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## **1. Financial Independence**

### **1.1 ISU Norway main funding sources**

ISU Norway Executive Board (EB) received in June 2016 a total amount of 1.240.00 NOK from the Ministry of Education (KD), and 292.000 NOK from Landsrådet for Norges barne- og ungdomsorganisasjoner (LNU) to distribute to ISU Norway Local Branches according to Frifond guidelines<sup>1</sup>. However, the slight increase of funding from the KD and Frifond from LNU, greatly limits the growth of ISU Norway and implementation of new projects. The EB has been the work to find alternatives funding sources since last National Board meeting. The main focus has been to develop a volunteer membership fee which might include welfare benefits.

### **1.2 ISU Norway funding applications**

This is the case for instance discussed with Industri Energi and other companies/organizations to cooperate. The project was discussed at the Leadership Meeting 1 in Tromsø in November with few interest to proceed from the Local Branchs. ISU has send funding applications to several companies and is waiting for a reply to them. The main extra income has been 30000 NOK from Norsk studentorganisasjon (NSO) received on September 2016 from an application made from the National Office to help the organization of ISU Kick. Off weekend.

Moreover, the National President discussed with SiU about the possibility to get access to some funding to use for Local Branches, under student mobility and exchange opportunities. In addition to those funding applications, LO rejected ISU application on the basis that were not funding available since they had other projects to focus for but promised to include ISU Norway request for 2018. Then, the National President has been working with the Organizational Consultant with the funding application to the Ministry of Education and Research (KD) application presented on 1<sup>st</sup> April, to receive funding from the Ministry of Education for the next year.

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<sup>1</sup> Frifond guidelines for ISU Norway: <http://isu-norway.no/file/2014/06/GUIDELINES-FRIFOND-2015.pdf>

## 2. Career development

As explained on ISU Norway Work Plan, “*It is important for international students to start to develop their career in Norway to be a future working resource in Norwegian society*”.

In the light of this objective, the EB will work to ensure improved inclusion of international students’ in Norway, besides ensuring that practical knowledge achieved in addition to theory.

The EB has taken the following decisions on the start of semester to follow up during the year:

- LM2<sup>2</sup> had a deeper focus on career development and job market in Norway, with practical presentations. Those presentations will include personal experiences from former ISU members they faced in their career after working for ISU. Furthermore, there were presentations to present working rights for international students during and after they graduate, including benefits may bring to them the different unions in Norway This information is available online on ISU website for all students might be interested.
- ISU held two joint meeting with Embassies (3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017<sup>3</sup>), to present cultural and educational programs, cooperation with SiU (center for internationalization for education in Norway) to increase student mobility in/to Norway and internship opportunities for students in Norway. ISU arranged an internship with the Spanish Embassy in accordance to the partnership agreement signed with ISU Norway, arranged a 2<sup>nd</sup> one with the Irish Embassy. Furthermore, last 14<sup>th</sup> February ISU Norway National President and HE the Ambassador Karl Gardner from the Irish Embassy signed a partnership agreement, to support student mobility, internships and cultural inclusion. Then, after the Embassy meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February several Embassies contacted ISU, interested in strengthening this cooperation and possibility.

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<sup>2</sup> ISU Norway Leadership Meeting II in Trondheim presentations: <http://isu-norway.no/leadership-meeting-2-2017/>

<sup>3</sup> ISU Norway Embassies meeting presentations (10<sup>th</sup> February 2017): <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwiAC4Z3hW0FRjFxEJfRExORjQ>

63 Currently, the National President is currently working on a partnership agreement with  
64 the Embassy of Argentina, and a reply from Buenos Aires government is expected to  
65 come the next weeks. All partnership agreements needed to be approved by the  
66 Embassies governments, since they include a formal signature from the Ambassador on a  
67 non-paper document.

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- 69 • The EB works to focus on increasing the visibility of career development, with a further  
70 development of work with LinkedIn platform among other professional networks,  
71 cooperating also with ISU partners.
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- 73 • The EB approved a partnership agreement with AIESEC<sup>4</sup> (which both organizations have  
74 approved already), to focus on career opportunities for international students in Norway,  
75 at the National Board meeting to be held 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 in Oslo. The document is  
76 available on the attachment 2.
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### 78 **3. Quality in Education**

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#### 80 **3.1 Education cases reported from the Local Branches**

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82 The EB wishes to develop a better understanding of program rules in different branches to ensure  
83 proper progress and maintenance of quality of education in Norway. This was for instance, the case  
84 in July 2016 at MF where some students have been denied progress to the 3rd year apparently for  
85 not fulfilling the requirements for the said course. The EB received a written confirmation that  
86 students were informed about the 3rd course (year) admission conditions pertaining to required  
87 grades. The students claimed that there was favoritism and unclear communication for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year  
88 course (year), however MF leadership maintained that clear communication was made on the  
89 condition to be fulfilled besides having a limited number of places.

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<sup>4</sup> ISU Norway agreement with AIESEC: <http://isu-norway.no/international-students-union-of-norway-isu-norway-partnership-agreement-with-aiesec-in-norway/>

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96 **3.2 Inclusion work to ensure quality of education**

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98 The EB looked if international students have equal opportunities in education regardless of gender,  
99 ethnicity, disability and socio-economic background. For instance, the EB worked with Fem Hub  
100 organization to improve gender inclusion of international students in Norway, cooperation desires  
101 with national students' organizations (eg. Nepalese, Kenyan and others) to ensure a positive  
102 inclusion of international students regardless their nationality. Moreover, the EB discussed to make  
103 ISU Norway website accessible to people with visual disability/impairment to facilitate their  
104 rightful access to information. Moreover, the EB worked to encourage the Local Branches to inform  
105 their members to send articles to publish at ISU Norway website, but a very low interested was  
106 observed.

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108 The EB aims at publishing a document to present benefits of internationalization at home in  
109 Norway, which includes both international and Norwegian students and presented at ISU Norway  
110 social media.

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112 **3.3 Kvalitetsmelding**

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114 On 9<sup>th</sup> September, ISU received a formal request from the Ministry of Education through Nokut to  
115 send ISU inputs to “Kvalitetsmelding<sup>5</sup>” by 9<sup>th</sup> of December, with the intention to increase the  
116 visibility of international students in the process to improve internationalization of education. The  
117 EB is very glad to have this opportunity to present to the Norwegian government, input from the  
118 approximately 25000 international students in Norway in order to improve quality of education in  
119 Norway. ISU is very happy to inform that our inputs have been heard, and included a mention for  
120 our organization in the document<sup>6</sup> send to Stortinget.

