

# Report: Quad 2

Academic Year 2022-2023

The 10th EUCSA Board

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## 1.Introduction

Dear lovely members,

Below you will find the 10th board's assessment and reflection of the second quad of the academic year 2022/2023. Quad 2 was a very eventful and busy quad for us, our committees and our members. In this report we will reflect on our progress, our functioning as a board, events hosted by the board, events hosted by the committee and discuss some of our upcoming plans. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for this quad report, please feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:board@eucsa.nl">board@eucsa.nl</a>.

As per traditions, the **EUCSA Board** of the academic year 2022/2023 consists of the following members:

- **Chair**: Alina Pirouz

Secretary Vice-Chair: Alexander van Pallandt

- Treasurer: Simon Geertman

Committee Affairs Officer: Ines Demargne
Committee Affairs Officer: Davey de Ruiter
Committee Affairs Officer: Urmi Vallessery

As a board, we have and will continue to facilitate numerous events and services that contribute to the overall functioning of the association. Nonetheless, the majority of events facilitating social opportunities are organised and executed by the committees and/or teams of the association. You can find the assessment of committee events and performance from our Committee Affairs Officers in the following sections. You will also be able to find a more general overview of our board, with assessments from our Chair, Secretary Vice-Chair and Treasurer on past, ongoing and future matters. As quad reports are rarely read through by our members, we would like to set up a little game, inspired by the 9th EUCSA board. If you read this sentence, please shoot me (board@eucsa.nl) an email saying you did, first one to do so will get a small gift from the board.

## 2. Advisory Council

#### **Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council is appointed by the sitting board and requires a minimum of three members and a maximum of six. The role of the advisory council is to provide the sitting board with non-binding advice on any matter related to the smooth functioning of the association.

The newly appointed Advisory Council consists of:

- **Anjali Agarwal** 3rd year
- Floris Gast 3rd year
- Myrthe Bark 3rd year
- Isabella Yazici 3rd year
- Dominic Reschke 1st year
- **Emma Chance** 2nd year

#### Selection Procedure:

The selection procedure was done on an internal recommendation basis. Board members named a number of potential members, from which a shortlist was derived following thorough discussion. From this shortlist, we invited them to become potential members of the advisory council. Following positive responses from nearly all individuals, we invited them all in for interviews and made our final decision from this.

## 3. Event Calendar, Quad #2

#### Week 1: 24/10/22 - 30/10/22

- Social drinks (Board)
- Menstruation workshop

#### Week 2: 31/10/22 - 06/11/22

- Vampire movie screening (Feminist Co)
- MUN Info session (MUN Co)
- Jazz and Juice (N&A)
- Social drinks (Writing & Journalism Co)
- Board game night (Games & Entertainment Co)

#### Week 3: 07/11/22 - 13/11/22

- Vampire movie screening (Feminist Co)
- Karaoke (Music Co)
- DM/Character creation workshop (Games & Entertainment Co)
- Football game EUC vs. LUC (Sports Co)
- Exhibition (Queer Co)

#### Week 4: 14/11/22 - 20/11/22

- Exhibition (Queer Co)
- Vampire movie screening (Feminist Co)
- Professional headshot photoshoot (Future Co)
- Walk and Talk (Health & Wellness Co)
- Bowling (Sports Co)
- Afrobeats & Reggaeton party (Party Co)
- Committee brainstorm (Board)
- Creative writing workshop (Writing & Journalism Co)
- Games night (Entrepreneurial x Games & Entertainment Co)

#### Week 5: 21/11/22 - 27/11/22

- Yoga session (Health & Wellness Co)
- Social drinks (Board)
- Card-making for the elderly (Charity Co)
- Climate anxiety discussion (Sustainability x Health & Wellness Co)
- Sexual assault support group (Queer Co)
- Bake sale + Open Mic (Charity x Music Co)
- Play to win, debate for fun (Debating x Games & Entertainment Co)
- KINO Movie screening 'Triangle of Sadness' (Film & Photo Co)

#### Week 6: 28/11/22 - 04/12/22

- Diversity Week (Board)
  - Pub quiz
  - Movie screening
  - Round table discussion

