

An Overview of UC Proposals & EB Inaction:

Document	Topic	Approved/Realised	Ignored
Presentation of Roadmap Sustainable Campus 12-11-2019			
UC Proposal from 06-04-2020 reference: ur00038370	Establishing a Sustainability Office; appointing one person for the strategy and project lead from each pillar; create priorities and measures for an implementation plan with an immediate call for action in 2020	One person working on the sustainability strategy	"a project lead from each pillar"
			"a sustainability office is established where education, research and campus operations form three pillars. Personnel and funds are to be allocated to this Office for the implementation of the sustainability strategy"
			"create priorities and measures for the implementation plan, with an immediate call for the 2020 plan of action"
			more frequent meetings inside the Roadmap 2024 team
			"We propose that the infrastructure, allocations, and calls for positions be set up by June 2020, and the first personnel would be hired in August 2020."
EB Response 18-05-2020		The EB wants to appoint an interim Sustainability Programme Manager (hereafter SPM).	"Although we endorse the need for dedicated sustainability expertise within our organisation, we choose not to create a sustainability office at this moment in time, as we do not necessarily see the added value of a separate sustainability office within EUR."
		The SPM will receive an assignment to make an implementation plan	

Presentation Michiel Scherrenburg on the 16-06-2020			
UC Response from 02-07-2020 reference: ur00038387			“At this moment the plans for the Sustainability Office are very confusing: first our request is denied, later it appears that the Office will consist of only one person (the SPM), meant for only Education.”
			“There must be, in our opinion, some investment to make the coordination possible, which is why a Sustainability Office as requested is needed.” “We fear that it will make reaching those goals impossible”
			“Every good initiative must be substantiated by some known budget”
			“Erasmus University continues to take responsibility in creating a sustainable campus and in fulfilling an advisory role on the adoption of sustainable practices, thereby co-creating capacity. Moreover, Erasmus University aims to contribute by incorporating sustainability in its education portfolio, thereby preparing students to be future-proof. This is in line with demands from her own students, who are increasingly focused on making a positive societal impact.” - Exerpt of Erasmus Perspective 2020-2023
UC Letter from 22-10-2020			
EB Response from 15-12-2020 reference: 285767/CvB/RE/ MvdG/BG	“we would like to discuss this topic in a meeting”; “if in a later stage, we feel the need to put things in writing”	/	the previous letter

Discussions on the 26-01-2021			
Discussions on the 01-02-2021			
UC Response from 15-03-2021 reference: UR/MH/38431	“Feel the need to express our concerns regarding the sustainability efforts at EUR in written form”	“Develop a coffee mug policy encouraging students to use reusable coffee mugs and making sure that single-use plastic mugs or mixed-plastic cups are reduced to a minimum.”	“Limit the use of “Phantom energy” by turning off power in various areas of the building or on campus when not in use or not needed (e.g., PC screens, lights).”
		“Provide plant-based milk in the coffee machines.”	“Make Ecosia the default search engine on all EUR computers.”
		“Institute a robust university-wide flying policy similar to the University of Groningen, positing that destinations which can be reached in less than 6 hours by train or lay within 500 km of Rotterdam should be traveled to by train.”	“Implement a policy similar to University of Utrecht, in which outgoing exchange students to locations within Europe can reimburse their tickets if they decide to travel to their exchange location by train.”
			“Develop a printer policy encouraging students to only print what they need and ensure that printer settings are defaulted to print double sided to save paper”
			“Learn from Radboud University as a case study and explore possibilities to use thermal energy on campus.”
			“Where do we, as EUR, exactly stand in terms of our sustainability ambitions? Do you believe we are on track to be carbon neutral by 2024?”
			“Multiple times the previous EB turned down a proposal for a central sustainability office, even though most of our peer universities have such offices”
		“Having a university-wide network of experts who	

		<p>are accountable for realising our sustainability ambitions would ensure steady progress both on a central and decentral level" "We see the same approach employed for the topic of Diversity & Inclusion at EUR" "How do you justify installing such a system for the topic of D&I but not for sustainability?"</p>	<p>"EUR has clearly deprioritized sustainability by so far dedicating only a single FTE to bring our current emissions (...) down to a net-zero carbon footprint in 2024"</p> <hr/> <p>"We consider it of utmost importance to install Sustainability Officers within all faculties"</p>
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