

Topic for discussion EUR University Council	
Title	Ties with the fossil fuel industry
Expected to be included in the cycle of	09-05-2023
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Subject	The relation between Erasmus University Rotterdam and the fossil fuel industry
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Explanation	<p>This topic is relevant in light of the recent occupations by End Fossil OccupyEUR and the national ongoing discussion surrounding the ties between universities and the fossil fuel industry.</p> <p>The relation with the fossil fuel industry is potentially very problematic as it can form a risk for scientific integrity, is dependent on social institutions like universities for legitimacy and increases the amount of corporate influence on our student population.</p>
If applicable reason for urgency or emergency	The urgency of this topic is high, as the climate crisis is rapidly worsening the quality of life for many people.
Specific Questions	<p>What is the position of the University Council on the ties with the fossil fuel industry?</p> <p>Does the University Council find the university's ties with the fossil fuel industry problematic. If yes, what is the University Council willing to do about this situation?</p> <p>Does the University Council consider the Executive Board's communication about the ties with the fossil industry to be satisfactory?</p>
Accompanying documents	<p>Common arguments and possible counter-arguments</p> <p>Concrete policy proposals and demands to the Executive board</p>