



Declaration of the European Students for Legality

We, students of the European Forum for Legality originating from all over Europe, collectively in one voice stand for respect, protection and fulfillment of the general principles of legality within Higher Education Institutions. Therefore with this declaration we state the following principals, demands and commitments for Participation, Justice, Transparency and Culture in the universities:

Participation

UNIVERSITAS MAGISTRORUM SCHOLARIUM

We, the European Students for Legality, commit ourselves to promote and defend Participation by:

- *Emphasizing the significance of student participation in decision making processes;*
- *Encouraging participation so students can be in a position to contribute, support, influence and promote the principles of democracy and legality;*

Therefore, we commit ourselves to:

- *Pursue democracy by promoting collaboration among university stakeholders;*
- *Ensure equality of opportunity for all;*
- *Call for the establishment of a sufficient legal platform and financial support to ensure the sustainability of student participation;*
- *Raise awareness and distribute information to emphasize the importance and necessity of active student participation;*

Therefore we demand:

Empowerment of students so that they participate in decision making processes at their university. Thus we apply the principle of check and balances, assisting the university in executing its academic purposes.

Justice

FIAT IUSTITIA NE PEREAT MUNDUS

We, the European Students for Legality, commit ourselves to promote and defend Justice by:

- *Promoting Equal opportunity for all in terms of rights, access to education and admission, participation*
- *Fighting for Respect of Students' Opinion*
- *Demanding Just/ Fair grading system (of students, professors, curriculum)*
- *Advocating for a clear and efficient Legal framework which is based on transparency and is internationally accredited.*

Therefore, we commit ourselves to:

- *Promote youth active citizenship through different forms of education (formal and non-formal) at all levels*
- *Ensure students' representation at the university and other institutions in decision making processes (legal framework, anti-corruption, etc.)*

Therefore we demand:

Improvement of the regulation systems in order to become stronger, well-controlled and more transparent.



Culture

ALMA MATER SOCIETAS

We, the European Students for Legality, commit ourselves to promote and defend Culture by:

Stating that universities should not only educate future workers but also promote culture and knowledge;

Promoting civic culture should be enhanced to help youth to think critically and to be active in encouraging improvement.

Therefore, we commit ourselves to:

- *Encourage debate and engagement on current affairs*
- *Explore our own universities multicultural environment*
- *Stimulate artistic expression and creativity*
- *Fight against discrimination and celebrate diversity*
- *Confront ourselves with the wider society and other universities in our country and abroad*

By the same token we demand from institutions, local, national and European government to:

- *Fund exchange programs*
- *Develop ethical codes that promote tolerance*
- *Grant support for cultural activities*
- *Create a system of quotas to encourage the participation of minorities in universities.*

Transparency

QUIS CUSTODIET IPSOS CUSTODES

We, the European Students for Legality, commit ourselves to promote and defend Transparency by:

- *Ensuring accountable institutions, open access to information, free channels of communication and independent regulation;*
- *Advocating clarity, cooperation, responsible ethics, student representation and public debate;*
- *Demanding direct procedural and deliberative democracy;*

Therefore we demand:

Transparent institutions:

- *Proper appointment of professors;*
- *Fair and public budgets, finance and accounting;*
- *Elected student bodies;*
- *Clear sanctions for breach of transparency by a disciplinary body;*
- *Independent regulation of universities;*

A transparent information service:

- *Active free access to information (e.g. complaints procedure);*
- *Open decision making process;*
- *Publishing and monitoring results;*
- *Detailed information about budgets, funds and donations;*
- *Ensuring laws regarding freedom of information access are properly applied;*

A transparent assessment (evaluation) system:

- *No tolerance with regards bribing;*
- *Fair marking;*
- *External and independent assessment;*
- *Assuring all institutions provide evidence and records of exams (oral and written);*
- *Publish the curriculum (assessment criteria).*