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"Studying without borders. Vote Europe!"

European election campaign by German Rectors' Conference and Deutsches Studentenwerk

The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) and the Deutsches Studentenwerk (DSW, the German national association for student affairs) are jointly calling on students to participate in the elections for the European Parliament on 26 May 2019. The title of their joint campaign: "Studying without borders. Vote Europe!"

HRK President Prof Dr Peter-André Alt launched the initiative yesterday in the course of the HRK Senate in Berlin.

"Europe is not something we can take for granted," he told the press today in Berlin. "We would like to make it clear what an important role this election can play in the future of every individual. Everyone should ask themselves which Europe they want to be part of in the future, and then vote accordingly. It has become very clear in the HRK Senate that universities are deeply troubled about the growing influence of populist and nationalist forces in Europe. It is our hope that students will actively stand up to this trend in the election."

DSW President Prof Dr Rolf-Dieter Postlep said: "Students have a vital vote to cast against hostility towards science and populism in Europe. They are right to take this European election very seriously and to champion a Europe characterised by dialogue and rationality. Students and student services organisations are also committed to open-mindedness and tolerance."

The HRK and DSW are seeking the support of the universities and student services organisation and have called for local and regional campaigns. The joint slogan, "Studying without borders. Vote Europe!" is intended to serve as a banner that sends a strong shared message to students.

<https://www.hrk.de/initiative-grenzenlos-studieren> (available only in German)

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