## **Update 9€-Ticket Refund - from AStA**

Dear fellow students,

we finally have news about the refund of the differential amount from the semester ticket to the 9-Euro ticket: we will get the difference refunded by the WSW and will of course pass the money on to you. However, the whole thing will be quite an administrative effort for the AStA, which is why we cannot yet tell you when exactly and how much money will be refunded. What we can tell you is that the refund can only be made after the three 9€-ticket months have passed and the amount will probably be around 80€. As soon as we have more detailed information on how the refund will be made, we will of course inform you here. Why is the refund coming in September at the earliest?

- 1. the administrative costs are already very high. Three times that amount for a transfer in each 9€ ticket month is not feasible and disproportionate.
- 2. only after the three months have passed do we know who was actually enrolled for the full period and is therefore entitled to a full refund.

Why don't you know the exact amount yet?

One of the biggest unanswered questions is how much the administrative costs of the transfers will be. We are currently expecting a low five-figure amount. The amount has to be offset against the reimbursement amount. However, there is justified hope that we can still significantly reduce the costs for the AStA. The only alternative would be to increase the semester fee by a corresponding amount. However, this would not be fair to future fellow students who will not benefit from the refund this semester.

Who is entitled to a refund?

Basically, all students who were enrolled at Bergische Universität in the eligibility period June-August 2022 and who have paid the mobility fee and have not already been reimbursed are eligible.

Students who exmatriculate within the period June-August 2022 will be reimbursed on a prorata basis.

You can find many more answers to questions about the €9 ticket <a href="here">here</a>.