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Context / Reason

In the fall and winter of 2023 – 2024 DIT platform hosted 12 sustainability dialogues, one at each EUR School and three cross-school. All outcomes can be found on the [internal website](#). The topic of the 1st cross school dialogues was collaboration with the fossil fuel industry. One of the main outcomes was a call to develop guidelines for research, education, and engagement with the FFI. The organising team developed a proposal with recommendations and including a first iteration of possible conditions. This proposal is commented by several EUR colleagues and their feedback is processed in the final version (attached). The proposal is submitted to and discussed with the CvB, In their administrative reaction (attached) they embraced the overarching objective and have accepted the recommendation to establish a Committee of Experts and mandate them to draft guidelines to take effect from next academic year.

Jurisdiction UC / Question to the UC

The UC has the right of advice on this topic, based on Article 9.33a paragraph 1-a (WHW).

Short Summary

The proposal discusses considerations, suggests a process, and recommends scope and conditions for developing guidelines for EUR employees and student bodies to work with fossil fuel companies and other industry partners. These suggestions and recommendations are based on the outcomes of the EUR Sustainability Dialogues and include expert input and feedback from EUR colleagues and students. The key recommendations include the commitment to realise guidelines and install a Committee of Experts to develop the guidelines based on the 5 conditions mentioned in the proposal. Moreover, it is recommended to have the guidelines in place by the start of the next academic year.

Follow-up process

The CvB decides on the composition of the Committee and mandates them to develop guidelines. The Committee will be announced at the EUR Sustainability Summit on 17 May 2024.

Specifics

Not applicable

Documents to be attached

- Proposal to Develop EUR Guidelines on Collaboration with the Fossil Fuel Industry – Insights and Recommendations based on the EUR Sustainability Dialogues Series (21 February 2024)
- Administrative response of the Executive Board EUR to the Proposal. Version 26 March 2024 (translated from Dutch).