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Context / Reason
<p>The Executive Board annually sets the following tuition fees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The institutional tuition fees for students who do not meet the degree or nationality requirement for the statutory tuition fee (WHW Art. 7.46 section 2);</li><li>The rate of the increased statutory tuition fee for study programmes with the special characteristic of small-scale and intensive education (WHW Art. 6.7 Sections 1 and 2). At EUR, this applies to EUC;</li><li>The fee for the premaster programs (WHW Art. 7.57i). These fees are based on the statutory fee and will therefore be determined once OCW has determined the statutory fees for 2025-2026.</li></ol> <p>On 9 April 2024, the CvB decided to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>increase the institutional fees 2025-2026 EEA and non-EEA by 9.3%, following the price development of the statutory fee.</li><li>in deviation from decision 1, to let the institutional fees 2025-2026 non-EEA masters in the cluster Humanities, Social Sciences and Law increase less, so that these fees remain below €20K.</li><li>in deviation from decision 1, to allow the 2025-2026 non-EEA master's ESE institutional rates to increase more, so that these rates are in line with the other EUR non-EEA master's rates.</li><li>increase the increased statutory fee for 2025-2026 of EUC by 9.3%, following the price trend of the statutory rate.</li></ol>

Jurisdiction UC / Question to the UC
The UC has the right to advice on the institutional fees for all public funded programmes (WHW 9.33a, sub b).

Short Summary
<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Since 2021, the internal Institutional Fee Committee (IFC) EUR has advised the Executive Board (EB) on the institutional fees. The IFC currently consists of Maarten IJzerman (Dean ESHPM, chair), Jason Pridmore (Vice Dean ESHCC), Willem Koolhaas (Marketing Director RSM), Brenda</p>

Vermeeren (Vice Dean ESSB), Aleid Fokkema (University Council, UC) and a representative from CPC. The Executive Board decides on the institutional tuition fees based on the recommendations of the IFC (HRA art. 7.46) and the UC has advisory rights (HRA art. 9.33a).

The increase of the institutional tuition fees follows the annual percentage increase in statutory tuition fees, which is based on the previous year's inflation (formally announced by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science). The IFC also weighs aspects such as a national benchmark, intake trends over recent years and harmonization between fees.

The IFC has submitted its recommendation (Appendix 1) to the deans, and they all agreed with the proposed institution fees for 2025-2026.

### **2025-2026 fees**

Appendix 2 shows the proposed institutional rates for 2025-2026, including the differences from last year. Because of the high inflation adjustment, the fees will increase substantially, namely by 9.3%.

#### *Price cap for non-EEA master's fees*

The EB has decided to apply the 9.3% increase to all fees, except for the non-EEA master's fees at ESSB, ESPHIL, ESHCC, ESHPM and ESL (Cluster Humanities, Social Sciences and Law). These fees would then exceed €20K, and the IFC considers that this price is too high at this time:

- €20K could create a psychological barrier for applicants;
- because of the uncertainties involved in the political debate on international inflow, it would be good to wait another year and to postpone the discussion on the €20K limit until there is more clarity on this topic.

#### *ESE rate aligns with other schools*

In recent years, ESE has been cautious about institutional fee increases, placing itself in a cheaper category than ESSB, ESPHIL, ESSH, ESHPM and ESL. Because ESE also lags behind other Dutch universities in a national comparison (see Appendix 3), a "catch-up" is now established. This also means that EUR is another step further in the harmonization of institutional fees. Because research shows that non-EEA students make their study choice on several aspects than only the height of the fee, we expect this price increase to have little or no effect on the intake.

#### *Effects of fee increases*

Appendix 4 compares the intake of non-EEA students since 2016 with the percentage increase in institutional fees. While no firm conclusions can be drawn about the effects of tuition increases (because study choice is not based solely on the amount of the fee), RSM's tuition fees do not seem to suffer from the larger tuition increases when looking at enrollment. On the contrary, there could be a reverse effect. RSM seems to be an exception in this compared to the other schools.

#### *Waivers and scholarships*

Last year, the IFC and the University Council recommended investigating the possibility of making more waivers and/or scholarships available from the EUR. This resulted in an increase in the number of Erasmus University Holland Scholarship (EUHS) waivers and Erasmus Trust Fund Scholarships starting in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Currently, there appears to be no reason to further increase the EUR-wide provision of waivers. This is primarily a school matter; waivers come from school funds and are primarily used for students with study delays due to personal circumstances. The IFC found no direct relationship between the level/rising of institutional fees and the number of waiver requests.

#### **Follow-up process**

1. The University Council gives formal advice.
2. The new rates will be communicated to the students via the website.
3. Relevant schools, departments and support staff will be informed.
4. Enrollment systems will be updated.
5. The proposed rates are used by CPC for forecasting and budgeting purposes

#### **Specifics**

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#### **Documents to be attached**

Appendix 1 - Advice Institutional Fee Committee 2025-2026  
Appendix 2 – Institutional fees 2025-2026  
Appendix 3 – National comparison non-EEA fees  
Appendix 4 – EUR influx trend on enrollment new program