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<sup>5</sup> ISU Norway inputs to “Kvalitetsmelding”: <http://isu-norway.no/file/2014/06/Kvalitetsmelding-feedback-ISU-Norway.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Kvalitetsmelding (ISU Norway mentioned page 65):

<https://www.regjeringen.no/contentassets/aee30e4b7d3241d5bd89db69fe38f7ba/no/pdfs/stm201620170016000dddpdfs.pdf>

#### 4. Local Branches

##### 4.1 Local Branches focus

EB worked to ensure that all 29 Local Branches have a good semester start in August 2016. ISU Kjeller and ISU Harstad were considered inactive during the year by the National Board, due the very low number of international students at their institutions. The Union Development Officer (UD) was the person in contact with the Local Branches to know what form of assistance they may need for the start of semester. Plans have been made to facilitate meeting new international students and organization of their respective General Assemblies to elect new local board members. Several branches got new boards during the year, and the EB visited some of them. For more information about meeting the EB attended to represent ISU Norway internal (within the organization), and external (with partner organizations or other meetings of interest for ISU Norway) can be seen in the attachment 1 “*ISU Norway Executive Board meetings representation 2016-2017*”.

Besides working with current Local Branches, the EB discussed the possibility to increase the number of local branches, and have a more dynamic organization by spreading the places where ISU Norway is currently present. However, the EB is very concerned about the budgetary restrictions on this matter and therefore it has been resolved that ISU Norway can only form new branches that can be sustained within the annual budget. Besides working with current Local Branches, the EB is working to ensure that ISU Bo and ISU Haugesund as new Local Branches approved at the Leadership Meeting in Tromsø on November 2016 are active, and aware of any information related to ISU Norway. Also, the EB has been filtering the members of ISU Alumni Network and ISU Leaders, to ensure that they are relevant for international students.

Then, the regional cooperation groups (RCGs) was also among the projects marked for this working year by the current EB. The Union Development Officer is in charge of exploring possibilities in middle-late September for more RCG’s cooperation. Also the EB looked for other options to create further cooperation between Local Branches, and support local branch activity towards action plan and resolutions. Also, in July 2016, the EB received an ISU continuity handbook from the former NB, but it needed further work to be completed from the one received. A revised ISU continuity handbook will be presented to the incoming EB.

**159 4.2 Communication with Local Branches**

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161 In regards to political cases to communicate with the local branches, the EB worked to create an  
162 effective communication structure for reception of cases and petitions from the local branches and  
163 present them to the National Board, including an improvement of internal communication from the  
164 EB with the local branches. Nevertheless, the Political Affairs Officer (PA) explained that there  
165 was very few interest from the Local Branches.

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167 The EB has been discussing with the rest of members about the case situation of ISU Kongsberg  
168 with two presidents elected, and their situation was discussed at the National Board meeting on 8<sup>th</sup>  
169 October 2016 and a solution was reached, with a president and vice president elected.

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171 In relation to political cases to communicate with the local branches, the EB works to create an  
172 effective communication structure to receive cases and petitions from the local branches. In the  
173 ISU Kick. Off weekend was emphasized the importance to communicate with ISU Norway  
174 Political Affairs Officer, about issues matters to international students such as housing, work and  
175 others. The UD Officer worked on an update of ISU Norway resources to help local branches access  
176 to information related to ISU Norway.

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178 In addition to the tasks done in accordance to the work plan approved at the last National Assembly,  
179 the Executive Board due to 3-weeks substitution required for the current Organizational Consultant,  
180 Rikke Andersen was selected for this substitution between weeks 10 and 12 in March 2017.

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**182 4.3 Meeting with Norwegian politics leadership to support Local Branches**

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184 The National President and the Organizational Consultant met Bjørn Haugstad (Ministry of  
185 Education and Research State Secretary)<sup>7</sup> on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016, where the National President, and  
186 presented the main priorities and political cases from ISU Norway.

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<sup>7</sup> ISU Norway minutes from the meeting with the Ministry of Education on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016: <http://isu-norway.no/file/2014/06/Minutes-of-Meeting-with-KD-for-the-ISU-website.pdf>

190 Moreover, the EB has requested to the different political parties a meeting with the National  
191 President to discuss inclusion of the approximately 26000 international students in Norway. A  
192 meeting with Kristin Vinje (*Stortinget member at the Education and Research Committee*) and  
193 other Hoyre representatives was held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016. On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the  
194 National President met with Iselin Nybø (*Stortinget member at the Education and Research  
195 Committee*), and on 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 with Arbeiderpartiet representative Marianne Aasen  
196 (*Stortinget member at the Education and Research Committee*) and Anders Kvernmo Langset  
197 (*Political Advisor*). Furthermore, the National President had a positive communication through  
198 e.mail with Miljøpartiet De Grønne (*MdG*) that expressed its support for international students'  
199 inclusion.

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## 201 **5. Establishing and strengthening relationships with stakeholders**

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### 203 **5.1 Embassies cooperation**

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205 EB is strengthening the relationship with embassies as the project started last year to help students'  
206 inclusion although without political interest or influence. Currently, seven embassies signed a  
207 partnership agreement with ISU Norway, and more than 30 Embassies expressed their interest to  
208 sign the partnership agreement and/or cooperate with ISU Norway to improve quality of education,  
209 internship and cultural information. The Embassies cooperation project is very clearly stated and  
210 requested by the Embassies, not to include internal politics affairs discussion.

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212 The EB worked to establish further cooperation with more than 30 embassies, and organized on 3<sup>rd</sup>  
213 October a 1st embassy joint meeting, to present ISU work, discuss embassies cooperation and  
214 internship opportunities for international students. On 3<sup>rd</sup> October at ISU Norway Embassies  
215 meeting, 13 embassies confirmed their attendance, SiU presented Panorama and Norpart programs.  
216 Also, a representative from the Ministry of Education made a speech and open the meeting a  
217 presentation on the role of Embassies for Norwegian higher education.

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219 On the other hand, on the meeting from 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 17 Embassies, SiU, ANSA were  
220 present. Very relevant were the presentations from 3 students to present their challenges during  
221 their stay in Norway, the experience cooperating with Embassies in Myanmar, and the student had  
222 an internship at the Spanish Embassy presented her experience.

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**224 5.2 ISU Norway partner organizations cooperation**

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226 Moreover, ISU Norway started discussion to update or make an agreement with Industri Energi  
227 Student, ANSA, Spire and Changemaker in order to strengthen the cooperation with other  
228 Norwegian organizations, and help to improve internationalization of education in Norway.

