

Topic for discussion EUR University Council	
Title	Strengthening diversity and inclusiveness in our foodstrategy
Expected to be included in the cycle of	7 nd cycle
Date submitted	19-04-2024
Subject	Sustainability
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Explanation	<p>This proposal, titled "Strengthening diversity and inclusiveness in our foodstrategy" aims to address the challenges associated with transitioning to a fully plant-based campus by proposing a phased protein transition strategy. The core objective is to implement a balanced, inclusive, and financially feasible food strategy that aligns with Erasmus University's sustainability goals while also accommodating the dietary preferences and needs of the entire university community. By advocating for a 50:50 ratio of animal to plant proteins by 2030 and moving towards a 60:40 ratio by 2050, the proposal seeks to reduce environmental impact effectively and sustainably without compromising food diversity, cultural inclusivity, or financial viability. The approach is designed to ensure that the university not only meets its CO2 neutrality goals but also supports a healthy, diverse, and inclusive eating environment on campus.</p>
If applicable reason for urgency or emergency	<p>This proposal is urgent due to the impending deadlines set by Erasmus University Rotterdam's Strategy 2024 to achieve significant sustainability milestones, including becoming CO2-neutral by 2024. Immediate action is required to align the university's food provisioning strategies with these ambitious goals to ensure timely implementation and to avoid last-minute adjustments that could disrupt campus operations. Additionally, initiating this phased protein transition promptly allows for gradual adaptation by the university community, minimizing resistance and ensuring a smooth integration of new dietary practices. This proactive approach is essential to guarantee the success of the sustainability initiatives and to uphold the university's commitment to environmental responsibility and community well-being.</p>
Specific Questions	<p>This proposal does not aim to address specific questions; rather, it seeks to gather insights and perspectives from the executive board and policy makers regarding the proposed sustainable food strategy. This strategy has been developed considering extensive feedback from student associations and campus foodshops to ensure it aligns with the needs and preferences of the university community. The goal is to understand the executive board's stance and to incorporate their guidance into the final implementation of the food strategy.</p>
Accompanying documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiatiefvoorstel – Versterking van diversiteit en inclusiviteit in onze voedselstrategie (NL) 2. Initiative proposal – Strengthening diversity and inclusiveness in our foodstrategy (ENG) <p>Appendix 1 - Scope Analysis</p>

	Appendix 2 - Stakeholder Analysis Appendix 3 - WUR Food strategy Appendix 4 - Timeline Implementation food strategy Appendix 5 - Health and environmental impact analysis for food Appendix 6 - Health Council recommendation on protein transition
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