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I am a 24 years old student from Turin, Italy. This is my second year as ERUA Ambassador and probably the last since I am in proximity of the conclusion of my Master Degree. I am very pleased to be able to complete my experience here in UniMC as once again an Ambassador. To tell you a little bit about me: I am a highly political person, as a matter of fact I'd say fighting for equality and justice is the whole point of my life. I have been working along with political parties and organizations since I was 17, never fearing what might come next. In the past year I have become a Student Representative in many bodies of my University and now sit as treasurer of my student organization.

But activism does not represent only my past and present, it is also my future. As soon as I will complete my Master Degree, I plan to apply for a PhD in Human Rights, hoping to one day become a researcher and be able to merge my academic career with an on field career. As I am typing right now, I am preparing the bags for a Summer School at Viadrina University named "The European System of Human Rights Protection – ECHR", an opportunity of which I would have not been aware without the network that ERUA creates.

I have chosen to become an ERUA ambassador once again because ERUA has been a consistent part of my life in the past year. Even though I was not able to participate in many mobilities (something which I will make up for in the next year) the work we have done in Macerata with the ERUA community has been huge. Starting from ERUA day to the presentation of the Alliance in some University events, we started a process which I am impatient to continue in the following year. I am a supporter of the idea of an education system, not only at a university level, which is 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. 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 new year of collaboration. Contact info:

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