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230 On ISU Norway partners, current ANSA leader Jakob Aure and National President discussed  
231 several projects to cooperate with ISU Norway, and invited National President as observer to their  
232 General Assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in Oslo. Once new leadership with Ole Kristian  
233 Bratset was elected, more discussions on further projects was discussed. For instance, how  
234 international students can access support from ANSA support if studying abroad as part of their  
235 study program in Norway, benefits of internationalization at home, internship opportunities and  
236 evaluate establish a former partnership between both organizations. The EB has a positive opinion  
237 about cooperating with ANSA for further cooperation on inclusion of international students in  
238 Norway. In this regard, ANSA leadership will be invited to ISU Norway official meetings.

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240 With NSO, National President will have a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 with their leader Marianne  
241 Andenaes and International Officer Christine Svendsrud as the main contact of NSO during the  
242 year. The meetings will discuss further projects and cooperation next year between ISU Norway  
243 and NSO, such as full degree program replacement of Quota Scheme discontinued among other  
244 projects.

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246 Proposals for meetings in August 2016 with leaders of Spire and Changemaker were discussed to  
247 further cooperation with ISU Norway. Besides SiU requested a meeting in Bergen with the National  
248 President to discuss several issues with ISU Norway. Then, Nokut met National President 8<sup>th</sup>  
249 August 2016 to discuss further implementation of Refugees Qualification Passport in Norway and  
250 cooperation with ISU Norway.

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252 Also, Norad met National President 24<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the possibility to make a cooperation  
253 project and give an alternative option to KD funding through Norpart Program, to offer a full degree  
254 opportunity for students included in the quota scheme discontinued.

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257 The EB went to some of the national meetings from SAIH and ESN Norway, to strengthen  
258 cooperation with ISU Norway. From 30th September to 2nd October 2016, the Political Affairs  
259 Officer represented ISU at the annual SAIH fall gathering<sup>8</sup> which was held in Naersnes. His  
260 attendance was basically to show solidarity with SAIH, get new inputs on political work, speak  
261 with the students at risk about the work of ISU. Moreover, it was a great opportunity to distribute  
262 materials for Icebreaker campaign to those attending SAIH fall gathering

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264 Then, the National President participated from 27th October until 30th October 2016 at ESN  
265 Norway National Platform hold in Trondheim, and made a presentation about ISU work locally  
266 and nationally. Also was discussed further cooperation together with ESN Norway, both at local  
267 and national level, to work together and support inclusion of international students in Norway and  
268 a partnership agreement approved by the National Board in January was approved, and available  
269 on the attachment 3.

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### 271 **5.3 ISU Norway cooperation with Student Parliaments**

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273 The EB believes that there is strong need of establishing strong and promising relation with  
274 the different student bodies (Student Parliaments) and international offices across the places  
275 where ISU Norway has a local branch. The EB wants to focus to find a solution, for the  
276 essentially needed recruitment and motivation enhancing among new international students  
277 to join ISU and participate in their events. The EB has focused to strengthen its cooperation  
278 with Student Parliaments and has held several meetings with the Student Parliaments at  
279 Nmbu, UiO, HiOA, HsN, UiB, HiB, NLA, UiT, NTNU among others.

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<sup>8</sup> ISU Norway article about the presence at SAIH fall gathering: <http://isu-norway.no/my-weekend-attending-saih-fall-gathering/>

289           **6. Visibility**

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291       **6.1 ISU Norway visibility on social media**

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293       The EB has been working to increase visibility on social platforms (Facebook, Twitter and The EB  
294       has been working to increase visibility on social platforms (Facebook, Twitter and analyzing  
295       Instagram) to increase visibility of the organization and inform people interested in ISU Norway  
296       work. This included publishing several articles on ISU Norway website for the interest of  
297       international students in Norway.

298       Facebook reached almost 6400 likes (*approximate increase of 30%*) and Twitter more than 600  
299       followers (*approximate increase of 40%*). Several articles have been published at ISU Norway  
300       website, to promote cases of interest for international students in Norway<sup>9</sup>.

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302       Furthermore, the EB has written several articles from the interest of international students published  
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- 305           • International Students' Day (17th November)
- 306           • The time for examinations is here

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308       **6.2 World's Best News cooperation**

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310       The EB joined the campaign "*Verdens Best Nyheter / World's Best News*" (VBN) that took place  
311       on 9th September, where SAIH, Spire and Changemaker coordinates several organizations work  
312       to inform about positive news in the world. The EB believed that this was a great opportunity to  
313       strengthen ISU Norway cooperation with SAIH and start a good cooperation with Spire and  
314       Changemaker, besides its relevance to inform positive news in people and students from all over  
315       the world. ISU Norway joined as a cooperation organization, and informed on national level  
316       about the campaign and 9th September event. Moreover, ISU Norway encouraged the  
317       participation of local branches to SAIH, Spire and Changemaker, and National President was  
318       present on 9th September 2016 campaign day delivering VBN newspapers in Oslo.

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<sup>9</sup> ISU Norway blogg: <http://isu-norway.no/blog-2/>

319 Moreover, the EB made several videos to show UN sustainability goals from positive news as the  
320 objective of VBN represents where ISU members can explain it in a positive side from their  
321 personal experience at their home countries.

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### 323 **6.3 Icebreaker campaign**

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325 During October 2016, the EB had several meetings to ensure a good development of “*Norway*  
326 *Talks/Icebreaker*” information campaign to improve inclusion of international students, this will  
327 be formally presented at ISU Norway kickoff weekend, and launched 10th-14th October all over  
328 Norway. In addition to Local Branches and EB participation in the campaign, the leaders of Spire  
329 and Changemaker, the rector at NMBU and the vice-rector at HiOA made some videos to support  
330 the Icebreaker campaign. Moreover, during October the EB had several meetings to ensure a  
331 good development of “*Norway Talks/Icebreaker*” information campaign to improve inclusion of  
332 international students, this will be formally presented at ISU Norway kickoff weekend, and  
333 launched 10th-14th October 2016 all over Norway. In addition to Local Branches and EB  
334 participation in the campaign, the leaders of Spire and Changemaker, the rector at NMBU and the  
335 vice-rector at HiOA made some videos to support the Icebreaker campaign. ISU Norway worked  
336 on the planning process and preparation for the information campaign “*Icebreaker*” (Norway  
337 Talks) to create awareness about the inclusion of international students, in social media and  
338 during a campaign week expected to happen in October. In addition to the information campaign,  
339 as part of the preparation process, the EB has participated in the film making sessions of the  
340 “*Icebreaker*” campaign promotion and made a film for ISU UiO to be showcased all around the  
341 university, and help them being more recognized at UiO in September-October 2016.

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### 343 **6.4 Other visibility projects**

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345 An interesting report<sup>10</sup> available in January 2017 to analyze how Oslo could be become a more  
346 inclusive city to attract international talent (including international students), was done by a group  
347 of students from the Emergence School in Oslo and interviewed the National President to get ISU  
348 inputs. The report could be considered as a factor to study for further work towards inclusion of  
349 international students in Oslo, but also in other parts of Norway.

