TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE EUR

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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The scope of our current and near-future ecological 'challenges' is dazzling. Around the world, scientists publish articles and reports daily on alarming topics such as biodiversity decline, global warming, fossil fuel emissions, the depletion of natural resources, the untenability of eternal growth of the linear economy, and so forth. Therefore, different sorts of knowledge, skills and mindsets are needed on how to transition towards a sustainable society.

At Erasmus University, many of us recognize this need, and sustainability is therefore also included as one of the main pillars in our new strategy. Just as the aforementioned examples indicate, the scope of sustainability is incredibly wide. Therefore, we aim not only to make the university more sustainable in its operations, but also to use the campus and the region as a living lab for our education and research. Most importantly, our aim is to let every student become sustainability literate and provide these responsible leaders of the future with multiple opportunities to become sustainability professionals through the EUR education at different faculties.

In order to achieve these goals, we have created roadmaps for these different topics. The roadmap towards a sustainable campus is available on our website. It describes our current carbon footprint, and possible measures for achieving a positive ecological footprint in 2030. These ambitions are also stated in the Rotterdam Climate Agreement, of which the Erasmus University is one of the partners.

For the most important part, the education that we offer, together with an interfaculty working group consisting of academics and students we are momentarily finalizing the plans to achieve the goals of training sustainability professionals at our university. We have established an implementation plan in which we describe how we aim to include sustainability in every curriculum offered and offer suggestions for creating more in-depth knowledge on sustainability.

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