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Hej Christine Antorini, Pernille Bagge, Charlotte Dyremose og Johanne Schmidt-Nielsen

Jeg henvender mig til jer, da jeg er løbet ind i et problem, som jeg mener fuldstændig strider imod regeringens hensigter om øget internationalisering i uddannelserne og opfordring til unge om at tage ud og studere. Jeg har henvendt mig til Bertel Haarder og Helge Sander, men vil orientere jer og høre om det er noget, I vil tage op i Folketinget.

Jeg er netop uddannet BA i journalistik som jeg har afsluttet. Dvs jeg er ikke indskrevet på en dansk uddannelsesinstitution. Jeg er blevet optaget på en kandidatuddannelse i International Relations til september på det britiske universitet University of Kent. Jeg er imidlertid blevet optaget på deres campus i Bruxelles, men det er imidlertid stadig University of Kent.

Jeg har imidlertid fået afslag på at få SU med, fordi det fysiske STUDIELAND er Belgien selvom University of Kent er et britisk universitet.

Jeg har efterfølgende fået dokumentation for, at University of Kent's campus i Bruxelles er lovligt anerkendt af de engelske myndigheder og at de belgiske myndigheder anerkender det som et britisk universitet, men – af forklarlige årsager – ikke som et belgisk universitet.

SU-styrelsen har imidlertid fastholdt sit afslag med den begrundelse, at det er praksis ikke at su-berettigede uddannelser som ikke er anerkendte i selve landet. Uagtet at det er en lovlig "branch", og dermed er det præcis samme universitet, der er tale om.

Det kan ikke være rigtigt, at alene den grund at uddannelsen ligger på deres campus i Bruxelles er afgørende for, om jeg kan få SU med. Havde jeg taget den præcis samme uddannelse i England havde der ikke været nogle problemer.

Styrelsens beslutning er efter min bedste overbevisning helt urimelig og fuldstændig strider imod regeringens hensigt om at få mere globalisering og mobilitet ind i uddannelserne. Samtidig kan jeg heller ikke søge om at få udlandsstipendium med, som jo kræver at uddannelsen er su-berettiget.

Jeg vedlægger det brev, som jeg har fået fra University of Kent og som dokumenterer, at uddannelsen på deres campus i Bruxelles lever op til præcis de samme standarder som det britiske.

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To Whom It May Concern:

We have been asked by one of our potential students, Rikke Brøndum, to provide evidence to you regarding the status of the University of Kent's Brussels School of International Studies and of the programmes that the University offers at our Brussels campus.

The University of Kent is a recognised Higher Education Institution for the award of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. The University has four campuses; the campus in Brussels at which Mr Brøndum wishes to study is referred to as the University of Kent at Brussels (UKB). We deliver a range of postgraduate degree programmes, both taught Masters (MA and LLM) and research Doctorates (PhD) at UKB. These programmes of study are of the University of Kent and are quality assured by the university in accordance with the UK's Quality Assurance Agency. Those that teach on these programmes are members of staff of the University of Kent and students are registered with, and are awarded degrees, from the University of Kent. The Brussels School of International Studies is an integral part of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University and is the department of the University that coordinates delivery of our postgraduate courses in international studies on our Brussels campus.

Please refer to the following Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills which lists the University of Kent as a recognised UK Higher Education Institution for the award of degrees:

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/recognisedukdegrees/index.cfm?CategoryID=8>

Students studying at the Brussels campus are registered students of the University of Kent and upon successful completion of their programme of study be awarded a degree from the University of Kent at a ceremony in Canterbury Cathedral. In accordance with the Bologna process, the University's degrees are recognised throughout Europe and all graduating students from all our campuses are issued with the European Diploma Supplement containing, as required, a description of the UK Higher Education system.

The University of Kent's Brussels campus is also recognised by the Belgian Authorities as a branch of the main campus of the University of Kent and operates under business number 0891.502.947.

Information and clarification about the status of our campus and the degree programmes we offer, in Brussels and at our other campuses, can also be obtained from Duncan Hamshere of NARIC UK (+44 1242 258620, duncan.hamshere@naric.org.uk) who is familiar with our programmes.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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