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<sup>10</sup> “Why Oslo” report about Oslo becoming more internationally attractive (also for international students):  
[https://why-oslo.no/project/2017/2/17/the-report?mc\\_cid=cd6be524c9&mc\\_eid=e02ae86ccc](https://why-oslo.no/project/2017/2/17/the-report?mc_cid=cd6be524c9&mc_eid=e02ae86ccc)

**351 6.5 Editorial Committee**

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353 In mid-April 2016, Grace Dowbysz resigned from her position as Editor-in-Chief of ISU Magazine  
354 due to lack of motivation from the editorial committee as well as the ISU community at large. The  
355 National President tried to convince her to reconsider her decision, and has been helping her since  
356 she was elected, but for Grace it was a very difficult decision, because she had such high hopes for  
357 the magazine, and create something thought-provoking, unique, and inspiring. But ultimately,  
358 Grace informed the National President that she felt that was on her own in the Editorial Committee-  
359 Moreover, Grace informed that despite ISU Norway published a request to submit articles for ISU  
360 magazine, by the time she left her position, there still hadn't been one single submission from any  
361 students in ISU. Engagement was also a challenge within the committee, with messages often  
362 unread or unanswered, minimal participation to meetings she tried to arrange or very few  
363 cooperation to interact with her. While Grace mention that she understood that students are busy  
364 with classes, part-time jobs, and personal issues, she also had those obligations, but choose to make  
365 time for the Magazine, and she felt couldn't do it alone. Grace hope that in the future ISU magazine  
366 will inspire real commitment and that all of its members will share the workload equally, and that  
367 all of our voices in the ISU should be heard and that together can make something great.

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**369 6.6 Political and Elections Committee**

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371 In the LM 1 last November 2016, were elected also the Political and Elections Committee. The  
372 Political Committee had several meetings, and worked on discussing political cases supporting the  
373 EB work, including a joint Skype meeting with the National President and a request send by e-mail  
374 to the Local Branches to cooperate, with very few interest to reply.

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376 On the other hand, the Elections Committee had a couple of meetings in Oslo, but few  
377 communication of their work was presented or visible.

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385           **7. Inclusion**

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387       **7.1 Inclusion projects**

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389 ISU will continuously work towards creating inclusion projects through LNU initiatives, keeping  
390 in mind that LNU funding manifold og inkluderer applied last years for Kick-off camp 2015 and  
391 Norway Talks 2016 are one-time projects sponsored by LNU, that will require extra funding if ISU  
392 wishes to continue those projects in the future.

393 During the last LNU annual meeting, the National President discussed with LNU leadership about  
394 the possibility to apply for extra funds to continue the Norway Talks campaign next year, and was  
395 agreed to look on that request by LNU.

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397       **7.2 ISU Norway Kick. Off weekend**

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399 ISU Norway organized a Kick. Off weekend in September 2016, to present the organization for  
400 new ISU leaders elected, as well as projects for the incoming year and presentations from ESN  
401 Norway, Industri Energi, Changemaker and Student Parliament at UiO. Those presentations and  
402 the work to support the principle of free education, had the purpose to show the importance of  
403 partners' cooperation, in addition to Local Branches presentations that gave the opportunity to get  
404 new ideas on events and other activities (including academics and political).

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406       **7.3 Norwegian state budget**

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408 Then, the National Board approved to form a working group to discuss Norwegian state budget<sup>11</sup>  
409 to be released on 6<sup>th</sup> October<sup>12</sup>, with a group leader as the current ISU Norway Political Affairs  
410 Officer, and 3 more members (*including the National President*) that had several meetings in  
411 September to discuss further cooperation and the internal work.

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<sup>11</sup> ISU Norway Norwegian State Budget comments: <http://isu-norway.no/isu-norway-comments-on-the-norwegian-state-budget-2016-2017/>

<sup>12</sup> ISU Norway Norwegian State Budget feedback: <http://isu-norway.no/isu-norway-comments-on-the-norwegian-state-budget-2016-2017/>

**415 7.4 SiU cooperation**

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417 In November 2016, SiU organized a seminar to present the conclusions from a report<sup>13</sup>, that  
418 analyzed why Norway was an attractive destination for international students. The National  
419 President was invited to present ISU inputs, and the meeting can be seen online on YouTube<sup>14</sup>.

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421 Between 15 and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 the National President attended SiU International Conference at  
422 HiOA (in Oslo), and hold a presentation for the audience about benefits from a positive inclusion  
423 of international students for Norwegian higher education institutions<sup>15</sup>.

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**425 7.5 NSO cooperation for inclusion of international students**

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427 Then, the National President has been working in cooperation with NSO Election Committee, to  
428 help inclusion of international students in NSO. A translation to the election calendar was made,  
429 NSO Election Committee will be present at the Leadership Meeting in Trondheim in February  
430 2017, and an article between the leader of NSO Election Committee Leader and National President  
431 will be published to support international students run for NSO position and their inclusion in  
432 Norwegian politics. A live translation for international students attended as delegates to NSO  
433 annual meeting, was available for those needed.

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<sup>13</sup> SiU report about international students coming to study to Norway: <http://siu.no/publikasjoner/Alle-publikasjoner/international-students-in-norway-perceptions-of-norway-as-a-study-destination>

<sup>14</sup> National President inputs to SiU report (from 47:00):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wMgxT4DQLc>

<sup>15</sup> Dag 2 – Parallellsesjoner/ Sesjon 1: From Mobility to Quality – Quality Assurance of Students' International Experiences: <https://www.siu.no/om-siu/Arrangementer/presentasjoner-fra-konferanser>

443 **8. Political Work**

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445 **8.1 ISU Norway political work focus**

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447 ISU works to protect international students' rights through active political work with ISU's partner  
448 organizations and official institutions and discuss in meetings with partner organizations about it,  
449 including the principle of free education with no tuition fees. ISU Norway seeks Norwegian  
450 political parties to discuss with ISU Norway the improvement of internationalization of Norwegian  
451 education and to support the principle of free education.

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453 **8.2 UDI communication**

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455 Moreover, ISU is looking at the immigration regulation resolution in order to improve the  
456 immigration and VISA process for international students in cooperation with UDI<sup>16</sup>. After a long  
457 time trying to communicate with UDI, the National President received a call from UDI Education  
458 Responsible to discuss ISU cases.

459 UDI referred to a conference they organize 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Oslo to get more information about  
460 their regulations, and to discuss ISU issues and a later meeting together. The National President  
461 contacted again UDI after the conference with a request to meet UDI and discuss the following  
462 issues, but haven't received a reply to meet.

