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Context / Reason
<p>On 12 March 2024, the Executive Board (EB) has decided to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. adopt the Protocol "Students and staff from acute crisis areas" 2024.2. merge the EUR Social Emergency Fund and the ad hoc Emergency Fund "for students affected by wars or (natural) disasters", into one fund: the EUR Emergency Fund.3. inform the EB when the budget of the EUR Emergency Fund reaches the amount of 150K and to keep the fund at this minimum of 150K. Funds will come from the EUR-central budget, and (if applicable) fund raising campaigns initiated by Erasmus Trust Fund.4. make the Head of Student Services of E&S responsible for carrying out the tasks that relate to the awarding of the EUR Emergency Fund.

Jurisdiction UC / Question to the UC
Right of information

Short Summary
<p>After the earthquake in Turkey/Syria, EUR students and staff indicated that they did not feel sufficiently recognized and heard by the university. As a result, the EB asked to set up a crisis protocol, that helps us to see if/how EUR can help its students and staff in the event such a crisis happens in the future. All learning experiences were taken into account and all relevant EUR bodies were involved. The 'Crisis Protocol EUR' is now in place (EB decision d.d. 15 May 2023). On 12 March, the EB decided to update some parts of the protocol:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The protocol has now been tested in practice (Morocco Earthquake). After discussion with EUR Integral Security (IS), the Protocol has been brought more in line with the method of mandating as applicable at the CTO/CMT. Next year, further integration into the entire crisis organization will be initiated by IS.2. It has become apparent that there is a need for more clarity about whether the Protocol should be activated (e.g. Libya, Israel/Palestine territories). That is why a

Consideration/weighing Framework has been added to the Protocol, with the aim to help us decide if/when the protocol should be enabled. A 'Crisis Landing' web page will be placed on the website so that information for students and staff can always be found, even if the protocol is not or only partly enabled.

3. An instruction manual for organizing Walk-In Meetings has been added to the Protocol.
4. In order to provide affected students with quicker and better financial support, the current (ad hoc) emergency provisions will be merged into the EUR Student Emergency Fund. This has been coordinated with the Erasmus Trust Fund.

Specifics

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Documents to be attached

Appendix 1 – Crisis Protocol EUR, including the consideration framework
Appendix 2 – Memo merging Emergency Funds