



A little bit of background information

As you may have noticed, our university is going through a transition. Over the past years its focus has shifted quite dramatically from predominantly striving 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 and the Covid-outbreak, has become an essential part of the EUR. And since we, as a student community, are also an integral part of our university as well we decided that we couldn't stay behind. *Erasmus Verbindt* (Dutch for Erasmus Connects) is our way of making a contribution, our way of taking social 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 aim to join forces to make a difference.

The student-driven, mediating role Erasmus Verbindt plays between science and society in Rotterdam is completely new. That makes it a big challenge of course, but also something very exciting. As a team we aim to make structural improvements in the valuable and necessary relationship between science and society in Rotterdam and we firmly believe that we can do so. Hopefully you'll join us in our mission this year!

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 studies and backgrounds. An ideal team member is someone who:

- *Has a great interest in taking on societal issues in Rotterdam*
- *Is interested in findings ways to make science work for the city*
- *Is somewhat advanced in his/her/their study*
- *Is eager to learn and work with students from different disciplines*
- *Has gained some relevant experience either in or outside the university (this could vary from organizing events and marketing jobs at study associations, to contributing to research initiatives and societal projects)*
- *Is both flexible and reliable*

Information on the organisation

Together with your colleagues you will work as a 'connector' in our second so-called track: '*Erasmus in dialogue with...*' which is the largest group of Erasmus Verbindt. This track consists of interdisciplinary student teams who focus on complex societal issues in Rotterdam. Each team has a different orientation, namely: health, sustainability, social inequality or urban challenges.¹ In the lead of each team is a team leader who is responsible for the overall process and performance of the team. The teams themselves are supported by the *Erasmus Verbindt* board, who provide them with valuable feedback and networks. The teams also collaborate with colleagues from other teams and tracks and are advised by our societal partners and befriended scientists. We all work from our brand new office in the city center!

¹ Unsure what we mean by Metropolitan Challenges? Have a look at the Vital Vities and Vital Citizens-page, a partner of EV with a similar thematic orientation:

<https://www.eur.nl/en/research/erasmus-initiatives/vital-cities-and-citizens>

Tasks as a team member

As a team member, you will play an important role in bringing together researchers and societal stakeholders in Rotterdam. The goal is to gain an in-depth understanding of our urban problems and to look for EUR-staff and city inhabitants alike, who work on these issues from different angles and who would benefit from exchanging knowledge and ideas. You will actively work towards organizing get-togethers, discussions and events with involved attendees on relevant locations in the city: *to create a positive impact*. To a large extent the teams have the freedom to set their own agenda's in accordance with their own interests.

What does Erasmus Verbindt offer you? As a team member you will:

- *Work together with an passionate and diverse group of students*
- *Develop your own personal, professional and academic skills*
- *Learn and work with colleagues, scientists & societal stakeholders from different backgrounds*
- *Expand your network and horizon*
- *Making a meaningful impact in Rotterdam!*
- *Receive an official certificate of recognition on your diploma*

Are you interested in finding out more? Make sure to check out the website!

Practical information

Similar to being active in a study association committee, participation in one of our teams is on a voluntary basis and takes around 6-8 hours per week. Would you like to apply? Upload your personal info, CV and motivation letter on <https://www.eur.nl/erasmus-verbindt-track-2> or send it directly to us on: applications@erasmusverbindt.nl. If you chose to email us, don't forget to specify your team preference! For more information on Erasmus Verbindt, make sure to check out the website. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@erasmusverbindt.nl. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Diversity and inclusion are core values at *Erasmus Verbindt*. We believe it is important to form an organisation that represents the whole of Rotterdam and we therefore encourage students from all backgrounds and genders to apply <3