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- UDI deposit increase and visa renewal fee
  - 465 • Cases of students reported to work over the number of hours' students from outside  
466 EU/EEA can work in Norway (20 hours max.)
  - 467 • Simplify immigration procedure as student registration
  - 468 • Refugees inclusion in academia regulations

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<sup>16</sup> ISU Norway political cases 2016 document: <http://isu-norway.no/file/2014/06/ISU-Norway-cases-VISA-renewal-and-full-degree-program-October-2016.pdf>

**474 8.3 Funding scheme for full-degree opportunities for students from developing countries**

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476 ISU is working to establish a funding scheme for full-degree opportunities for students from  
477 developing countries, and got the support to look on the case from NSO and SAIH. Moreover,  
478 this case was presented to the meeting hold in October 2016 at the Ministry of Education and  
479 with the political parties met, to support the inclusion in their program. Venstre and especially  
480 Arbeidspartiet, were very interested in the project and is recommended to continue the good  
481 cooperation established with them during this year, to support this project next year. Furthermore,  
482 the National President established an active communication with SiU, so the international  
483 students' inputs are heard in the board that manage the Global South partnerships from  
484 Norwegian higher education institutions (including establish a funding scheme for full-degree  
485 opportunities for students from developing countries).

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487 With Norad, the National President discussed in August 2016 several projects for international  
488 students to participate. ISU was recognized as Nord stakeholder, and this will give the  
489 opportunity to bring directly international students inputs in the project, including supporting  
490 student mobility for international students.

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492 The EB has discussed the different political priorities of ISU Norway and how to discuss them with  
493 the political and youth parties in a non-partisan way in order to further ISU's political priorities and  
494 also to create a plan on how it is possible to bridge the gap for new international students cause by  
495 the discontinuation of the Quota scheme program. These meetings took place between September  
496 2016 and January 2017.

497 The EB wanted to discuss Norwegian political parties position on emerging issues affecting  
498 international students, and link with local branches to sensitize on the need to understand  
499 immigration and university policies for international students.

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**501 8.4 Supporting the principle of free education in Norway**

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503 The main political work for the EB has been during first weeks of January, the reply towards  
504 Senterpartiet and Høyre proposal to include at their September 2017 elections programs to be voted  
505 at their annual meetings, tuition fees for the international students outside EU/EEA. While  
506 Senterpartiet is proposing full tuition fees (however there is an internal group disagrees), Høyre is  
507 proposing to establish moderate tuition fees.



508 ISU Norway will continue to fight against any form of tuition fees for students in Norway, that will  
509 lead to social inequality. ISU Norway believes that the principle of free education provides equal  
510 access to education, based on personal skills and abilities, and not in economic background. ISU  
511 Norway has been very active on social media, and informed the Local Branches. In addition to  
512 share information and updates about the tuition fees proposals from Senterpartiet and Høyre, the  
513 National President and other higher education representatives (NSO Leader, HiOA Rector, etc.),  
514 have their inputs in an article published in Khrono<sup>17</sup> on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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517 Høyre, the National President and other higher education representatives (NSO Leader, HiOA  
518 Rector, etc.), have their inputs in an article published in Khrono<sup>18</sup> on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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520 ISU has been working actively to inform ISU Local Branches and international students, about any  
521 update related to tuition fees proposal from both Høyre and Senterpartiet. ISU would like to  
522 encourage all ISU members and international students to follow more information in the  
523 organization Social Media channels and website, besides NSO and being active on Facebook and  
524 Twitter to support the principle of free education. An update of the current situation will be  
525 presented at the Leadership Meeting.

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### 527 **8.5 Other political work projects**

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529 Moreover, National President was at a meeting in Kongsberg in September 2016 to support  
530 Student Parliament at HsN in the voting at Kongsberg Kommune (municipality) to build 200  
531 student housing, which unfortunately was not approved.

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533 Also, the EB has discussed the different political priorities of ISU Norway and how to raise them  
534 with the political and youth parties in a non-partisan way in order to further ISU's political  
535 priorities and also to create a plan on how it is possible to bridge the gap for new international  
536 students by the discontinuation of the Quota scheme program.

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<sup>17</sup> Khrono article about the principle of free education: <http://khrono.no/kvalitet/2017/01/hoyre-vil-innfore-skolepenger-internasjonale-studenter>

<sup>18</sup> Khrono article about the principle of free education: <http://khrono.no/kvalitet/2017/01/hoyre-vil-innfore-skolepenger-internasjonale-studenter>

538 Then, an article about ISU Norway's work and to welcome new international students, was  
539 published in Khrono (student newspaper in Oslo) on 1st September.

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## 541 **9. Solidarity**

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### 543 **9.2 Students at Risk program**

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545 ISU discussed several ways to support and strengthen the Students at Risk program across the  
546 higher education institutions in Norway with ISU stakeholders SAIH and NSO International  
547 Officer and the International Committee since they have a mandate to work with Students at Risk  
548 program. With SAIH, ISU Norway signed in March 2016 at the National Board meeting a  
549 memorandum of understanding to support the program and campaign, that can be seen at the  
550 attachment 4.

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552 ISU presented their support on a meeting with SiU in Bergen on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, so the program  
553 can become permanent. ISU works through the Refugee Crisis resolution in order to support  
554 refugees in Norway. In a meeting with Nokut in August ISU discussed further inclusion of refugees  
555 in academia and the refugees' qualifications passport in the whole Norway. ISU continues to  
556 support and strengthen the Students at Risk program across the higher education institutions in  
557 Norway with ISU stakeholders, as SAIH and NSO so the program can become permanent. ISU  
558 continues to work towards refugees' inclusion in academia and the society in Norway. In a meeting  
559 with Nokut in August and two presentations held at the Leadership Meeting in Tromsø on  
560 November 2016, ISU discussed further inclusion of refugees in academia and the refugees'  
561 qualifications passport in the whole Norway.

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### 563 **9.3 Other solidarity projects**

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565 Then, ISU wants to support and encourage participation in the International Student Female Hub,  
566 and meet with its coordinator Patience Malunga to discuss concrete actions to cooperate with ISU.  
567 ISU works through the Refugee Crisis resolution in order to support refugees in Norway. In a  
568 meeting with Nokut in August will be discussed further inclusion of refugees in academia and the  
569 refugees' qualifications passport in the whole Norway. After this meeting, EB will discuss how to  
570 proceed with a possibility to establish a working group at next NB meeting to work on the case.

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572 Furthermore, the National President had several meetings with the rector's office at UiO to  
573 discuss refugees' inclusion in academia, and to create awareness in the Norwegian higher  
574 education institutions about the importance of giving an opportunity for refugees to complete  
575 their studies in Norway.

