

## **Comments on Erasmus for all**

Saco Student Council, part of Saco, gathers the students in higher education in Sweden and has a few comments on Erasmus for all.

### **Fusion of the seven programs**

We support the fusion of the seven programs; we think that it will make Erasmus a stronger trademark. The more known Erasmus is among European citizens, the easier it is to reach a higher amount of students, teachers and trainees.

It is important that the fusion preserves the differences from the seven programs. The different target groups of today are all important. For an example, mobility of teachers and students gives refund to both categories. It would be capital if the fusion results in that fewer go abroad by loss some of the old systems target groups. The fusion needs a lot of communication in each European country.

### **Student Loan Guarantee Facility**

Saco Student Council supports the ESU opinion and thinks that right now, the student loan guarantee facility is not the right solution to get a higher number of students from lower socio-economic groups into the Erasmus system. The CULT-committee in the European Parliament 2010 showed that students from lower socio-economic groups are sensitive towards taking up loans and increasing access to loans is not the best way to broaden access to study mobility. A better way to make students from all socio-economic groups to join the Erasmus program is to higher the monthly grant for Erasmus students.

Best regards

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