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ESN Celebrates the 30th Anniversary of Erasmus in Berlin

From 20th to 24th April 2017, Berlin will be host to ESN's Annual General Meeting, the largest and most important annual meeting of the network.

The event is organised every year by the Erasmus Student Network. As a de-facto representation of the Erasmus generation, the AGM is the largest European student conference focusing on the theme of mobility, with **over 700 student volunteers** present. Organised by local member associations from Germany and France, the prestigious event will be held in Berlin this year, turning the city into the 'Capital of Erasmus' for four days.

AGM Germany 2017 carries special significance, as we celebrate the <u>30th Anniversary of the</u> <u>Erasmus Programme</u>. As an acknowledgement of this momentous occasion, a panel discussion will be organised under the theme Strangers to Friends: Three Decades of Erasmus Mobility. The panel will be open to the public and tackle topics such as the reasons for the success of Erasmus and the expectations of students regarding its future.

Another central feature of the AGM will be the Mobility Fair, where student representatives from hundreds of European universities, along with companies like the Deutsche Börse Group, will be present to showcase job, internship and study opportunities abroad. The fair takes place from **11:00 to 17:00 on Friday 21**st in the **Henry Ford Building** of the **Freie Universität Berlin**. All local and international students and pupils are invited.

The Secretary of State for Science and Research in Berlin and patron of AGM Germany, **Steffen Krach**, says of the AGM:

"The idea of a joint Europe must always be an idea of its people and must bring them closer together. And this is exactly what Erasmus does, in an ideal way."

To follow the event on social media, use the hashtags **#AGMgermany** and **#THISisESN**. Updates will be posted through <u>facebook.com/AGMgermany2017</u> and <u>twitter.com/ESN_Int</u>.

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Erasmus Student Network is the largest student organisation in Europe. It was founded on 16th October 1989 and legally registered in 1990 to support and develop student exchange. We are present in more than 900 Higher Education Institutions in 40 countries. The network is constantly developing and expanding, with 15,000 active members supported by mentors taking care of international students. Thus, ESN involves around 34,000 young people offering its services to around 220,000 international students every year. More information can be found through ESN's Media Kit.