

## Statement on the war in Ukraine

The Swiss Student Union (VSS-UNES-USU) stands with Ukrainian students and the Ukrainian Association of Students in these dire times. We are appalled by the unfolding events and highly condemn the invasion of the Russian Federation on Ukraine, which poses a great threat on human rights.

We appeal to our government to reach out and provide assistance to all students willing to flee the country and seek refuge in Switzerland. We stand for the right to study in a peaceful environment. We denounce the deplorable consequences of this armed conflict on the health of Ukrainian students and the assurance of continuity in tertiary education. We call for a rapid end to the crisis and a return to peace in Ukraine and all regions affected by the Russian attack.

VSS-UNES-USU also supports the appeals and statements of the partner institutions and associations:

GSF: <https://www.globalstudentforum.org/2022/02/24/statement-addressing-the-renewed-russian-aggression-towards-ukraine/>

ESU: <https://www.esu-online.org/?policy=statement-addressing-the-renewed-russian-aggression-towards-ukraine>

swissuniversities: <https://www.swissuniversities.ch/fr/actualite/swissuniversities-verurteilt-die-militaerische-intervention-russlands-in-der-ukraine-aufs-schaerfste>