

Code of Conduct for the Erasmus University Rotterdam Elections (GCV-EUR)

All employees of, and students at, the EUR are entitled both to vote and to stand for election, centrally for a seat on the University Council (UR) and in decentralised elections for seats on faculty councils or departmental committees.

Only those people who have been deprived of their right to vote by means of an irrevocable court ruling are disqualified from voting or from standing for election (Section B5, first paragraph, of the Dutch Elections Act (Kieswet)).

The GCV-EUR supplements the 'Regulations for maintaining order in EUR buildings and on EUR premises and for the efficient and legal use of EUR facilities' (Regeling met betrekking tot de handhaving van de orde binnen de EUR-gebouwen en op de EUR terreinen en met betrekking tot het doelmatig c.q. rechtmatig gebruik van de EUR-voorzieningen), the 'Policy on Misconduct' (Beleid tegen ongewenst gedrag) and the 'EUR Integrity Code' (Integriteitscode EUR).

The GCV-EUR was adopted by the Executive Board after consulting the University Council (in the consultative meeting of 25 February 2014) in the meeting of 6 March 2014.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

1. The GCV-EUR applies to all candidates' promotional activities during university elections on the premises and in the buildings of the EUR.
2. The GCV-EUR is given to candidates for university elections.

CONDUCT

Article 2

1. Candidates should read through and understand:
 - The 'Regulations for maintaining order in EUR buildings and on EUR premises and for the efficient and legal use of EUR facilities',
 - The 'EUR Policy on Misconduct',
 - The 'EUR Integrity Code',
 - The 'GCV-EUR'.and should conduct themselves in accordance with the contents and spirit of these regulations.
2. Candidates are permitted to undertake promotional activities and display and hand out campaign advertising on the premises and in the buildings of the EUR from fourteen days prior to the voting day until the end of the voting day.
3. Candidates must show mutual respect orally and in writing and may not do anything that could harm the university's good name and/or cause difficulties for the university during their campaign.
4. Candidates must respect each other's campaign advertising.
5. Candidates are not permitted to litter the EUR premises or buildings with their campaign advertising and/or promotional material. Stickers may not be stuck anywhere.
6. Candidates are not permitted to offer any assistance to a voter while the voter is actually casting his or her vote in any way that could threaten the voter's anonymity and candidates may not undertake any activities aimed to influence the voter at that moment. If a voter requires any assistance when actually casting his or her vote, he or she should ask the secretary of the CSB or the secretary of the FS.

CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING

Article 3

1. Paper campaign advertising may only be displayed in the places designated for that purpose by the supervisors.

2. Paper campaign advertising may not be pasted over any other paper advertising of any nature and paper campaign advertising belonging to others may not be removed.
3. Candidates are obliged to remove the campaign advertising they had displayed within one working week after the results of the election have been announced. If the EFB has to remove the advertising after this period, an invoice will be sent to the CSB who will deduct that amount from the election budget of the candidate in question.
4. Campaign advertising may be handed out throughout the entire premises and/or in the buildings with the exception of:
 - the lecture halls during lectures,
 - the silent-study areas in the University Library,
 - meeting rooms during meetings,
 - the computer rooms during lectures, exams, and the silent-study areas,
 - spaces rented to third parties by the EUR.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Article 4

1. Promotional activities may be undertaken throughout the entire premises and/or in the buildings with the exception of:
 - the lecture halls during lectures,
 - the silent-study areas in the University Library,
 - meeting rooms during meetings,
 - the computer rooms during lectures, exams, and the silent-study areas,
 - spaces rented to third parties by the EUR.
2. The campaign advertising that is handed out while canvassing must be removed/tidied up by the candidate immediately after the canvassing. If the EFB has to remove the advertising after the canvassing, an invoice will be sent to the CSB who will deduct that amount from the election budget of the candidate in question.
3. Permission from the EFB must be applied for in advance prior to activities, with the exception of handing out campaign advertising, in:
 - the A building,
 - the restaurants.
4. Permission from the EFB is required for placing equipment and/or the use of items. An application for permission must include a full description of the equipment and/or items, if possible with a photograph. The application must also state where the equipment or item is to be placed and for how long. No permission will be granted if the proposed placement or use poses a hazard to users and/or bystanders.
5. Campaign advertising may not be handed out if it includes:
 - gifts with a monetary value of more than twice the value of the maximum subsidy per candidate granted on behalf of the university,
 - gifts that advertise commercial parties,
 - narcotics (drugs),
 - money.
6. The Head of the Security Department is authorised to remove any campaign advertising that does not comply with the rules or that poses a safety hazard due to other means. If possible, the candidate in question will be ordered to remove the campaign advertising as soon as the irregularities have been noticed. The Head of the Security Department will also report any instance of this to the secretary of the CSB or the secretary of the FS.

DIGITAL CAMPAIGN

Article 5

1. Official information about the election is published by the CSB and/or FS.
2. Candidates are personally responsible for information published independently on a website or via other social media. They must be aware that this information will be public for a considerable time and will have consequences for privacy.
3. General lists of e-mail addresses belonging to students and/or employees for which the EUR is responsible may not be used for promotional activities.
4. However, campaign advertising may be sent via e-mail addresses belonging to the candidate.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 6

The secretary of the CSB or the secretary of the FS will settle any cases not provided for in the GCV-EUR.

Article 7

This code is effective as of 7 March 2014.

Article 8

1. This code is referred to as: Gedragscode voor de Verkiezingen Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (Code of Conduct for the Erasmus University Rotterdam Elections).
2. It is abbreviated as: GCV-EUR.
3. The GCV-EUR is published on the website of the EUR.
4. The GCV-EUR has been translated into English. In the event of conflict between the English version and the Dutch text, the latter will prevail.