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## ISU Norway Executive Board 2016-2017

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**Daniel Hernández Iniesta (National President)**

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**Eric Kimathi (Political Affairs Officer)**

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**Alex Sigal (Union Development Officer)**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017. Oslo (Norway)**

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605 **Attachment 1 “ISU Norway Executive Board meetings representation 2016-2017”**

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607 **ISU Norway representation (01/07/2016 – 30/04/2017)**

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- 609 • National Board meeting 30-31<sup>st</sup> July (Sanngrund)
- 610 • ISU Nmbu General Assembly 12<sup>th</sup> August (Ås)
- 611 • Information meeting for international students at ViD 17<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 612 • ISU UiO General Assembly 18<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 613 • Executive Board meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> August (Oslo)
- 614 • ISU HiOA General Assembly 27<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 615 • ISU UiB board meeting 31<sup>st</sup> August (Bergen)
- 616 • ISU Drammen General Assembly 7<sup>th</sup> September (Drammen)
- 617 • Executive Board meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September (Oslo)
- 618 • ISU Stavanger board meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September (Stavanger)
- 619 • National Board meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October (Oslo)
- 620 • Executive Board meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October (Oslo)
- 621 • ISU Norway Leadership Meeting 4-6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Tromsø)
- 622 • Executive Board skype meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Oslo)
- 623 • Executive Board meeting 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (Oslo)
- 624 • Executive Board skype meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Oslo)
- 625 • ISU Norway Political Committee skype meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Oslo)
- 626 • National Board meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 (Oslo)
- 627 • Meeting with Union Development Officer 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Oslo)
- 628 • Meeting with Political Affairs Officer 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Ås)
- 629 • ISU Nmbu Elections 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Ås)
- 630 • Meeting at HiOA to help ISU HiOA 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Oslo)
- 631 • ISU Norway Embassies meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Oslo)
- 632 • Skype meeting with Grace from the Editorial Committee 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Oslo)
- 633 • Skype meeting with Daniel Perdiguero as new President from ISU Volda 12<sup>th</sup> February
- 634 2017 (Oslo)
- 635 • Executive Board meeting 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Oslo)
- 636 • Interviews with candidates to Organizational Consultant temporary position 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- 637 February 2017

- 638 • ISU Norway Leadership Meeting II in Trondheim (24-26<sup>th</sup> February 2017) (Trondheim)
- 639 • SiU-ANSA student mobility seminar. 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017. (Oslo)
- 640 • Meeting with the Embassy of Canada. 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. (Oslo)
- 641 • SAIH winter gathering. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Oslo)
- 642 • ISU Nmbu Food Festival presentation. 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Ås)
- 643 • UDI Studiedagen. 10<sup>th</sup> March. (Oslo)
- 644 • Skype with Editorial Committee Leader. 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- 645 • SiU International Conference at HiOA. 14-16<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Oslo)
- 646 • ISU Norway National Board meeting. 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Oslo)
- 647 • Meeting with International Officer Student Parliament at Nmbu. 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Ås)
- 648 • ISU Nmbu Food Festival. 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Ås)
- 649 • Meeting with Political Affairs Officer. 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Ås)
- 650 • ISU Nmbu event. 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Ås)
- 651 • Executive Board Skype meeting. 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. (Oslo)
- 652 • Meeting with the Embassy of Argentina. 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017. (Oslo)
- 653 • Executive Board meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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655 **Meetings attended**

- 656 • Moroccan Embassy 26<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August (Oslo)
- 657 • Chinese Embassy 27<sup>th</sup> July (Oslo)
- 658 • Representatives rector office UiO to discuss refugees' inclusion 29<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 659 September (Oslo)
- 660 • NSO leader and international officer on 29<sup>th</sup> July (Oslo)
- 661 • Israel Embassy 3<sup>rd</sup> August (Oslo)
- 662 • Student Parliament at HiOA 3<sup>rd</sup> August (Oslo)
- 663 • Verdens Beste Nyheter representatives 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September (Oslo)
- 664 • Spanish Embassy 4<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 665 • Brazilian Embassy 4<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 666 • ANSA General Assembly 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 667 • Nokut 8<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 668 • Mexican Embassy 11<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 669 • Changemaker leader Tuva Witskjold 11<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 670 • Internationalista leader 11<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)

- 671 • Meeting and social event with 350 new international students at HiOA 15<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 672 • HsN international officer 17<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 673 • Stand to support refugees' inclusion at Mela Festival with Isu Nmbu, HiOA and UiO (Oslo)
- 674 20<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 675 • FemHub coordinator 23<sup>rd</sup> August (As)
- 676 • Colombian Embassy 24<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 677 • Norad 24<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 678 • Student Parliament at UiO 25<sup>th</sup> August (Oslo)
- 679 • SiU representatives 31<sup>st</sup> August (Bergen)
- 680 • Student Parliament UiB board 1<sup>st</sup> September (Bergen)
- 681 • Student Parliament HiB board 1<sup>st</sup> September (Bergen)
- 682 • Student Parliament NLA board 1<sup>st</sup> September (Bergen)
- 683 • Spire leader Anna Karlsson 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Oslo)
- 684 • Afghan Embassy 5<sup>th</sup> September (Oslo)
- 685 • Nokut frokostseminar 8<sup>th</sup> September (Oslo)
- 686 • World's Best News (Verdens Beste Nyheter) campaign Day 9<sup>th</sup> September (Oslo)
- 687 • Meeting with Student Parliament at HiOA 20<sup>th</sup> September (Oslo)
- 688 • ISU Norway Kick. Off weekend at HiOA 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September (Oslo)
- 689 • Meeting with Hoyre 29<sup>th</sup> September (Oslo)
- 690 • SAIH autumn gathering 30<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October (Naernes)
- 691 • Industri Energi Student Conference 30<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October (Stavanger)
- 692 • ISU Norway Embassies meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October (Oslo)
- 693 • Industri Energi Student Conference 30<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October (Stavanger)
- 694 • Meeting with Daniar Ramak-International Officer at the Student Parliament at UiT 7<sup>th</sup>
- 695 October (Oslo)
- 696 • Icebreaker campaign 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October (Norway)
- 697 • Meeting with Farshad Tami-Former ISU Norway National President 11<sup>th</sup> October (Oslo)
- 698 • Meeting with AIESEC representatives 17<sup>th</sup> October (Oslo)
- 699 • Meeting with Bjorn Haugstad-Secretary of State Ministry of Education 19<sup>th</sup> October
- 700 (Oslo)
- 701 • Meeting with Ole Bratset-ANSA President 20<sup>th</sup> October (Oslo)
- 702 • Meeting with Arvid Ellingsen-LO Political Advisor 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October (Oslo)
- 703 • ESN Norway National Platform 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October (Trondheim)

