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## Context / Reason

Following national agreements of the Universiteiten van Nederland (UNL), the Executive Board (EB) decided to lower the institutional tuition fee to the amount of the statutory fee for students with a Ukrainian nationality for the academic year 22-23.

## Jurisdiction UC / Question to the UC

The decision to lower the fee for Ukrainian students was made by the UNL, and the EB had no reason not to follow. Although the UC has a formal right of advice on the institutional tuition fees, the EB wishes to inform the council as the adjusted fee is already implemented. The decision needed to be made fast, as Ukrainian had to be informed and registration systems needed to be adopted at the last minute.

## Short Summary

*EB decision 2 June 2022: The EB decides to set the institutional fee for students from Ukraine for academic year 2022-2023 at the same level as the statutory tuition fee, which is €2,209.*

UNL published a press release on 17 May stating that refugee Ukrainian students will have the opportunity to register at the statutory rate in the 22-23 academic year. EEA status for Ukrainian students, and thus funding for the institutions, is not (yet) arranged by the ministry of OCW, but UNL has indicated that universities do not want to wait any longer for such a decision. UNL expects OCW to compensate us for the loss of income, but this is still unclear.

### Points of attention:

- If OCW does not compensate the lost income (not yet clear when this will be decided), the EB will have to consider if/how they can compensate the faculties for the lost income. See appendix for the distribution among faculties in 21-22. To give an impression: for 21-22, the difference between the statutory fee and the institutional fee for 94 students would be 682,858 euros, which would probably have to be compensated by the EB.
- It is not easy to estimate the expected number of students with Ukrainian nationality in 22-23. It is possible that due to the war there will be more students than in previous years. At the same time, the applicants must still meet the admission requirements.
- The press release mentions *Refugee* Ukrainian students. For EUR, we decided that this means all students, current and prospective, with a Ukrainian nationality. Also students with another nationality besides Ukrainian are included in this group.
- Because the faculties have to be informed as soon as possible, and the change in fees is a fact, the UNL press release was sent to the faculty directors directly and the practical follow up is done immediately.

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<b>Follow-up process</b>
The EB awaits a decision on the funding of the Ukrainian students and will then decide if/how to compensate faculties for their income loss.

<b>Specifics</b>
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<b>Documents to be attached</b>
Appendix 1 – Press release UNL Appendix 2 – Ukrainian EUR students in 21-22