

Press Release

Greifswald International Students Festival 2018: „Beyond Borders - Where are Your Limits?“

**GriStuF delegates have participated at SOrCE weekend in Trondheim.  
A successful meeting with volunteers from six European students festivals.**

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Over the last weekend, 3 delegates of the GriStuF team have had the chance to take part in a SOrCE meeting that took place in Trondheim, Norway. There, they were able to discuss the inner workings of various conferences that comprise the SOrCE Network, share examples of good practices, as well as strengthen connections between the various festivals that take place all across Europe and set up potential future collaborations.



**Students Organising Conventions Everywhere**

SOrCE is the abbreviation for *Students Organising Conventions Everywhere* - a network that currently connects six different international conferences organised by students that share the same idea: To gather students from all over the world, to discuss about the one world we are all living in, to get to know different opinions about it, and last but not least, to have fun and experience different cultures.

SOrCE was established in 1993 and since then the main goal of it has been to serve as a base for co-operation, to help each other with organizing, to learn from each other and to help each other make our international conferences better.

The current member organizations are

- **ISFiT** - the International Student Festival in Trondheim, Norway
- **ISWiB** - the International Student Week in Belgrade, Serbia
- **SCiM** - the Students Conference in Maribor, Slovenia
- **ISWi** - the International Students Week in Ilmenau, Germany
- **ISWinT** - the International Students Week in Timisoara, Romania
- **GriStuF** - the Greifswald International Students Festival, Germany

## Successful collaboration

As the main host of this meeting, ISFiT (International Student Festival in Trondheim) was in charge of organising the workshops which ranged from team management and inter-team communication to social media management, fundraising and even one on the volunteer culture in Trondheim and their ability to recruit over 450 team members every two years.

“This weekend I have learnt a lot about how the different festivals and conferences work towards facilitating understanding and cooperation between students from across the globe,” said Mathias Kristiansen, Vice President of ISFiT. „And of course I’ve enjoyed the socializing and getting to know the people behind the SORCE network better!”

Pris Jhang, team Member of ISWI agrees with him. “It was nice to gather everyone from all organisations, get to know the people that you work with, their personalities, and the work style they have,” she said. „It is good that we share our experiences with finances, social media and the like. With everyone from other departments around, it helps others to know how to coordinate with them, and get to know what kind of the struggles they have”.



## Future Projects

The meeting concluded with an agreement to meet up once again later this year to discuss in greater depth the possibility of a joint project between the different conferences from the SORCE network, as well as a potential cross-festival promotional event that is to be announced at a later date. Until then, the delegates from Germany, Slovenia, Romania and Serbia will return home with their bags filled with new ideas and inspiration and prepare their upcoming festivals.

Four of them will take place this summer:

- GrIStuF from 16-23 June
- SCiM from 2-11 July
- ISWiB from 15-23 July
- ISWinT from 23 July - 2 August

“As always, it was a great pleasure meeting up with these amazing people and sharing all of our experiences. I would like to thank ISFiT for hosting us and everyone else for bringing great energy to this meeting and working diligently throughout the weekend.” – Dejan Dzinic, GrIStuF

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