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To whom it may concerns,

I am writing to you as General Coordinator of the Association of Local Public Radio Stations of Andalusia (EMA-RTV). EMA-RTV is currently the most important horizontal network of local and regional radio stations in Spain. It has more than 90 associated radio stations, 16 TV and covers an audience of more than 1.2 million daily listeners in Spain.

EMA-RTV is a leading institution in the field of local communication in our country. Indeed, the organization has actively participated in the development and elaboration of the Andalusian Telecommunications Law during the last years.

Over the last decade, EMA-RTV has been leader and partner in more than twenty European communication projects, many of them in collaboration with Radio Študent. The most recent, "Respect Words Project" (www.respectwords.org), was funded by DG JUSTICE, implemented between 2017 and 2019 and dealt with journalism against hate speech.

As a result of these years of joint work, we have come to the following conclusions:

1. The quality of the journalistic work provided by the staff of Radio Študent has always been irreproachable, both in substance and form.
2. The values carried by Radio Študent correspond to the very heart of the European idea: plurality, tolerance, critical spirit, innovation, cultural avant-garde. It is no coincidence that the European institutions have made Radio Študent an emblematic organization in the field of community communication in an urban context.
3. The historical trajectory of Radio Študent makes it a symbol that transcends borders and serves as an example for a multitude of actors who draw inspiration from this organization, both in terms of journalistic content and processes, and in terms of its organic functioning.

Moreover, in a world that is tending towards a vertiginous increase in the flow of disinformation, the work of journalists has become more indispensable than ever. Ethical journalism can only truly impose itself if it is based on a democratic, communitarian functioning and, above all, on a rigorous and professional praxis: and this is what Radio Študent stands for.

Thus, this letter aims to show our support for Radio Študent. We call on all organizations for whom "independent journalism and media" still means something to find a way for Radio Študent to continue on its path.

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