

Topic for discussion EUR University Council

Title	Professionalizing participatory system for student parties
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Subject	Professionalizing our participatory system for student parties (right of initiative)
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Explanation	<p>The pilot for student parties are currently running, and there are some issues during this pilot. These issues concern the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is expected from current student parties that they function professionally as an association for each election, but they're not provided with the corresponding resources during the whole year. This can be 1) Financially related, or 2) Related to (marketing) services and facilities from the EUR to maintain or grow as a party because they're not recognized as an official EUR party. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no proper funding of student parties. Without properly funding student parties, there will be no proper management within a student party which can result in higher chances of failing as a student party and less visibility for the participatory system in general. In addition, if the EUR lacks in properly funding student parties, it will open the door for 3rd parties to fund the association. 2. Student parties are very limited in their options to grow as a party because they're restricted in the use of (marketing) services and facilities. For example, using a class rooms for events is only possible for recognized student associations, and the same applies for marketing services. - There is a need for internal regulations within the student parties to provide more stability, clarity, fair & equal treatment, and safety for students that join when the party grows. Regulations have to be in line with the law and therefore it is hard to create these by yourself. Help of a notary is needed which can be expensive. - There is a need for a business bank account to provide full transparency and trust within the student parties. This is only possible when you register at the Chamber of Commerce. To register at the Chamber of Commerce, you need official regulations.
If applicable reason for urgency or emergency	<p>We see a growth of more student parties. If we don't stabilize the current party system, it will be built on a unstable foundation with a lot negative side effects on the long term. Also our Minister of Education rings the bell for low voting rates on University Council elections which is a serious issue. By ignoring the needs for this system, the trust in participatory system will decrease, and low voting percentages will still exist.</p>

Specific Questions	How are we going to deal with this?
Accompanying documents	