

To the Members of the ECStA

Berlin, January 11, 2023

## **Study visit to the USA – Information and registration**

Dear Sir or Madam,

higher education in the United States provides one of the largest, most powerful and diverse education systems in the world, in which student services play a central role. Not only at the famous elite universities, but also in the broad range of state mass universities and in the vocational community colleges, everything is in the service of students' personal development and academic success.

Although the situation for students is currently precarious, as in many countries, the "student services" of the universities with their offers in residence halls, study counselling, psychological and health support, with scholarships and extensive cultural and sporting activities represent a core area of campus life.

For many years, the DSW has maintained a cooperation with NASPA, the US umbrella organisation for student services, because of the diversity and high quality of the services offered to students.

This year, we would like to experiment and invite you to look over the horizon and learn about the unique social infrastructure of higher education in the US in a combination of an online event, campus tour, international symposium and insights into the NASPA annual conference with numerous workshops and a trade show exhibition.

**When?** March 30, 2023 (outbound flight) to 4/5 April 2023 (night flight).

**Where?** Congress centre and colleges in Boston and the surrounding area as well as online preparation seminar on March 1, 2023 (4-6 pm)

- For whom?** Executives and management of student unions as well as colleagues from comparable institutions in other European countries (within the framework of ECStA) - min. 5 and max. 15 persons
- Costs?** Participants pay all costs, in particular their flight and hotel costs on site; NASPA provides vouchers for participation in the symposium and the conference.
- Language?** A good knowledge of English (level B2) is certainly helpful. The DSW will be happy to help with technical vocabulary and comprehension difficulties.
- Registration?** Please register online by **February 10, 2023** at the latest at: <https://form.jotform.com/223494392739973> (max. 1 person per institution, max. 15 persons only, as long as places are available).

Please find attached the preliminary programme for the online module and the on-site study visit, as well as initial organisational information. We will update this programme continuously, especially as soon as the programme of the NASPA international symposium has been finalised.

Are you still hesitating or do you have any questions? For further information, please contact Mr. Sven Engel, Head of International Affairs at the DSW (Tel. 030-29772773, [engel@studentenwerke.de](mailto:engel@studentenwerke.de)).

We would be very happy if you could join us on this study trip!

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthias Anbuhl'.

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