- International potluck
- Permanent exhibition around EUC (Exhibition Team)
- Belly dancing workshop (POC Co)
- Yoga session (Health & Wellness Co)
- Giving Tuesday (Board x Charity Co)
- Lucia World Cup evening (MUN Co)
- MONO Techno party (Party Co)
- Sip n' paint (Feminist Co)
- Basketball game (Sports Co)

#### Week 7: 05/12/22 - 11/12/22

- Sports & inclusivity discussion (Sports Co)
- Yoga session (Health & Wellness Co)
- Social drinks (Board)
- 'Tomorrow' movie screening (Sustainability Co)
- Alumni panel (Future Co x ACES)
- Charity market (N&A)
- Board game night (Games & Entertainment Co)
- World Cup Watchparty (Sports Co)
- Positivitea x 5 (Health & Wellness Co)

#### Week 8: 12/12/22 - 18/12/22

- Visual competition 'Rotterdam by Night' (Film & Photo Co)
- Jungle by Night concert tickets (Music Co)

## 4. Assessment of the Board

#### **General assessment**

As quad 2 started, we all were more set in our roles and responsibilities. The board meetings went smoother, were more efficient and everyone managed to find their voice. Alina was more direct and delegated and assigned tasks more. She continued her great chairing during the sessions and tried to stay as engaged as possible with each of the board members. Additionally, Alina tried to engage more in the community by attending more events. Alex has taken over the task of handling the website and managing events administration. Additionally, he managed to tackle bureaucratic tasks more efficiently. Simon has managed to take even more control over the finances and his as well as the committee's bookkeeping. He has managed to think far ahead regarding the budget and its planning. The CAOs have grown in their roles great as well. All share a great sense of professionalism and play the role of the enthusiastic, yet realistic, supporter of their committees, able to defend all of their respective needs in board meetings and external meetings. Additionally, they help Alex out a lot with helping manage events.

We are happy to announce that, now halfway through our board term, we have grown even more as our own little group, helping each other out (when necessary) and caring for each other (sometimes...). Although we have encountered our own shortcomings at times, as well as disagreements, we nonetheless all share the professionalism to deal with these and have continued to work together as a team to overcome these together. We still have a long way to go, however, we all are still as motivated and excited to learn further and develop our individual roles even more to our liking.

#### Approachability, openness and communication

The 10th EUCSA board has and will continue to be hard at work to establish ourselves as an approachable team for <u>all</u> members. All board members are regularly reachable via WhatsApp, email and social media. Please find all our contact details below. We cannot emphasise enough, please don't hesitate in contacting <u>any</u> of us if you have any questions or concerns. In addition, we have started to work on an app which is planned to be launched in Quad 3. We hope this will even further the communication regarding EUCSA events.

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## 5. Assessment of Board events

#### **SOCIAL DRINKS**

In quad 2 we decided to introduce biweekly social drinks. As the first social drinks were quite a success, we realised that this success was difficult to recreate. The venue for these social drinks, Pardoen, did offer great deals on drinks, which attracted some small crowds. The social drinks that followed after our first of the quad, had small turnout, however were always a joy to attend. We had multiple challenges to overcome this low turnout. Often we promoted the social drinks too late, which led to many people being unaware of the social drinks. Additionally, the social drinks were hosted on a Tuesday, a day which did not motivate a lot of people to join the social drinks. Finally, we believe one of the main issues was the format of having biweekly social drinks. As quad 2 is one of the most intense quads in terms of study load, we believe that many people already had either courses/assignments/exams to study for, especially on a Tuesday. However, we have learned from this experience and have had meetings to improve this for quad 3.

#### **General Assembly #3**

In this quad, we held a brief GA to announce the members of the Advisory Council, vote on an amendment of the Policy Manual, vote on the revision of the existing budget allocation, have SAAC make some announcements, and finally, for the executives to get pied in the face as a result of the Charity Co giving Tuesday event.

The GA was held in Lecture Hall A, ground floor, EUC. For this we only needed to login to the computer already present and connect the presentation. Alina executed the GA flawlessly, giving room for a small introduction of the Advisory Council as well as room for Simon and SAAC to present the budget and ongoing project, respectively.

