OBESSU Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions

We won't pay your crisis!

In terms of neo-liberal economy, it seems quite common that winnings are given to single persons, e.g. managers, and losses are being solidarised. During the past years, in times of progression, nobody has cared about this fact, but since the financial system collapsed the public finances are suffering even more. It is clear that the ones paying for the crisis are not the ones responsible for it, but the tax payers are. This is seen in major budget cuts within public service, the field of education being one of the most suffering.

The need for a sustainable economy has already been eclipsed - again. But only a public, high – quality education can ensure the welfare of the citizens and the nations worldwide.

Therefore, we say: we won't pay for your crisis!

Investments in education should indeed be increased but under no circumstances decreased. Shifting education into the private sector cannot seriously be considered a useful tool in covering lacks in the budget.

Therefore we demand OBESSU and its members to stand up...

...for the recognition of education as THE long-term investment to ensure employment;

...against cut-backs in the public budget of education;

….against attempts to commercialize education and to avoid private interests interfere in education

...for a constant monitoring of the EU in order to prevent governments from saving money within the educational- and youth sector;

...for socially responsible economy which acknowledges the need of independent and socially skilled workers and the need of a permanent life-long learning process, which should be accessible for everyone.

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