

Report: Quad 1

Academic Year 2024-2025

The 12th EUCSA Board

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Introduction

Dear tigers,

This is the official report of Quad 1, in which we reflect on our first quad as the 12th board of EUCSA. Similar to the reports of the preceding board, this one will include an evaluation of the performance of the board and the committees, as well as the events that were held in this quad. This report is a way for us to be completely transparent with our members, and also includes how we aim to improve throughout the year. We always appreciate feedback, and your suggestions and comments are always welcome. You can reach out to us either via email (board@eucsa.nl), or in the anonymous feedback form on our <u>website</u>.

The **EUCSA Board** of the academic year 204/2025 consists of the following members:

- Chair: Kimi Freiha
- Secretary Vice Chair: Eileen Timpel
- Treasurer: Gijs Winkelhuijzen
- Committee Affairs Officer: Alba Hecht Wulff
- Committee Affairs Officer: Emily Kleiterp
- Committee Affairs Officer: Violette Bollack

As a board, we have and will continue to plan numerous events and services that contribute to the overall functioning of the association. Nonetheless, the majority of events facilitating social opportunities are organized 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 below.

Board Assessment

General Assessment and Board Initiatives

Our board term has just started, and even though the beginning was a lot of work and full of challenges, we are happy with how it has turned out so far.

Over the summer break we had weekly meetings on Zoom in preparation for Introweek. They were useful, but less productive, since we were spread all over the globe and it was challenging to find times that worked for all of us. The week before Introweek we spent most of our time in EUC for preparation, similarly to Introweek itself.

Throughout quad I we had one to two weekly meetings in addition to our newly introduced Walk-In hour. We are happy with how this has turned out and are planning to keep them up throughout the year.

Another big decision we made in quad 1 is the disbandment of the EUCSA App. Even though our preceding board put a lot of effort into it, we were not satisfied with its workings and decided to make use of the website instead. This decision was mainly based on the financial savings without the app, the centralisation of information and the improvements made on the website.

Overall, quad 1 has met our expectations and we are happy with its turn out. As we can only assess the quad from our perspective, we would appreciate receiving feedback via the earlier mentioned feedback form.

SAAC Collaboration

SAAC and EUCSA have maintained good communication throughout the quad, through more common, informal meetings. We have also been able to meet with SAAC's newly elected first year representative: Agrima(congrats!). Although we were not able to have a proper team building event with SAAC, we plan to do so in Quad 2. As for event collaboration, Quad 1 saw the very first study groups of the year which had great success. Both sessions were sold out. However, there are some improvements to be made on the logistics behind the study groups, possibly alleviating the workload from SAAC.

EUC Relationship

Biweekly meetings were arranged with EUC's student life officer, Roel. These meetings were extremely useful for facilitating communication between EUC and our association. However, we were not able to meet with Gera and Matthew yet. We will hopefully meet with them in Quad 2.

Assessment of Board Events

Introweek

We are quite pleased with this year's Introweek and have generally received good feedback from first years and guides. Our big changes to last year's format like the Pub Quiz, lake evening and the Game were well received by first years. Attendance at all events has exceeded expectations. We were greatly pleased with the amount of volunteers for the crew and especially Floor Angels —thanks to everyone who helped! Although there were a couple elements that could have been improved, there were no major failures or crises. All these possible improvements have been noted for next year's board, and we hope that the 2025 Introweek will continue this trend of building upon existing foundations in order to deliver a memorable introductory experience to incoming EUC students.

Social Drinks

In the beginning of Quad 1 we hosted the first Social Drinks of the year at Pardoen, at which we also announced the winners of the Introweek Game: congrats to the 16 Pancakes and all other groups that performed great! The general turnout was good and it was a great celebration of the beginning of the year.

Quad 1 GA

The first General Assembly of the year turned out satisfactory. Two changes were made in the Policy Manual and the Budget Allocation passed as well. Further, topics such as the collaboration with SAAC, Spirit Day and the IC were discussed. Overall, we are happy with the turn out and are looking forward to the next GA in Quad 2.

