

# Join ESN Uni Turku!

## Who are we?

We are the local section of the Erasmus Student Network at the University of Turku. We are a team of around 20 volunteers who organize events for and support international students in Turku. We welcome students from all faculties and from all around the world to our team and events!

### What is ESN?

With more than 500 local sections in over 40 countries, the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest student organizations in Europe. In Finland there are 16 sections all together and two of those are in Turku (ESN Uni Turku and ESN Åbo Akademi).

ESN represents and supports international students on the local, national and international level. Together, we are committed to improving international education and the life of international students all over Europe and the world, following the motto "students helping students" and our core value "unity in diversity".

#### What do we do?

Here in Turku, we organize all kinds of events, often together with our local and national partners. Our events range from get togethers and (Sitz) parties to day trips to the surroundings of Turku and weekend trips e.g. to Tallinn or Stockholm. Once a year, in addition to the student trips together with our partner Timetravels, we also organize our own Lapland trip for more than 100 people.

We are also present in the many student association fairs and constantly help international students with all their questions and concerns before and during their stay in Turku. In addition, we regularly gather together with other ESN sections from Finland, the Nordic countries and Europe in different networking events to exchange our ideas and experiences.



### What can we offer you?

We have various working fields, such as event organization, PR and social media, finances, partnerships and IT, and the means for you to implement your own ideas in a supportive and inclusive environment. In a multicultural team and network with many different academic backgrounds, we can offer you countless learning and development opportunities as well. We also strongly believe that unpaid volunteer work should not cost you anything which is why all the costs for your work in ESN Uni Turku will be covered by us.

#### What do we expect from you?

It is only natural for us to expect our members to be open and tolerant towards each other and everyone else. We do not tolerate any kind of discrimination in our team or events. We also expect motivation, teamwork skills and reliability. We are all students with different schedules and availability; what is important for us is to communicate this availability as well as boundaries. To participate in our team, you are also expected to regularly attend our weekly team meetings. That does not mean that you have to attend every single one of them, but we believe that it makes the experience richer for everyone to regularly see each other and work together. We don't have any minimum workload for our members; everyone can invest as little or as much time as they want to.

We would also like to remind you that our working language is english. However, there are many different level of English speakers among us and there is no need to worry about not knowing the language well enough. For most, english is a second language.

### Why you should join ESN

With ESN, you will experience the international Erasmus atmosphere right here in Turku - no matter if you are an international or a local student! You will meet new people and make new friends from all over the world and expand your horizons! You can unfold your creativity and realize your own ideas and enrich your community and society! You will also develop personally and professionally and gain many new valuable experiences and skills!



# How to join

You can easily join us by attending one of our regular board meetings or our new actives' evenings that we organize once per semester. You will find the information about the times of these meetings in our Instagram as well as our Telegram group (see below). You are also very welcome to reach out to us via our social media channels that you can find below:

- Instagram: <u>@esnuniturku</u>
- Facebook: @esnuniturku
- Website: esnuniturku.fi
  - Email: <u>board@esnuniturku.fi</u>
- Telegram: <u>Join group!</u>