The members of the Advisory Council can be found above. As for the amendment in the Policy Manual, we have found a discrepancy between the Policy Manual and the Statutes regarding the amount of time needed to announce a GA. Therefore we proposed an amendment in the Policy Manual to get rid of this discrepancy. See below the proposed amendment which eventually got passed in the GA.

#### ARTICLE 6: GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

6.1. General Assemblies will be scheduled by the Board and must be announced a minimum of 21–10 days beforehand.

Additionally, when the board requested a budget for the introweek, the exchange students' introweek was included in this budget. Therefore, the board decided to revise the current board budget, which had attributed 700 euros to the exchange introweek, and make some changes. The biggest of these changes was for there to be more money allocated for the committee budget reallocation. See the proposed changes which passed below.

Board budget revised			dif	ference:
EUCSA Weekend	€	2.000,00		
EUCSA Events	€	2.700,00		
Social drinks	€	450,00	€	-450,00
Valentines	€	300,00		
Elections	€	450,00		
Transition period	€	500,00		
Diversity week	€	500,00		
Exchange students introweek	€	-	€	-700,00
Events buffer	€	500,00	€	350,00
Board Relations	€	100,00	€	100,00
UCSRN Membership	€	1.000,00		
Administrative Costs	€	3.000,00		
GA's	€	300,00		
Statutes	€	1.000,00		
Inventory	€	1.200,00		
External Relations (ESAJ)	€	613,00		
Extra budget committee reallocation	€	700,00	€	700,00
Tabel Based Budget		42.642.00	۱,	
Total Board Budget:	€	12.613,00	€	-

Finally, SAAC announced what they were currently working on, and announced the return of Town Halls. Please approach SAAC for further information regarding their current, upcoming, and future projects through <a href="mailto:saacboard@gmail.com">saacboard@gmail.com</a>.

#### **DIVERSITY WEEK**

In collaboration with the Intersectional Council, the first-ever diversity week was held in quad 2. This week is meant as a celebration of diversity throughout the university! For this week the board and the Intersectional Council worked closely together, with lots of meetings in preparation for this week. The events hosted during this week were: a diversity pub quiz, a movie screening, a round table discussion with the dean, and lastly a pot luck. In addition, the board decorated the ground floor of EUC with buntings, as well as posters and big sheets of paper on which people could answer different questions such as "Write something in your language", or "What makes you unique?". For the pub quiz, Queer co, POC co, Music co and Gala team, helped the Intersectional Council and Alina with making questions. It was held at cafe Digters. The turnout was high and the event was a great success. The movie screened for the movie screening event was "Summer of Soul", which showcased the Harlem Cultural Festival, a festival that celebrated African American music and culture and promoted Black Pride. This event was held at EUC in Lecture hall A. Sadly, 2 people, external from the board or IC, showed up. After talking with members we discovered this was due to several factors. One of which was that the timing was inconvenient, with others events happening at the same time, and some people having assignments due. Another factor was the lack of promotion. For the round table discussion the Intersectional Council managed to get the, then, Dean to sit down and have the round table with. This event was attended by the IC and the board, together with some other members and external people. It was held in Lecture hall B, and was a great opportunity to have an open discussion regarding what EUC and Erasmus University in general are changing regarding intersectionality. Though this event also wasn't attended by many general members and EUC students, the people who did show up were very engaged and had

many questions, including one tutor of EUC. The last event, the pot luck, sadly got cancelled before it started. This was done due to the fact that both the board as well as the IC had low hopes of a (high) turnout and therefore decided not to execute this event.

As this was the first diversity week, a lot was unknown in terms of how to organise and execute the week, both for the board as well as the IC. We believe we learned a lot of valuable lessons during this week and are excited to apply this information to future events we want to host, as well as to pass these lessons to our successors so that next year's diversity week can be an even better success.

#### **BUDGET REVISION**

Our treasurer kept the good work up during the second quad. He completed all reimbursements, paid invoices, and continuously updated the overview of EUCSA's financials: an overview of the association's incomes and expenses, an overview of the expenditures of every committee individually and all expenses on regard of the board.

