METKA



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METKA'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION OBJECTIVES 2023

Student health and well-being

- Students must be guaranteed access to health care
- The resourcing of student health care and YTHS will take into account the growing service needs.
- Patient safety law will be amended to allow the use of distance services also when students are abroad on student exchange or in training
- Student welfare must be protected by law. The law must include a staffing limit for curators and psychologists.
- Therapy guarantee will be included in the treatment guarantee and will determine the time limits for access to treatment. Adequate staffing will be guaranteed, for example by making psychotherapy training free of charge for students.

Education

- Education must be free of charge for students.
- Universities will be guaranteed sufficient resources to maintain high-quality teaching.
- Allow flexibility to complete studies. Easing the focus on qualifications and results.
- Students are paid for work placements related to their studies.
- All applicants can apply for higher education through an entrance exam.
- Increasing the number of starting places will be done with adequate funding and quality.

Financial aid for students

- Increase the financial aid for students to pre-cut levels. The minimum level of increase in the aid will be 100€. The maximum period of the aid will be increased by seven months and the total amount of financial aid months will be returned back from 54 months to 64 months.
- Financial aid is an incentive to study full-time, income while studying is study grant-based and the study grant is tied with an index for future scalability.
- Interests from student loans should be relieved.

Housing and transport

- Students must have access to affordable housing close to campuses.
- The availability of affordable housing will be increased through state subsidies for construction.
- Students have a national 50% discount on public transportation.

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