

# Regional training events of the Erasmus Student Network

## *Call for participants from the Middle-East and North-Africa*

### Basic information

- **What?** Take part in one of ESN's "Regional Platform" training events
- **When?** 31 October – 3 November 2019
- **Where?** In one of the following cities: Debrecen (Hungary), Vaasa (Finland), Baku (Azerbaijan), Mollina (Spain), Utrecht (the Netherlands)
- **For whom?** This call is for higher education students from the Middle-East and North-Africa. At least one student from each of the participating countries in the MENA region will have the possibility to join a Regional Platform.
- **Why?** To develop and acquire new skills and knowledge related to the management of a local student organisation, to learn more about ESN's initiatives and support to international students, and to enhance interaction between students from Europe and from the Middle-East and North-Africa.
- **How much?** Participation fee between 110 and 125 euros

### What is the Erasmus Student Network?

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is the biggest volunteer-based student organisation active in the field of student mobility and internationalisation of higher education. ESN is a non-profit organisation born in 1989 and currently operating mostly in Europe through more than 520 local student organisations based in around 1000 Higher Education Institutions in 40 countries, gathering around 15 000 volunteers. Our volunteers provide support services to over 350 000 international students each year, making sure they make the most out of their experience, ensuring social cohesion, and enhancing cultural awareness and active citizenship, overall improving the conditions of learning mobility.

More information about ESN can be found on [our website](#) and in [our annual report](#).

### What are ESN's Regional Platforms?

The Regional Platforms are annual training events of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) taking place across five different regions of Europe simultaneously, aiming to give ESN volunteers from the respective regions the possibility to exchange knowledge and practices, identify possibilities for cooperation and get informed about the work of ESN International. ESN's Regional Platforms are youth events with an informal atmosphere, organised by students for students, and held entirely in English. Each Regional Platform welcomes between 80 and 150 participants, mostly higher education students from Europe. This year, ESN's Regional Platforms will also welcome a number of students from the Middle-East and North-Africa.

### **What can I expect from the programme of a Regional Platform?**

The programme of the Regional Platforms relies on non-formal education methods and consists of workshops aimed at equipping volunteers with relevant skills to help them become better leaders in their local student organisations. The programme starts on Thursday afternoon with the welcoming of participants, and ends on Sunday afternoon. A Regional Platform counts two and a half days of training in total, with Thursday being the arrival and welcoming day and Sunday evening the designated departure time. The daily programme consists of training activities, while the evening programme consists of social activities aimed at the integration of volunteers and at creating long lasting connections.

### **What can I expect to learn by taking part in a Regional Platform?**

The general learning objectives are the following:

- learn more about practical management of local student organisations through different workshops using non-formal education methods;
- develop yourself as a leader;
- develop skills, expand knowledge and share good practices in order to provide successful support to international students;
- acquire new and develop your current transversal skills;
- learn more about the projects, programmes and initiatives of ESN International.

The exact learning content of each Regional Platform will be designed based on the needs and interests of the participants of the respective platform.

### **Regions and their respective Platforms**

Each year around October-November, one Regional Platform takes place in each of the five ESN regions in Europe. The Regional Platforms are called as follows:

- CEP (Central European Platform)
- NEP (Northern European Platform)
- SEEP (South Eastern European Platform)
- SWEP (South Western European Platform)
- WEP (Western European Platform)

This year, Regional Platforms will be held from 31 October to 3 November in the following cities/countries:

- CEP Debrecen, Hungary
- NEP Vaasa, Finland
- SEEP Baku, Azerbaijan
- SWEP Malaga (welcoming in Malaga, training in Mollina), Spain
- WEP Utrecht, the Netherlands

### Participation fee and travel costs

ESN International does not cover travel costs and participation fees for any of the participants. The participants are encouraged to contact their higher education institutions or other sponsors for financial support.

The participation fee for CEP, SEEP and WEP is 110 euros, for NEP 125 euros and for SWEP 115 euros. Participation fee includes:

- Accommodation: 3 nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in a shared room
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, as well as coffee breaks
- Training and social programme
- Welcome bag

### How to apply?

Please submit your application via [this form](#) by 7 September 2019 at 23:59 CEST.

### Contact

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [registration@esn.org](mailto:registration@esn.org).