All expenditures are still in line with the budget proposal that passed during the general assembly in quad 1. During the general assembly in quad 2, a small part of the budget has been revised preliminary to the proper budget reallocation in quad 3:

Board budget			Board budget revised	·		difference:		
EUCSA Weekend	€	2.000,00	EUCSA Weekend	€	2.000,00			
EUCSA Events	€	3.500,00	EUCSA Events	€	2.700,00			
Social drinks	€	900,00	Social drinks	€	450,00	€	-450,00	
Valentines	€	300,00	Valentines	€	300,00			
Elections	€	450,00	Elections	€	450,00			
Transition period	€	500,00	Transition period	€	500,00			
Diversity week	€	500,00	Diversity week	€	500,00			
Exchange students introweek	€	700,00	Exchange students introweek	€	-	€	-700,00	
Events buffer	€	150,00	Events buffer	€	500,00	€	350,00	
UCSRN Membership	€	1.000,00	<b>Board Relations</b>	€	100,00	€	100,00	
Administrative Costs	€	3.000,00	UCSRN Membership	€	1.000,00			
GA's	€	300,00	Administrative Costs	€	3.000,00			
Statutes	€	1.000,00	GA's	€	300,00			
Inventory	€	1.200,00	Statutes	€	1.000,00			
External Relations (ESAJ)	€	613,00	Inventory	€	1.200,00			
			External Relations (ESAJ)	€	613,00			
Total Board Budget:	€	12.613,00						
			Extra budget committee reallocation	€	700,00	€	700,00	
			Total Board Budget:	€	12.613,00	€	-	

Currently, the process of the proper reallocation has been set in motion. Interested committees were asked to send in a budget reallocation proposal based on a template the treasurer made. The budget reallocation general assembly is currently scheduled for Tuesday the 21st of February.

## 6. Committee events feedback

#### 1. Committee brainstorm

In addition to scheduling quadly meetings with each committee, the CAOs also hosted a second committee brainstorming session in order to discuss and reflect on several points. Amongst these points discussed was the issue of promotion, the (potential) introduction of an app, EUCSA weekend and lustrum events for later in the year. Based on feedback from committee members, another committee brainstorming will be hosted again next quad.

#### 2. Davey's committees

#### Arts & Performance Co.

Arts & Performance Co. showed exceptional ambition and determination in their work this quad. They started the quad holding auditions for their musical and their play and managed to find a cast for both. They are very efficient in dividing tasks; as every committee member takes upon different roles when it comes to directing, choreographing and for some even performing. They also made good progress in their finances as they started a partnership with Studium Generale which is willing to sponsor their musical! The committee has discovered that it is a big task to allocate their energy into both a musical and a play, thus continuation of the play is not guaranteed.

#### **Bar Board**

Bar Board found two members that both share the responsibility of chair and treasurer. The committee has formulated their goals and vision for the year. They aim to create a suitable plan to establish a bar-like concept for EUCSA students, in addition to hosting small events and collaborations.

#### **Charity Co.**

Charity Co. organised a card making event for elderly, a baking sale for Stichting Muziek in het Huis in collaboration with Music Co and a Giving Tuesday food drive in collaboration with the Board! The committee has done a successful job in getting started and pulling off several events, even though they had some minor issues such as finding meeting times etc.

#### Dance Co.

Dance Co. offered some themed dance classes this quad, like the mean girls dance and a halloween dance routine. The committee has worked together well and the members seem to enjoy each other. The attendance at their dance classes was at times lower than hoped for, however in the next quad they hope to prepare some things that gain the enthusiasm of their followers; for instance the preparations for UCSRN.

#### **Debating Co.**

Debating Co. was on a lower pit this quad. They organised a collaboration with Games & Entertainment Co. in which debating themed games were played. Aside from this, their plans for the quad unfortunately did not pull through. Next quad they hope to divide tasks and teams among their team differently and hopefully, this enables them to put up several events.

#### **Future Co.**

Future Co. had a small setback when one of their members dropped out, however luckily the co managed also to find a new member and still managed to put on two events. Firstly, a professional headshot event that had great turnout and secondly an alumni panel, which was also well received. In both events the committee experienced some trouble with double bookings of rooms, however those troubles will be addressed and hopefully will not emerge ever again.

