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EAAE has published a [statement for Ukraine](#) on 25 February 2022, and on 11 March 2022 started a [collective effort](#) to support connecting Ukrainian students who seek an opportunity to continue their studies temporarily in a guest country, and the member schools of EAAE, who have the capacity to receive them.

Around 60 deans from European Schools of Architecture, have gathered on 18 March 2022, to discuss further ways to support students and colleagues outside and in Ukraine. Representatives from Ukraine and neighboring countries as well as from [NBAA](#) have reported about the current local situations. There is an urgent need for an overview about which institutions are offering what types of support. An efficient flow of information must be secured in this extremely dire situation. All the present EAAE members are willing to provide unbureaucratic admission procedures as well as short-term but also long-term assistance for those who left the country. The students who live abroad need temporary flexible workplaces, where they can study and make a living at the same time. In some countries national bodies of architects are offering [internship and working opportunities](#).

However, it is also important to back up the education system in Ukraine, on one hand with material such as books, drafting goods, etc. On the other hand, with online courses from European universities: Some Ukrainian universities shifted to online teaching, and it would be very crucial and helpful for their students to participate in online courses from different universities. A lot of students still have access to electricity and internet.

EAAE has set up a platform to gather and share information. Since the conditions vary and continuously develop from country to country and from institution to institution, the goal is to gather basic data and provide overview on the offers. In this sense, the EAAE secretary collects the data of the points of contact per university (website and/or email) and publishes this. Therefore, it is key that each school makes the relevant information available and updates it on its own university pages (including topics like enrolment, advisory, national regulations to status questions, etc.). Furthermore, the Ukraine National Union of Architects are currently working on providing electronic documents to quicken the processes for students' admission and architects' professional qualification.

EAAE also considers in given conditions and due time to merge its platform with other initiatives which may bring more efficiency and synergies in this complex flux of information and dynamic processes. In this regard, EAAE communicates with partner organisations such as ACE, ACSA, ARCC and ELIA as well as EASA and seeks for further possibilities of joining the forces. The coordinated effort to provide a [special Erasmus+ for the Ukrainian students](#) and higher education staff has been successful.

The core value of EAAE is and remains to hold together as community, care, and support each other in the most possible capacities we have. We declare our unequivocal support for all architecture schools in Ukraine as well as the architectural community and demand for an immediate cessation of Russian aggressions and the withdrawal of its forces behind the borders.

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