- 704 • Skype meeting with Valeriia Atamaniuk (ISU Haugesund President) 2nd November 2016
- 705 • Meeting with Student Parliament leader and international officer, and SAIH Tromsø. 3rd
- 706 November 2016 (Tromsø).
- 707 • Meeting at Stortinget with Iselin Nybø (Venstre). 10th November 2016
- 708 • Meeting with Knut Frydenlund (NSO International Committee leader). 10th November
- 709 2016.
- 710 • Interview with SiU<sup>19</sup>. 16th November 2016
- 711 • Meeting with ISU BI President. 17th November 2016. (Oslo)
- 712 • Meeting with Christine Svendsrud (NSO International Officer). 17th November 2016.
- 713 (Oslo)
- 714 • Presentation at SiU seminar<sup>20</sup> about international students report. 18th November 2016.
- 715 (HiOA in Oslo)
- 716 • Attendance NSO 80 years' celebration of student movement in Norway. 19th November
- 717 2016. (Oslo)
- 718 • Meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with responsible on Middle East. 21st
- 719 November 2016. (Oslo)
- 720 • Frivillighet General Assembly. 23rd November 2016. (Oslo)
- 721 • Presentation about ISU Norway at NSO international officers conference. 26th November
- 722 2016. (Oslo)
- 723 • Delivered to the Ministry of Education and Nokut, ISU Norway inputs on
- 724 "Kvalitetsmelding". 1st December 2015. (Oslo)
- 725 • Delivered to NSO, ISU Norway inputs to NSO International Platform revision. 10<sup>th</sup>
- 726 December 2016. (Oslo)
- 727 • Seminar about gender situation in Norway, by LDO (Likestillings-og
- 728 diskrimineringsombudet). 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Oslo
- 729 • Meeting with Mats Nussbaum (AIESEC Leader). 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Oslo)
- 730 • ISU Norway Elections Committee Meeting. 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Oslo)
- 731 • Høyres Frokostmote. 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Oslo)
- 732 • Meeting with Nmbu international officer. 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Ås)
- 733 • Meeting with the U.S Embassy. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Oslo)

<sup>19</sup> Interview with SiU: <http://www.siu.no/For-media/Nyheter-fra-SIU/for-lite-kontakt-med-norske-studentar>

<sup>20</sup> National President presentation at SiU frokost seminar-report Norway as study place for international students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wMgxT4DQLc> (from 47:00)

- 734 • Meeting with Marianne Aasen from Arbeiderpartiet. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Oslo)
- 735 • Meeting with the Irish Embassy 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. (Oslo)
- 736 • Meeting with Sahar Azari from NTL Ung 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Oslo)
- 737 • Meeting with the Leader from the Student Parliament at Nmbu. 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Ås)
- 738 • Meeting with the South African Embassy. 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017. (Oslo)
- 739 • Nokut Frokostmote. 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017. (Oslo)
- 740 • Meeting with the International Offices from Lillehammer and Hamar, and ISU
- 741 Lillehammer board. 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017. (Lillehammer)
- 742 • Student Parliament meeting at Nmbu. 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017. (Ås)
- 743 • Meeting with Vice President Political Affairs from SAIH. 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017. (Oslo)
- 744 • Meeting with International Officer at the Student Parliament in NTNU. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.
- 745 (Trondheim)
- 746 • Presentation of ISU Norway work at the Student Parliament in NTNU. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.
- 747 (Trondheim)
- 748 • SiU-ANSA student mobility seminar. 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017. (Oslo)
- 749 • Meeting the Embassy of Canada. 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. (Oslo)
- 750 • SAIH Winter Gathering. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Oslo)
- 751 • UDI Studiedagen. 10<sup>th</sup> March. (Oslo)
- 752 • Skype with Editorial Committee Leader. 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- 753 • Attendance Student Parliament meeting at Nmbu. 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Ås)
- 754 • SiU International Conference at HiOA. 14-16<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Oslo)
- 755 • Meeting with International Officer Student Parliament at Nmbu. 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Ås)
- 756 • SAIH political campaign report presentation. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. (Oslo)
- 757 • NSO annual meeting. 24-26<sup>th</sup> March 2017. (Tønsberg)
- 758 • Meeting with the Embassy of Argentina. 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017. (Oslo)
- 759 • Attendance Student Parliament meeting at Nmbu 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017. (Ås)
- 760 • LNU Annual Meeting 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April 2017. (Sundvolden)
- 761 • SAIH Annual Meeting 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. (Oslo)
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## Attachment 2 “AIESEC partnership agreement with ISU Norway”

## Memorandum of Understanding between ISU and AIESEC in Norway

This contract stands between the following parties:

- **AIESEC in Norway**, located in Oslo is legitimately represented by Mr. Mats Nussbaum, hereafter named AIESEC.
- **International Student Union**, located in Oslo is legitimately represented by Mr. Daniel Hernández Iniesta, hereafter named ISU.

Both parties have agreed on the following for this agreement:

### Tasks by AIESEC

- Promote ISU as institutional partner on social media channels
- For every 10 contracts coming from ISU recommendation, the organization gets a free fee to use for one year
- Send newsletters with relevant opportunities abroad for ISU
- Downscale the partnership to the local chapters
- Invite ISU in external events such as YouthSpeak forum

### Tasks by ISU

- Promote AIESEC as institutional partner on social media channels
- ISU invites AIESEC to attend specific external events
- Promotion of AIESEC’s opportunities to ISU’s associated students
- Downscale the partnership to the local chapters

### Duration of the agreement

- The agreement between AIESEC and ISU will last for a period of 2 years (24 months), starting from 21st of January 2017.
- At the end of the contract period, the agreement will automatically be renewed for a period of 12 months, unless written notification is given to cancel this agreement. After this, if no cancellation is given, the agreement will automatically renew every period for another 12months. Cancellation can be communicated by letter or email by ISU or by AIESEC, at the latest 2 weeks before the beginning of the new agreement period.

### Termination

Termination of this contract will take place when:

- One of the parties cannot comply, cannot comply in time, or cannot respectably comply to one or more of the obligations stated in this contract and when that party does not comply to that omission within thirty days after a registered notification letter by the other party. The negligent party will do everything rationally expected within its powers to compensate for this negligence.
  - One of the parties ceases to exist, or is liquidated.
- c) 6.3 In case this partnership is not possible anymore in one of the parties’ strategies and needs to be cancelled. This cancellation can be done with a 2 weeks notice.

