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PRESS RELEASE

Cancellation of the ESNtrain

On Friday 27th of March 2009, Erasmus Student Network AISBL (ESN International) was, to its deepest regrets, informed that the ESNtrain would not depart from Bratislava. Immediately, attempts to find a solution were made which unfortunately proved futile. The following day, the ESNtrain organiser Platform GmbH, officially announced the cancellation.

ESN International wishes to clarify that it is neither financially nor legally linked to the Platform GmbH. Also, there have never been any contracts or negotiations between ESN International and the Austrian railway company ÖBB, concerning this train. Agreements were established between the Platform GmbH and the ÖBB. However, ESN wants to state clearly that it gave support to ESNtrain by providing it with the help of its network of local sections. The sections situated at the various stops of the train put a lot of effort into organising activities for the train's participants.

ESN is in contact with the ESNtrain management in order to coordinate further action. In addition, ESN will back and encourage its sections to help the participants in the affected cities as much as possible. Further information can only be provided by ESN when the subject is properly investigated.

ESN International regrets that this journey through a unified Europe, 20 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, could not be achieved in the end. However, looking ahead, ESN and its sections will continue to pursue the enrichment of society through the idea of intercultural exchange. ESN volunteers from all over Europe were and will be working to improve the experience of international students in the future.

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