

Dearest ESNers, Dearest Sections

Our Annual General Meeting has ended and important decisions for the future of our organisation have been taken. A path to enrich society through international students is taken and we all follow it with our unique ESN spirit.

Also I have taken a decision. I herewith officially resign as President of the Erasmus Student Network as of midnight today. I have served ESN for a long time - first in my section then in the International Board. My actions were always with the best intentions for our organisation, for the international students and for a society, which is open, tolerant and understanding.

We all know that the ESNtrain had to be cancelled. I was the Board Member responsible for the contact between the company behind the ESNtrain and ESN International. The unique and fantastic ESNtrain is not running, meaning mistakes were made. The full picture behind the cancellation still has to be drawn as the situation is complex and not all information available yet. To facilitate this process, I am stepping down.

My resignation is a sign towards you and also to the outside world that ESN has grown into an extraordinary organisation. An organisation whose members are not afraid to aim high but also to act accordingly when necessary. Our causes, aims and visions live on; international students always find helping hands and open arms whenever they meet an ESN volunteer; and also we – the ESN members will always stand behind each other and care for each other.

I will leave ESN in excellent hands. Marketa Tokova, current Vice-President (and President elect), together with her team, will lead our organisation during the transition period as well as afterwards. She will send you further information also regarding the ESNtrain later on. I sincerely and truly encourage you to support her and her team in any way possible.

Let me close this e-mail by wholeheartedly thanking you, for all the volunteer work you do for ESN and the international students.

Keep the Pallomeri spirit alive.

Warmest wishes

Matthias