Putting the Higher Education Ombudsman on the (European) Map

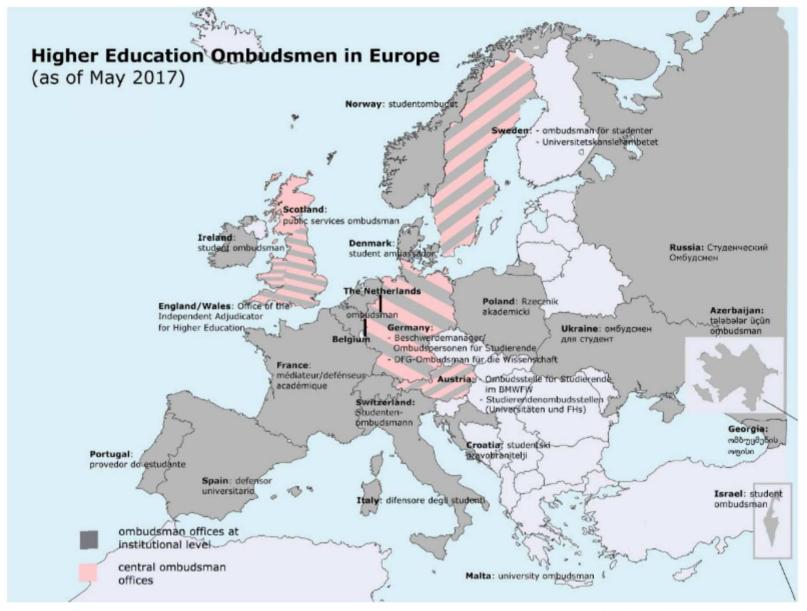
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24th and 25th April 2018







HE Ombudsmen in National Legislation

- Austria (since 2011)
- Croatia (since 2007)
- England and Wales (since 2004)
- Malta (since 1993)
- Norway (pending approval)
- Spain (since 2001)
- in other countries upon individual initiatives of higher education institutions



ENOHE: Activities

- European network of higher education ombudsmen (on institutional & national levels)
- 25 European countries participating
- annual conferences since 2003 (in Amsterdam, most recently in Edinburgh)
- web page <u>www.enohe.net</u>
- occasional papers, conference reports
- Robert Behrens: Being an Ombudsman in Higher Education – A Comparative Study



ENOHE: Main Goals

- to share approaches to common problems in HE
- to expand knowledge and compare working methods
- to enhance skills and develop competences
- to learn from each other
- Erasmus+ project AESOP cooordinated by Georgia

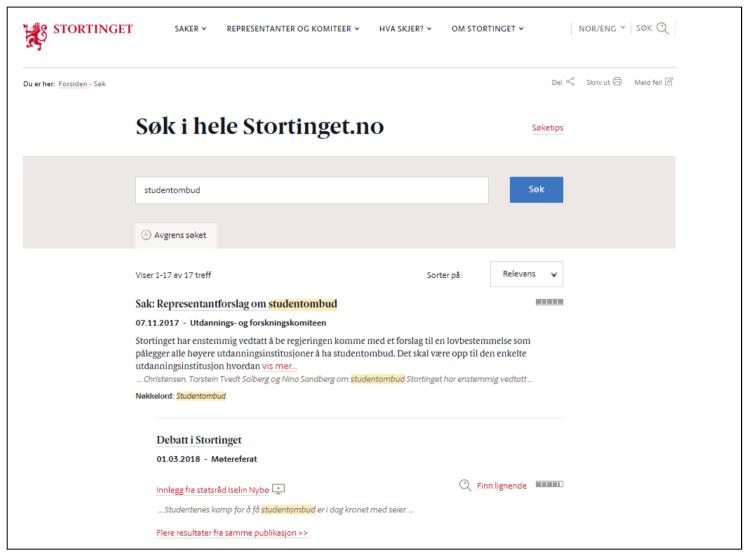
Strasbourg June 2017: "Getting ready for Paris 2018"



Robert Behrens, UK Parliamentary and Health Ombudsman and ENOHE Chair; Emily O'Reilly, EU Ombudsman; Josef Leidenfrost, Austrian Student Ombudsman and ENOHE President



Norwegian Parliament March 2018





Proposal for the Paris Communiqué

• "We recommend the installation, by law or respective national and institutional regulations, of effective and independent ombuds arrangements at higher education institutions within the European Higher Education Area where these arrangements do not already exist, in order to safeguard the rights of the students and to give individuals recourse to independent dispute resolution for personal or structural conflicts in daily student life"

