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Join the student train across Europe!

To mark the 20th anniversary of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), one of the largest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe, a train will take thousands passengers of all ages and nationalities to 40 cities across Europe from 28 March. Like the Erasmus programme, the train promotes the idea of studying abroad and experiencing other cultures. Registration is now open for this trip that will give you a unique chance to experience European cultures and get in touch with locals in up to 18 countries.

The ESNtrain will go on a journey across Europe visiting 40 cities including Amsterdam, Brussels, Ljubljana, Oslo, Stockholm, Vienna and Zagreb and passing by 90 UNESCO world heritage sites between 28 March and 21 April 2009. Travelling will be mainly over night, which will give passengers the pleasure of waking up in a different city every day. Numerous evening activities are planned to take place on the train, including dancing classes, language courses, games and presentations on local culture.

The train will have beds for 700 people, allowing about 5,000 people to join in, either for the entire journey or for parts of it. Including all events at locations where the train stops around 10,000 people are expected to board the train. A part of the project costs are financed by passengers and train visitors, with the largest share coming from sponsoring and donations.

The ESNtrain springs from the idea of a group of young people, mostly students, living in Switzerland. The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) has made the train its main event to celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2009. Ján Figel', the European Commissioner for Education and training, Culture and Youth is one of the patrons of the project.

If you are interested in joining the train, you can now register – for the entire journey or parts of it – at
http://www.esntrain.org/en/booking

To know more

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