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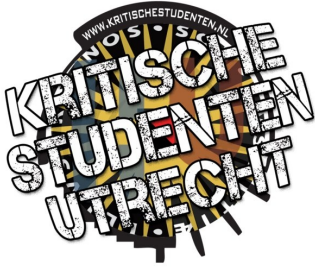
Subject: Letter of support to community radio stations in the Asturias

Dear Sirs,

The student organization Kritische Studenten Utrecht (KSU) would like to support the campaign of the Spanish community radio stations in the Asturias with regards to the actions take by the Jefatura Provincial de Telecomunicaciones of Asturias towards community radio stations in the region.

We understand that your institution has started to send letters, to the residents of the flats that are located in proximity of the FM radio broadcast transmission equipment of community radio stations in the Asturias, where you request to those residents to state if they have knowledge of the location and ownership of such transmission systems and where failure to do is sanctioned with fines up to € 500.000.

We are concerned about the enactment of such measures which ignores the fact that your Authority has not been considering the opening of the legitimate licensing system to community radio stations, that have been broadcasting in the region since the 1980s, and that have since then shown demand for a third, not for profit and independent radio sector in the Asturias.



Despite the important contribution of these communication projects, conducted by Asturian citizens, in the fields of promotion of the Asturian culture, enhancing citizen participation in the local communities, enacting media pluralism in the exercise of the freedom of expression, the current and previous governments in the region have ignored, and more concerning, keep ignoring the possibility of legal recognition of these broadcasters, condemning them to a situation of uncertainty and defenselessness.

Instead, the Jefe Provincial de Telecomunicaciones de Asturias should consider to open the airwaves to community radio stations in the Asturias by putting into practice article 4.1 of the Law 7/2010 on Audiovisual Communication which states

“All the people have the right to receive audiovisual communication through plural media system, including public, commercial, and community media, which reflects the ideological, political and cultural pluralism of the society”

Therefore, the Kritische Studenten Utrecht would like to take this occasion to:

- **Voice** our support and solidarity to the demands of the community radio stations in the Asturias;
- **Demand** the immediate cessation of letters to the civilian population in the Asturias as a tool to pressure both these citizens and the community radio stations in the region;
- **Encourage** the Jefe Provincial de Telecomunicaciones de Asturias to recognise the contribution of community radio stations when planning licensing of FM radio broadcasting in your region based on article article 32.2 of Law 7/2010 on Audiovisual Communication

Looking forward to hear your feedback to this letter.

Best Regards,

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