi from KYC presents herself through a video.

The Chair opens the floor for questions and asks the candidates to leave the room.

VSK: What about if she does not get the visas to travel for the MC?

Ela: She will get an open Schengen visa for one year, she is already investigating about this process.
USO: I saw her working; we can tell you guys to consider voting for her as she will be a good part of the MC.

FSS: I have been able to work with her in the working groups, when she puts her mind on something she really does a good work.

There are no more questions and the Chairperson welcomes the candidates back to the room.

Roll Call to hand out the ballots

AKS, ASuBiH, CNE, DGS, DOS, EEO, ESCU, FSS, ISSU, LH, LMS, SIF, SLL, SUS, UDS, UNSS, USO, VSK.

The Ballot Committee leaves the room with the ballots.

The Ballot Committee comes back to the room with the results.

There were 18 valid votes. The Chairperson reads the name of the candidates who have been elected.

Peter, Agnesa and Frederich are elected as Monitoring Committee members.

The Chairperson thanks all candidates for running for this position.

29. Urgent resolutions and motions

There are no urgent resolutions and motions.

30. Any other business

Ferre asks the delegates if any of their organisations are interested in hosting next OBESSU events, please send an email to the Board. He explains the different types of OBESSU events.

31. Closing of the General Assembly

The Chairperson thanks all the delegates for all the civilised discussions.

The Chairperson closes the 43rd General Assembly of OBESSU 2017.
ANNEXES

I. MOs Fair

- USO:
  - #KELOSCHT, bei abbau in der bildung
  - Partners:
    - ZSO
    - VLSO
    - BSO
    - AGSO
    - CJE
  - Achievements:
    - Raising of awareness
    - National Dialogue
    - Meetings with politicians
  - Effort by USO:
    - Mobilisation
    - Graphic design
    - Networking
    - Money
    - Coordination
  - Demonstrations against budget cuts 2017
  - - National media coverage
  - - 200 participants
  - - 5 cities
  - - Speeches from politicians
  - - Biggest student organized demonstration

- ASUBIH:
  - 62 local teams, 1400 high schoolers
  - 04.11.2008: 100 people voted for new organization, one which will be made to teach secondary school students their rights.
  - We are a non-governmental, non political organization
  - Project: "17.11 high schoolers day"
  - Project: Sozialer TAG, kitchen
  - Project: Initiative "Two schools under one roof"
  - Project: "Friends without border"
• **UNSS:**

Oldest union of students on Balkans (2003)

Our two main projects:
- "Right to sun" (Helped us to changed the law).
- "Live a social day", through which students got practice and experience in working, and from the earned money we funded school council’s projects.

Gathers 185 school student councils

• **SVB:**

**IDEA:**
Peer-to-peer education for sustainable development

**Trainning for trainers:**
Forming a pool of trainers

**Creating Education Material**

2016-2019 Free workshops (Funded by the government):
- Workshop I: Sustainable development.
- Workshop II: Developing project ideas and project management
VSK:

Conflixers: Peer mediation project

Forms:
- Buddy system
- Trust-care persons
- Mediate - moderate

We offer:
- Inspiration workshops
- Peer support (wellbeing, school atmosphere)

Goals:
- Inspiring
- Inform
- Support
- Share
- Together

SUS:

SUS, National organization which deals with informal education of young active students.
- Several events per year

- August: Event called "lauggage", teambuilding of participants before school year.
- September: Tutoring head organizaers of school student councils.
- October: Event connected with media, propaganda.
- December: This year project funded on Seeds for integration - dealing with an issue of refugee crisis.
- February: Political event called "fictional country" where participants solve different issues in model of parliament.
- May: SUS GA.
**UEST:**

**WHY:**
Students are leaving, the least we can do is to help them with the bureaucracy! The price for an official document is expensive and takes a lot of time and sometimes time is crucial.

**HOW:**
- Lobbyism
- Collecting signatures
- Discussing with the Ministry of Education, asking other associations for help.
- Raising awareness of mass media.