#### Gala Team

Gala Team made great progress in this quad. They put their efforts into finding a suitable location for the gala and they successfully managed to start a partnership with a venue that seems to be able to put on the gala for an appropriate price. The chair of the committee has been very hard-working and collaborative, even enthusiastically contributing to other initiatives, such as Diversity Week.

#### Games & Entertainment Co.

I quote: "we have already done more events than we did in the entirety of last year." Is that not a great accomplishment? The committee held bi-weekly board game nights of which one was even dungeons & dragons themed. The chair and members have been very reliable; they announce their events far ahead and are very open to collaborations with other committees.

#### MUN Co.

MUN Co. had a tough but progressful quad. They initially started the quad with only three members, however they managed to find a team of nine members by the end of the quad! Because of the focus on finding members and the constantly changing

team dynamics the meeting at times went chaotic, however the chair has put in great efforts to get all heads in the same direction. They even managed to put up one event and have made steps in brainstorming on their conference.

#### Music Co.

Music Co. had a strong quad. The chair and committee members plan their events well ahead in time and are very reliable in communicating the necessary details and promotional content across to the board. Their events included concert tickets, jam sessions, karaoke and collabs with N&A Board and Charity Co. It was a busy quad and the members' motivation and energy did get less throughout the quad, however they have carefully reflected and seem to put in efforts to learn from their experiences.

#### Yearbook Co.

Yearbook made quite some progress, especially in terms of practicalities for creating the yearbook. For instance, they managed to find affortable options for the editing program and the printing of the yearbook. The committee had some minor issues, such as finding a meeting time that suits for all seven members, however the chair and treasurer have been very communicative, responsible and proactive and I am very confident that next quad they will make some great steps in establishing an amazing yearbook.

#### 3. Ines' committees

#### **Exhibition Team**

This quad Exhibition Team started a new project with the permanent, rotating exhibition at EUC! In theme with Diversity week, the first permanent exhibition included three different pieces exhibited with a short description in three different locations on campus. They hope to continue this next quad, with new pieces...

#### Film and Photography Co.

Film and Photo Co. continued with their great lineup of events, organising a second film screening at KINO for 'Triangle of Sadness'. They also held a visual competition (theme: 'Rotterdam by Night'), which received over 20 submissions! Looking forward to seeing those submissions exhibited in the next quad. :)

#### Party Co.

Party Co definitely delivered on their promise again this quad! They kicked off with an Afrobeats & Reggaeton party at Coconuts, which attracted a high turnout and good vibes. Their second party was a techno 'Matrix' themed party which they hosted at MONO (recently taken off the blacklist by the Intersectional Council). Everyone came in

good outfits and spirits, and the DJs were definitely a success! Communication continues to be super smooth with them, looking forward to more fun parties next quad.

#### Podcast Co.

Podcast Co has updated their spotify (@thediscussionphase), with a few new episodes. As part of the *On Our Minds* series, they talked about rejection in different environments. A new series called *Lessons Learned* also featured a talk about gap years and travelling.

#### Ski Team

Ski Team closed sign ups for the ski trip last quad, and are currently busy with administration work now (people switching spots or cancelling). The chair remains in regular contact with Totally Snow, and the committee as a whole continues to meet for updates and fun nights. ;)

#### Sports Co.

Sports Co. continued on their current track, sustaining the heavy training schedule they introduced last quad. Weekly trainings continued for the football, basketball, volleyball, tennis and hockey teams, with a few inter-UC games also being organised (either home or away). Their big event, bowling, turned out a huge success, with two rounds of students showing up for an hour each at a free entrance fee! The committee has learned how to make their communication, especially regarding the financial aspect, smoother. Keep it up!

#### Travel Co.

Unfortunately Travel Co did not have the resources necessary this quad to realise their planned event of visiting other Dutch cities. The communication, both within the committee and with other UC students, was not sustained enough - hopefully next quad will see the full comeback for this committee!

#### **UCSRN** Team

Whilst the UCSRN Team still does not have any members, Ines (external affairs CAO) has been attending UCSRN meetings with the other UC representatives and keeping up with the updates. The UCSRN tournament is now confirmed for the 22nd of April in Amsterdam!

