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I am a 23 years old student from Turin, Italy. I have always had an interest in matters of social justice and equality.

Since when I was 17, I have been active in different political organizations and parties in my Country advocating for various matters spacing from human rights and civil rights, such as a marriage equality law, legalized euthanasia, prisoners' rights and contrast to conservative migration policies; arriving to matters of the economic sphere such as minimum salary and the dream of the United States of Europe in which I still strongly believe. Politics has always been the biggest part of my life and I am convinced it will continue to be in my future.

I have chosen to become an ERUA ambassador because I am a supporter of the idea of an education system, not only at a university level, which has to get free from the top-down ideology according to which students have to be passive subjects of the actions and choices of the institution. I believe education has to become a malleable sphere, adaptable to each individual personality in order to gain the maximum result from each student. Such an approach would be beneficial for students' mental health which has to become one of the pillars of focus for universities. A burnout student is of no use to the institution and to society itself. Students' minds have to be stimulated and cared for in order to not lose anyone along the way; such episodes are not unusual in my country and receive a few weeks visibility by the news, without any concrete action being proposed. I believe ERUA is the place to start experimenting bottom-up ways to make the academic status quo a horizontal reality where the experience of the institution and the professors can be balanced by the necessities of different students' generations. Why? Students are a transnational social class which share values, necessities and problems; therefore, I believe a European alliance such ERUA is a good place to start something which could expand everywhere and I



am positive about what could be achieved through this year of collaboration.