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819 The people signed below accept the above mentioned agreements:

820 On behalf of **AIESEC**

On behalf of **ISU**

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822 **Name:** Mats Nussbaum

**Name:** Daniel Hernández Iniesta

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854 **Attachment 3 “ESN Norway partnership agreement with ISU Norway”**

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856 **Partnership agreement between ESN Norway and ISU Norway**

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858 **Description**

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860 In order to help continuity and work between ESN Norway and ISU Norway, both  
861 organizations worked on a partnership agreement with some guidelines to help in the  
862 upcoming years cooperation. Both ISU Norway and ESN Norway believe that those  
863 guidelines, will avoid starting cooperation from zero every year with new presidents and  
864 boards elected.

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866 **Guidelines**

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868 **1. Common representation**

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870 a) The presidents of ISU Norway/ ESN Norway should attend each other’s National  
871 Assemblies.

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873 b) If the president is not available, a National Board member can participate instead.

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875 **2. Observer status**

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877 a) Both organizations are granted observer status at national events, with speech and  
878 proposal right, but no effective vote.

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880 b) In matters that the host organization deem sensitive, the other party may be asked to  
881 leave the premises and invited back when the sensitive agenda has ended.

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883 Clarification to b: Such matters could be finances, personal cases etc.

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885 **3. Communication**

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887 a) Promote both organizations, nationally and locally and share information in both  
888 social media channels about:

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890 - Surveys / research

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891 - Start of each semester for new students arriving to Norway

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892 - Events and other relevant information for both organizations

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894 b) The presidents of each organization must meet (physically or by skype) at least once  
895 every two months to share information in accord with *a*. If the president is not available,  
896 they are responsible to find a replacement, preferable from the national board.

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898 c) Should there be a conflict between any organizations member of ISU and ESN that  
 899 cannot be resolved locally, both national boards must intervene to solve it. Whilst every  
 900 member of ESN or ISU are responsible to avoid and resolve conflict between the  
 901 organizations, the national boards and especially the presidents are under obligation to  
 902 work together both on a national and local level to resolve the matter.

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#### 904 4. Cooperation

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906 a) Both organizations should support each other to reach common goals. Both  
 907 organizations must define the areas/projects of common work.

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909 b) Partnership possibilities should be discussed and presented in a document (encouraged  
 910 to be maximum 1 page long) to the National Assemblies. The partnership must be  
 911 approved by both assemblies to be effective.

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913 Clarification to a: A common goal means for instance if tuition fees are proposed to help  
 914 each other to make this proposal turn down, if ESN Norway or ISU Norway works on  
 915 surveys, campaigns, etc. to promote internationalization support it by informing, helping  
 916 to spread information, etc.

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#### 918 Appendix

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#### 920 **Examples of events to promote and cooperate together both organizations**

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922 1. **Project with Embassies:** ISU Norway has a cooperation project with Embassies  
 923 in Norway, focused on education and culture (no political issues), that would like  
 924 to extend and reach more students. ISU Norway organize two meetings a year  
 925 with the Embassies (one each semester), and while in October is more informative  
 926 and discuss how to work together, the one in February is organized as an open  
 927 meeting for students to interact with the Embassies. In addition, students are  
 928 encouraged to present their countries, do some activities or even organize same  
 929 day after the meeting such as a food festival. ISU Norway would like to cooperate  
 930 with ESN Norway, and help in the organization of the meeting in February. This  
 931 will help to reach more students, more fun and a good way to cooperate together.

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933 2. **Kick off weekend:** Co-organize a kickoff weekend in September for both ESN  
 934 and ISU members.

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936 3. **National events:** International students should be given the chance to attend the  
 937 national events of both organizations in the circumstances where there are  
 938 available tickets. If tickets are cheaper for a member, both organizations are  
 939 encouraged to sell them for the same price.

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941 4. **Joint meeting with relevant student organisations:** Organize at least once a  
942 year (and if possible once every semester), a joint meeting with student  
943 organizations working for internationalization and/or international students to  
944 discuss common issues of interest and further cooperation. For instance besides  
945 ESN and ISU, other organizations to join could be NSO, SAIH, etc.

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981 **Attachment 4 “ISU Norway Memorandum of understand with SAIH to support**  
 982 **Students at Risk program and campaign”**

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984 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – “Proud Sponsors of Academic Freedom”**

985 *To be signed by organizations and SAIH.*

- 986 1. I hereby affirm that the organization I represent, support the values and ideals for  
 987 the higher education sector outlined by UNESCO, including academic freedom,  
 988 institutional autonomy, social responsibility and international cooperation.<sup>21</sup>
- 989 2. I further commit to promote human rights, especially the right to freedom of  
 990 expression, peaceful assembly and freedom of associations for students and  
 991 academics in my work.
- 992 3. I support the Students at Risk programme, which aim to give students expelled  
 993 from university or persecuted for their activism for human rights and democracy  
 994 the opportunity to continue their education in Norway, and strongly encourage the  
 995 continuation of the programme.
- 996 4. I appreciate the work done by the Scholars at Risk Network<sup>22</sup> to protect threatened  
 997 scholars and promote academic freedom around the world.
- 998 5. I appreciate the work done by the Global Coalition to Protect Education from  
 999 Attack<sup>23</sup> to strengthen international norms and standards to protect higher  
 1000 education from attack and support institutional autonomy.
- 1001 6. I hereby publicly support the “Principles of State Responsibility to Protect Higher  
 1002 Education from Attack”<sup>24</sup>, and call upon states to implement<sup>25</sup> these principles  
 1003 domestically and promote them in appropriate inter-state relations.

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<sup>21</sup> [http://www.unesco.org/education/educprog/wche/declaration\\_eng.htm](http://www.unesco.org/education/educprog/wche/declaration_eng.htm) and [http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=13144&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13144&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/>

<sup>23</sup> [www.protectingeducation.org](http://www.protectingeducation.org)

<sup>24</sup> [http://protectingeducation.org/sites/default/files/documents/principles\\_of\\_state\\_responsibility\\_to\\_protect\\_higher\\_education\\_from\\_attack.pdf](http://protectingeducation.org/sites/default/files/documents/principles_of_state_responsibility_to_protect_higher_education_from_attack.pdf)

<sup>25</sup> [http://protectingeducation.org/sites/default/files/documents/guide\\_to\\_implementing\\_principles.pdf](http://protectingeducation.org/sites/default/files/documents/guide_to_implementing_principles.pdf)

1005 7. By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, the organization I represent can  
1006 be listed as a “sponsor” with its logo on SAIHs campaign webpage  
1007 studentsatrisk.no, understanding that the circumstances to which these  
1008 commitments were made are to appear on this website. I also understand that the  
1009 campaign, and parts of the communication related to the campaign in traditional  
1010 and social media will use humour and irony to communicate a serious issue.

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