**INTERBAC, By pupils union of Moldova**

**- Internacional Bacalaureate Diploma**
**- Diploma Internationale de Bacalaureat**

**AKS:**

**GET ANGRY! (Measch Argere dich!)**

**AIM**
- Raise awareness about and tackle...
  - ...racism at school
  - ...lack of pd. education at school
  - ...lack of education on dealing critical with media

**What we did:**
- Workshops at schools, at seminars.
- Articles.
- Events, meetings
**EEO:**

Our biggest project: School Health Services

- School nurse role today: Help students who need help
- More student nurses, better student health services
- Let’s give students a better health system
- Minister of education, we need more student nurses!

$$450,000,000$$

**ESCU:**

**WE GO TOGETHER**

**WHAT?**
- Integration project.
- Method how to include people. Main idea is to represent minorities.

**WHY?**
- 25% of stonians are Russians (50,000 Russian students).
- Minorities being cut off from the society.

**HOW?**
- Different projects (summer school, winter school, etc).
- Special department.
- Documentary.
- Special material

**WHEN?**
- Long term process (daily basis, 2018-2020, special projects).

**OUTCOME:**
- New special activists to ESCU.
- Aim: 1500 representatives.
**SLL:**

SUOMEN LUKIOLAISTEN LIITTOO

- Encouraging young people to vote and run for the municipal councils in municipal elections (April 2017)

**NUORIEHDOKAS**

- Focusing on fixing problems dealing with equality (within the organization).
  - Now a part of the official agenda (Since 2016 general assembly).
  - Requires to nominate a support person for every event.

- Municipal elections.
  - Activating young people to point out problems in their hometowns.
  - Promoting young candidates as the resolution.

**KUNTAREMPPA KORJAATAA**

- 5 cities
  - Weekly activities
  - Finish red cross
  - Financed by ministry of culture and education

**Equality plan**

**UDS:**

- "Someh nonsfruttah" On dual system and school work alternative
- Democracy and access to school and university
- "Proposal to the government" School representance
- "LGTQIT Discmination"
- "What its the love?" Project about sexual education
- "No Borders on Knowledge" Migrant integration
- School representance
- Democracy and access to school and university

- "Proposal to the government" School representance
- "LGTQIT Discmination"
- "What its the love?" Project about sexual education
- "No Borders on Knowledge" Migrant integration
- School representance
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• CEF:

TLESDE! Make school inclusive again
- Mental and/or physical disabled
- Highly gifted
- LGBQIT
- Trans
- Young migrant

1. Contact
2. Meet organizations
3. Meet students
4. Movies

• NSOA:

National events:
- NUS Conference.
- National apprenticeship week.
- Regional conferences.
- NSoA weekends.
- Apprentice extra card.

International events:
- Events at parliament.
- SAKKI GA in Finland.
- Membership event.
- Summer camp.
- EAN (European apprentice network).
**Budget costs**

- Government proposes 2% cuts per year next 5 years.
  - Thousands of teachers have been fired.
  - In addition our schools were cut with 3.6%.
  - The cuts are targeting all education.

- Proposes 20% cuts on student grant were withdraw last year.
  - Cuts will also lead to closing schools.
  - The proposed model would result in severe student debt.
  - The cuts will annul tax breaks for the rich.

- Together with amongst others EEU and LH, we formed eduction alliance for approx 50 organizations.
  - Last fall 60% of our student council boycotted education for one day, almost 50000 demonstrated!!
  - This year we’ll also have six weeks of campaigning through the country.
  - Buses from schools all over Denmark.

**What are we doing?**

- There are 3 options:
  1. Student loans (5000 euro per year).
  2. Current system (3000 euro fees, fee waaver and maintenance grant).
  3. Publicly funded higher education.

