



Great to see you are interested in joining our Track 3 team! Please read the information below and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

### Some background information on EV

As you may have noticed, our university is going through a process of change. During these past years it's focus has shifted from striving predominantly for academic excellence, towards *creating a positive societal impact*. And that is something quite different! Taking responsibility concerning urgent societal issues, such as climate change, social inequality and the Covid-outbreak, has become an integral part of our university. And since we, as a student community, are also an integral part of that university we decided that we could not stay behind. *Erasmus Verbindt* (Dutch for Erasmus Connects) is our way of making a contribution, our way of taking responsibility as well.

And as a community, we have a lot to offer! Students are smart, energetic and have a genuine interest in taking on social challenges. We all have different backgrounds, follow different programs and are able to contribute to making meaningful changes in our own way. At *Erasmus Verbindt* we plan to join forces and work together to make a difference.

This student-driven, mediating role between science and society is completely new. That makes it a big challenge of course, but also something very exciting. As a team we are aiming to make structural improvements in the valuable and necessary relationship between science and society (which is no small task!). And we firmly believe that we can do so. Hopefully you'll join us in this mission.

### Some information on the organisation

Erasmus Verbindt is a brand new, EUR-wide student organisation<sup>1</sup>. At this moment, there are roughly 50 students (coming from all different faculties) active in our various teams. The vast majority of whom are working in our second track, in which they connect EUR-scientists to organisations that are trying to improve Rotterdam. We do so within the domains of: health, sustainability, social inequality and urban challenges. Now the time has come for us to take the next step and start connecting students with societal stakeholders as well. We will start off by forming one interdisciplinary student team to facilitate this connection. In the lead, will be a team leader who is already working at Erasmus Verbindt. The team will be supported by the Erasmus Verbindt-board, who provide them with feedback and networks. They will be assisted by our supporting staff and advised by our societal partners and befriended scientists.

### Some information on the mission of your team (Track 3)

Connecting students to societal stakeholders makes up our third so-called track: *'Joint Forces'*. In this track we enable students to take social responsibility during their time at the EUR: *to create a positive impact*. Concretely, this means the team will be on the lookout for partnerships with organisations in the city. We will be co-designing impact orientated assignments which we offer to the EUR-student population in the form of internship positions, research questions for a thesis, or as parts of existing impact-oriented courses. One could see us as matchmakers, between urgent societal challenges on the one hand and talented students who are aiming to contribute on the other.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, have a look at the [website](#), or check out one of the following articles:

Erasmus Magazine: ["Erasmus Verbindt verkleint de kloof tussen wetenschap en de stad"](#)

City Deal Kennis Maken: ["We hebben het gevoel met iets waardevols bezig te zijn"](#)

### Tasks as a team member

As a team you will play an important role in bringing societal challenges into the education of the EUR. Your collective job consists of researching, selecting and contacting societal stakeholders in order to create meaningful assignments for your fellow students. These students must also be informed and kept in touch with during their active participation. Furthermore the team has to further expand our EUR-network of befriended faculties and teachers, in order for us to be able to integrate the assignments properly into the education system.

Together with your team you will be:

- Gaining an understanding of societal problems in Rotterdam
- Integrating societal challenges into innovative educational assignments and internships
- Helping students gain meaningful experience
- Developing your skills in interdisciplinary collaboration
- Expanding your network and horizon both within and outside of the university
- Making a difference

### What does *Erasmus Verbindt* offer you?

We offer you the opportunity to make a positive societal impact! Participating in our track 3 team also means you will get the opportunity to build a large and versatile network, both inside and outside the university. You will work with and learn from people from different academic and cultural backgrounds. You will also receive an official certificate of recognition at the end of your period of involvement. And last but not least, you will work together with energetic and sociable team members and colleagues - in the heart of Rotterdam. Our home base is an office in the Schieblock at Hofplein! (right above the Biergarten ;))

### Who are we looking for?

*Erasmus Verbindt* is looking for ambitious and socially engaged students who want to develop themselves and make a positive impact during their studies. Of course, we welcome students from all disciplines and backgrounds. An ideal team member is someone who:

- *Has an interest in taking on societal issues in Rotterdam*
- *Is interested in findings ways to make students/science work for the city*
- *Is somewhat advanced in his/her study*
- *Is eager to learn and work with students from different disciplines*
- *Has an entrepreneurial mindset + is both flexible and reliable*
- *And is, ideally, also available during the next academic year*

### Practical information

Similar to being active in a study association committee, participation in one of our teams is on a voluntary basis and takes somewhere between 5-10 hours per week. *Erasmus Verbindt* believes it is important to strive for inclusion and diversity. We appreciate applications from all backgrounds, genders, and studies!

You can apply by emailing us your CV and motivation letter to [applications@erasmusverbindt.nl](mailto:applications@erasmusverbindt.nl). We hope to have informed you sufficiently. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [info@erasmusverbindt.nl](mailto:info@erasmusverbindt.nl). We look forward to meeting you soon!