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Context / Reason
The multi-year plan for allocation of Administrative Agreement funds and budget proposals for 2026 (CLI and Student Wellbeing programme) should be viewed in the context of the regular EUR-wide budget and multi-year cycle and are as such part of the broader consultation with the U-Council. In addition, as a follow-up to HoKa, specific agreements have been made regarding close and timely involvement of U-Council on this matter for the coming years (see chapter 4.3.2 of document 1 for more detailed explanation).

Jurisdiction UC / Question to the UC
Right of consent.

Short Summary
In the policy letter on higher education and the accompanying Administrative Agreement ('22) of the Rutte IV cabinet, it was agreed that as of 1 January 2025, the 'quality' funds (formerly HOKA 2029-2024) will be continued and structurally allocated to the institutions via lump sum funding. Starting this year, EUR will receive €22.6 M from the so called BAO funds (Bestuursakkoordmiddelen). The funds are to be mobilized for the (promotion of) quality of higher education. The vast majority of the funds are allocated directly to the schools, which are free to use them as long as this is in line with the EUR educational vision and strategy and contributes to the quality of education. Specifically relevant for the deliberation of the U-Council are the attached budget proposals for substantive focus and allocation of joint/interschool BAO funds, including (co)financing of CLI, Student Wellbeing program and operationalisation/implementation of strategic educational themes. To this end, a multi-year BAO agenda has been developed with the core themes of Impact & Engagement, LLL, strategic portfolio and AI in/for education.

Follow-up process
Subject to the consent of the U-Council, the funds will be allocated as proposed. For some topics of the multi-year BAO agenda, the proposed plans will be further specified and substantiated in the coming months. This concerns more specifically the strategic themes AI in/for education, Strategic Portfolio Fund and Impact & engagement. In addition, a multi-year perspectives for CLI and Wellbeing Program will be finalized (deadline Q1). This will take place in close dialogue with the Taskforce BAO, vice-deans of education and relevant policy advisors/managers.

Specifics

The BAO funds will be mobilized to help operationalize and implement the (educational) EUR Strategy 2030. In that sense the two processes are closely linked.

Documents to be attached

1. Multi-year budget plan for allocation of Administrative Agreement Funds (BAO) – in NL & ENG)
2. Budget 2026 – CLI (Community for Learning and Innovation)
3. A Budget 2026 – Program Student Wellbeing (in NL & ENG)
B Annual Plan 2026 – Program Student Wellbeing (in NL & ENG)