**ISSU:**

- Issu is currently lobbying for option 3, while vehemently opposing option 1 which would be disastrous for disadvantaged students. Work so far has included meeting with the minister for Education, and a 15000 person student march!
### RETE degli STUDENT MEDI, our campaigns- school year 2016-2017

#### ALTERNAZA GIUSTA:
- Campaign for better projects of "Alternanza scuola-lavoro", 200 hours of exchange and traineeship between general high schools and companies/institutions and 400 hours for VET students.
- Against exploitation of student’s rights during the projects, school should be a moment for educational and personal development, not time for working for free without rights.
- On line app and website with the possibility to denounce violations and to ask the action of RSM in each part of the country.

#### FINALMENTE SCEGLIERAI:
- Coordination between student’s representatives on a national level.
- One national programme and a manifesto to give new value to students action in representative institutions from the single high school to the national and regional ones.
- Links the representatives and the students councils to the campaigns and the advocacy of RSM.

#### AGAINST SOCIAL EXCLUSION:
- In each region RSM strives for a law that should guarantee services and welfare to the poorest and in the most difficult areas of our country.
- Fighting for equal conditions between the north and the south of Italy.
- Advocacy on a national level.

#### PRIDE:
- All the RSM local and regional groups are active supporters of pride parades, organizing students presence.
- RSM cooperate with the youth of ARICAY (main Italian LGBTQI association) and during the national summer camp "revolution camp" there is the "pride youth camp" with common activities about gender equality and LGBTQI community rights.

#### VOGLIAMO DIRITTI - SCATENIAMOCI (We want rights - free from our chains):
- Campaign against underpaid jobs and exploitation of young workers.
- 2 national rallies in Rome against the labour market reform and for a new national chart of worker’s rights.
- Flashmobs against violations of human rights on the workplace for trainers and apprentices including VET schools.

#### SIF:

- Long time
  - National youth council of Iceland.
  - Management: Events, GA, COMEM; structure; staff; finance; icelandic realities.

#### SHADOW ELECTIONS:
- National youth council of Iceland.
  - 22 schools.
  - 2016 general elections.
  - 2018 municipal elections.
- GOAL's developing projects to foster democracy at school.
- 100 school students, 4 days, funded by the government.

- Challenges in society (inclusion, extremism, etc).
- Best practices --> Solutions
II. Political Platform 2.0

- Inspiration for the international team for own policies.
  - Responsibility of the international offices to link with the national level.
  - Guidelines for younger unions.
  - Updates for older unions.
  - Very general document.
- Social policies and human rights values are specifically strong.
- Do a comparing session.
- Position your MO within OBESSU.
- Enter European perspective in national lobby work.
  - Report changes to member organizations, boards.

How to use it nationally?

- Brochure.
  - Graphics.
  - Compact version.
  - Video with subtitles.
  - OBESSU podcast.
  - Translations.
  - Infograph.

- Summary (without the "analyzing" parts).

What topics are missing?

What tools would improve it even more?
### III. Work plan 2018 – 2020

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Implementation

• Capacity Building: Training course, study session, summer school, online.
• Advocacy: internal, external.
• Campaigns
• Projects
• Policy events: convention, seminar.
• Research

2018 Implementation ideas

• Every member organization should propose one or two activities that have done on some specific topic, in order to create a single toolbox on every topic.
• Implementation of more informal education in study process in order to reduce stress from summative assessment and formal education - guideline of education.
• Ask for common conditions and rights in VET involving institutions and media.
• Writing motions and presenting them to the EP, EC, CoE about implementing a mandatory lesson about tolerance and human rights in schools.
• Online 17 of November campaign on "Hate speech" on the internet.
• Cooperation with other organizations.
• Multiplies training for empowerment workshops for minorities.
• How to make an equalizy plan for your organization tool kit/ workshop or event.
• Creating an app to evaluate teachers.
• Meet people with different "problems" and make a short video of it, then use it for an online campaign.
• Mental health policy paper.
• Mental health research.
• Working towards less focus on grades or less importance of grades.
• HS, HS sessions with young people (age 14 to 18).
• Invite relevant people to give lessons and maybe hint or help on MH, HR or any of these topics for 2018.
• Finding out student’s thoughts on VET, not just employers. How could it be improved?
• Disability reform.
• Mental health congress, school guidance reform and working group.
• VET less academic language / translators for people who don’t speak English.
• Surveys for all member about the quality of teaching and equality in teaching.
• Advocate to stakeholders to have a big meeting with a bigger OBESSU group.

