Student housing is one of the biggest challenges of the University and the city of Rotterdam. The University Council deems aspects such as affordability and quantity of student housing as top priorities. It also sees as important that students can live affordably and relatively close to the campus.

At this moment, we cannot take this for granted. The city of Rotterdam currently has a shortage of 8000 units of student housing. This, amongst other things, has led to a significant increase in rent prices. Furthermore, the financial position of students has been weakened by the abolishment of the study grant. This has led to a growing number of students living far from the campus. For the University Council, this is not a sustainable situation, and therefore, action is needed.

On the flip side, EUR continues to attract more and more international students, who must also be housed appropriately. The number of international students is steeply increasing at EUR, and these students find it extremely challenging to find affordable and trustworthy housing, especially as they judge from a distance.

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