



# OBESSU

Organising Bureau of  
European School Student Unions

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# WHO WE ARE

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OBESSU IS THE PLATFORM FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENT UNIONS ACTIVE IN GENERAL SECONDARY AND SECONDARY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN EUROPE



FOUNDED IN DUBLIN IN 1975



BASED IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM WITH ITS SECRETARIAT



IS GOVERNED BY AN ELECTED BOARD



**30 MEMBER, CANDIDATE AND AFFILIATE ORGANISATIONS FROM 24 COUNTRIES IN EUROPE. ALL MEMBERS ARE INDEPENDENT, NATIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC UNIONS.**

**THE MEMBERSHIP MEETS 2 TIMES A YEAR IN STATUTORY MEETINGS TO DECIDE THE STRATEGIC VISION OF OBESSU, GIVING US A UNIQUE TOUCH IN BEING TOTALLY YOUTH-LEAD**



As OBESSU we stand together..

- to represent the school students as **stakeholders of their educational systems**, and in issues concerning their lives;
- to provide the national school student unions with **assistance and support** and to co-operate for the development of school student representative structures;
- to encourage and enable **exchange of experience** and good practice among the national school students unions;
- to promote **equal access to education** and to strive for the end of all discrimination and injustice within the educational systems;
- to contribute to the development of **democratic educational systems in Europe**, that promote active citizenship in all forms;
- to promote **solidarity and understanding** between young people;
- to promote **new teaching methods** in learning and promote healthy teaching environment.

# OUR OBJECTIVES

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# SOME OF OUR PROJECTS ARE...

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## SEEDS FOR INTEGRATION

a programme to support initiatives that work for the educational inclusion of young migrant and refugees on the local, regional and national level.

2

## STRONGER SCHOOL STUDENT UNIONS

An internal capacity building programme, involving PLAs, webinars and other activities to strengthen the network

3

## INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS

A project in partnership with the British Council and other 5 partners to promote a culture of inclusivity at school through training and school certification

4

## EUROPEAN APPRENTICES NETWORK

A network of individual apprentices working together to promote apprenticeships as a first choice in education.

# SEEDS FOR INTEGRATION



Since 2016

€100,000

40 projects

3 Pillars

# Ireland



## ISSU'S TOOLS FOR INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS

Join us in TCD Global Room on Wednesday 16th November to celebrate International Students' Day and learn more about integration in Irish schools  
Register online at [issu.ie](http://issu.ie)



# Germany

## Integration Football Tournament





# Global Citizenship Education

## School Students' Guidelines on Global Citizenship Education

Global Citizenship Education (GCE) is key element in empowering youth to assume active roles in society and be able to reflect and critically examine current global challenges and become proactive contributors to a more peaceful, tolerant, inclusive and secure world. Despite its importance, it is not always seen as the top pedagogical priority. In the countries where it is already incorporated in schools curricula through different practices, it is primarily taught at the end of secondary education, instead of being recognised as important factor already in primary education. 2

There are many different ways to introduce GCE in schools curricula: in cross-curriculum way, by integrating it in another subject (e.g. history), or as separate subject, but it is important to highlight that it is interconnected with other areas of work. Therefore, we aim to incorporate GCE both in formal and non-formal education.

Implementation of GCE would provide students with skills on how to think more globally and critically, help them develop attitude and values of active participation and teach them how they can contribute as world citizens, while developing their own personal identity.



# Social Erasmus

SocialErasmus is an ESN international program that aims to involve young citizens during their mobility experience through volunteering activities that take social action, fostering change in the society.



SocialErasmus

# Priority Topics

## 2018

- Mental Health
- Hate Speech
- Global Citizenship Education
- VET
- Human Rights
- Inclusive Organisations

## 2019

- Sex & Gender
- Minorities Rights
- Digitalisation
- Quality of Teaching
- Quality of Assessment
- Peer Education



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