

ERASMUS+ FOR ALL:

THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM STANDS BEHIND SWISS YOUTH

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Erasmus programme, the European Youth Forum recalls its support to the Swiss National Youth Council (CSAJ/SAJV) calling the Swiss Government to restart negotiations with the European Union to ensure full participation of Switzerland to the Erasmus+ Programme.

Swiss access to the programme has been put on hold since 9th February 2014, when Swiss cast their ballot for a referendum limiting freedom of movement. At that time, the European Youth Forum and its Member Organisations had already expressed their support for the youth in Switzerland.

Since then, it has been extremely challenging for Swiss young students, apprentices and professionals to experience the benefits of European mobility. We stand by our claims:

"Mobility and intercultural exchanges are key elements of our present and future world. Exchanges help promote the core values of a peaceful Europe and respect for others citizens."
Open letter "Do not fight at the expenses of young people" - February 2014

We call on everyone to support young people in Switzerland by signing this petition calling for the Swiss government to restart negotiations with the European Union:

<http://www.sajv.ch/petition-erasmus-pleine-adhesion/?lang=fr>

Let's ensure that Erasmus is an opportunity for all Europeans.

THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM



The European Youth Forum is the platform of youth organisations in Europe. Independent, democratic, youth-led, it represents 104 National Youth Councils and international youth organisations from across the continent. The Forum works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives, by representing and advocating their needs and interests and those of their organisations towards the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations.

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