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TO : Klemen Petek, President of ŠOU
ŠOU Student organization of University of Ljubljana

Letter of support : Radio Študent faces a problematic situation regarding its economic sustainability

As a Radio Študent partner in the frame of cultural and media exchanges, and peer to peer in the field of community and citizen media, we, the french network composed of 29 independant student radios, wonder if you could reconsider your position concerning financial support on Radio Študent.

We also exist since 50 years. Radio Campus Lille for example started to give the listeners a chance to discover more diversity in the field of culture, point of view and perspectives and made possible the debate. Then, 50 years later, more than 29 radios are now providing media literacy, debate, exchanges in as many cities and territories and make the proposal of alternative models in the audiovisual landscape.

Our stations – the student radios – are public spaces for freedom of speech. This can only be possible if these spaces are build out of the competitive sector, with no individual interest else as acquiring skills, learning and builiding a critical thinking, a freedom of mind. Without those potentialities and approaches, no democracy.

Radio Študent is also leading many european project. That's the sign of a real dynamic position that could only has bee assumed as a mature radio station. They developped for exmple the Radio Muse and IndieRe project – still in progress – that made possible for young talents from all participant countries to be discovered onto foreign music market.

Kind Regards,

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Présidente

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