European and National work

• Research on stress: Research by DGS on stress made headlines in major newspapers with its shocking results.
• Peer meditation project "Confliters" (VSK).
• Doing special training courses for the student in the different states of Germany (Hate speech, mental health).
• Working group VSK about sex and gender, campaign students give sex education.
IV. OBESSU Basecamp

How to improve the structure?
- More posts and less messages in the campfire.
- If some political situation present itself that isn’t too urgent, the board could put it up on basecamp for discussion.
- Have an account per organisation rather than per person.
- Improve the design of basecamp and make the app more clear and easier to access all the sites.
- Update the guidelines we proposed during the COMEM.

What do/don’t you want to find on the BC?
Want:
- Reports on how well OBESSU member are getting on.
- More cooperation between IOs.
- Invitation for national events.
- A message function (private messages).
- Basic tutorial (updates, documents).
- Photo’s events.
- Events regarding politics and MOs sorted into topics.
- More national student activism, experiences from MOs.
- International sympathy support.
- Sharing best practices.
- Receive “summaries” on OBESSU events and documents from previous events.
- A complete OBESSU calendar available.

Not want:
- I don’t want to see advice for international officers as to what campaigns or events they could do in their home countries.

How to make it more accessible?
- Limit communication and information through other channels, so everything is in one place.
- Give both IOs and MC access.
- Make a video to explain the different structures and possibilities of basecamp.
- More than the IOs need to be able to access, every organisation has numerous OBESSU people.
- Get a secondary international offices for each organisation, or unlimited accounts for each organisation, one account per organisation that everyone uses.
- Board members should also have a basecamp account.
- Give a presentation at next OBESSU council of members event explaining how to use it.
V. Monthly OBESSU Overview (MOO)

Does the MOO give you the right information?
- Available information and a good overview but maybe the MOs should be more active on BC.
- Actually there is a lack of graphics, too much text.

What is missing in the MOO?
- Post MOO as a podcast (video on facebook).
- Include a very short summary to pass in to the rest of the MO.
- Need more colours, it’s too long anbd boring.
- It should have a part where members of board or anybody else is introducing him/herself.
- How secretarian is doing and working.
- Focus on european commission action.
- There should be a free OBESSU montly overview, so the IOs could only need to translate most importatns highlights.
- One account per member that the whole organisation can access.
- Do this montly, about a certain subject in basecamp and show the results in the MOO.

What about MO contributions
- MOs could rate the montly activity of OBESSU bases on the MOOs.
- A column for MOs (1 each month).
- Give feedbacks to MOs regarding our participation.
- Choose 2/3 of the MOs to update on their organization’s work in each MOO.
VI. Pool of trainers

How could MOs use it?
- Sharing the POT toolkit with MOs.
  - Will be good to add everything on the toolbox.
- To make sure that the boards have the necessary skills.
- To create graphics organisations could use during their own training sessions.
- Applying and making popular the principles of OBESSU.
- Create a platform where the different methods and experience can be exchanged.
- Have a dedicated chat between POT and MOs.
- The pot could make a video explaining how to make great prezzies.
- Having international events to give MOs new/improved skills.
- Infographics/videos that summarize the basic concepts of the areas of expertise that they teach.

How would you want to see a sort of buddy system
- Would be nice to have the same contact person so communication with POT is easier.
- The MOs need to be more aware that the POTS are there, so that leads to more usage of the POT.

Is the POT visible enough?
- There should be reports about activities in the MOO.
- No, most new people don’t know the POT when they are joining OBESSU.
- More recommendation needed about usefulness of POT.
- Not enough, only few MOs contact the POT.
- Promote more the work of POT and what are they here for, share their activities on basecamp and social network.
- We can get more visible with: presentation of videos, introduction speeches, and flyer of the POT.
- Clearer division of competences between POT members.