#### Writing & Journalism Co.

Writing & Journalism Co had an amazing quad once again, starting off with their own social drinks at The Tea Lab, where people could stop by for coffee and a quick

chat with the committee members. A creative workshop later on saw author Mark Bode demonstrating the art of storytelling to a crowd of students at EUC. But their biggest project yet came in the form of the quadly newspaper, a 24-page magazine featuring art, writing and visual pieces by committees and members alike! With the huge success of this newspaper, Writing & Journalism Co is sure to continue the trend with a Quad 3 edition. :)

#### 4. Urmi's committees

#### **Cultural Cooking Co.**

This committee hosted a Lucia Masterchef part 2 due to popular demand and it was a joy! Many people attended and they had a blast.

#### Entrepreneurial Co.

Entrepreneurial co hosted a gaming night with Gaming Co and it was a success! They even recruited people that wanted to join to be part of the committee. I am hopeful for their events in quad 3.

#### Feminist Co.

I am hopeful for their events in quad 3. Feminist Co changed their name from Women's Co to the aforementioned! They also hosted halloween screenings throughout the quad which was a huge success! Many people turned up to them every Monday night. They also hosted a sip n' paint at the end of the quad which was a lot of fun! I am excited for next quad's women's week.

#### Health and Wellness Co.

Health and wellness co hosted the walk and talk, climate anxiety workshop with susco, yoga sessions, and positivitea as always. The walk and talk was a new endeavour and successful in collaboration with EUR. The anxiety talk with susco also gained traction, but what was most attended were the yoga sessions! The demand for the yoga sessions have no led them to create two sessions every week for quad 3.

#### Merch Co.

Merch Co worked on their own drop of their new EUC hoodies. They sold around 100 hoodies! The organisation of the new collection was great, they had everything set from the forms to the delivery, I am so proud of them! They also were working on the ski trip hoodie but that will be released in quad 3.

#### **N&A Board**

N&A board organised a "jazz and juice" event, which was a joy! Lot of of people attended and there is a stable partnership with Joe & Juice. They also organised a volunteer market, where they brought UNICEF EUR and AISEC to join. Both events were a success!

#### POC Co.

POC Co organised a belly dancing class during diversity week which attracted many people. I hope POC co will plan more for this upcoming quad as their committee is filled with good ideas!

#### **Oueer Co.**

QueerCo was active this quad with an exhibition and SA support group. The exhibition was open for a week and was about Dutch Queer history, it was beautifully made! The SA support group was an event that continued from last year and took place in the chair's home.

#### Sustainability Co.

SusCo hosted a climate anxiety discussion and a movie screening of this quad. The climate anxiety discussion was a success, but unfortunately the screening had low attendance. This has been an issue for EUCSA in general, so hopefully more people will attend their amazing events next quad!

#### **TedxEUC**

The TedxEUC team passed to become an official part of EUCSA. As the team was already set and quite a large committee themselves, I did not help with a lot of the organisation, mainly some communication between the board and the committee. The team struggled with communication and motivation, but found their way to making the event happen for february!

## 7. WEBSITE/APP UPDATES

This year we choose to reintroduce an EUCSA app in order to further the communication with our general members as well as create a more coherent and clear overview of upcoming events and to reduce the spam in the EUCSA group chats on whatsapp. In the app, members have the opportunity to see a nice list of all upcoming events, and are able to purchase tickets/rsvp for events they are interested in through the app. Additionally, all tickets members purchase will be stored in the app, making it easier for members to find them. The app also provided a platform to all committees on its "Community" page. Here general members of EUCSA can follow committees they are interested in and receive notifications when committees post in these groups. The app was created in guad 2, yet we have decided to launch the app in quad 3. Once the app was done, however, we decided to enter a trial phase, in which a group of volunteers were able to use the app before it was launched and provide us with feedback. The feedback we received was overall positive, with some doubt regarding the "Community" page. The page would be too inactive for the users to experience its potential. Though we considered taking it out of the app, we have decided to keep it on. We have chosen this approach as this way the potential of the "Community" page can be reached and give committees more space to promote events independently from the board.

We are excited to launch the app next quad, and are looking forward to members using it.