Financial Overview

Financial assessments & Updates

This quad was rather involved on the financial end; memberships opening up, events rounding out the financial year 2023-2024, the new budget proposal and all the changes therein.

Firstly, over the summer, the sustainability fee built up from last year was donated to Trees for All, as an attempt at offsetting a portion of the emissions incurred in the association's operations this past year. During this period, we also decided to eliminate the app, and transition back to the website. This decision came through a consideration of expenses, as its cost restricted the engagement in new initiatives like the newly introduced collaborative pot.

Secondly, the quad itself started with Introweek, only of the most financially intense events of the year, though the budget provided was adequate in allowing the week to run smoothly, and the (marginal) leftovers of which have been transferred over into the portion of the reserves which were released in the budget proposal. In Introweek, membership sales were also opened, and ran until a handful of days before the budget proposal, so as to ensure sources of revenue for allocation were near-definitive. However, due to high demand sales are opening up again in Quad 2.

On the topic of the budget allocation; during the first GA on the 8th of October, following the budget open floor one week earlier, the budget plan passed with 88% approval, meaning that there is now a definitive roadmap for the upcoming year.

In the plan, a number of initiatives have manifested in different ways: from the new committees and MEDA to a revamp and re-evaluation of both the Sustainability Fee (Fund) and the board costs respectively. The collaborative pot, as mentioned earlier, has been a new project to stimulate committees and their ability to go a bit more above and beyond in their collaborative events. On a different note, is anyone reading this? If so, please let us know as we would like to reward the diligence with which you approach our work. The first five to visit the Walk-In hour and say "I'm the best member." will receive a gift.

Meanwhile, the sustainability fee has been overhauled to ensure more active steps are taken in voiding environmental harms throughout the year; the 10c on top of all events feeding into a fund which has been allocated 250 euros to pre-emptively, present and allocated for committees and in the organization of events where an explicit trade-off between additional costs and unsustainable practices can be found.

However, the budget plan has come into effect only since the start of quad 2, (and will run to the end of quad 1 next academic year) with committees and the organization of events operating on the leftovers from last year.

		Budget Propos	al 2024/2025		
Committee Name	Proposed Budget	Board & Other Costs	Proposed Budget	Income	Amount
Accessibility Co	€600.00	Backlog Expenses	€500.00	Memberships	€14,692.50
Arts & Crafts Co	€450.00	Intersectional Council	€600.00	Reserve Release	€17,494.46
Charity Co	€800.00	Sustainability Fund	€250.00	Subsidy	€16,500.00
Cooking Co	€500.00	Collaborative Pot	€2,000.00	Total	€48,686.96
Dance Co	€500.00	EUCSA Weekend	€3,500.00		
Debating Co	€1,500.00	Winter Festivities	€300.00	Summary	Proposed Budget
Exhibition Team	€2,000.00	Social Drinks	€200.00	Committee Budget	€32,150.00
Fem Co	€1,000.00	Inventory	€486.96	Board Costs	€16,536.96
Film & Photo Co	€650.00	Elections	€300.00	Grand Total	€48,686.96
Gala Team	€2,500.00	Transition Period	€500.00		
Games Co	€100.00	Exchange Introweek	€800.00		
Merch Co	€350.00	UCSRN Membership	€700.00		
Music Co	€2,000.00	Administrative Costs	€2,000.00		
N&A	€100.00	СоВо	€200.00		
Party Co	€4,000.00	SAAC	€500.00		
Performance	€2,500.00	MEDA	€2,500.00		
POC Co	€1,000.00	Lustrum	€1,000.00		
Podcast Co	€100.00	GA's & ACT	€200.00		
Queer Co	€200.00	Total	€16,536.96		
Skiteam	€150.00				
Sports Co	€6,000.00				
Sustainability Co	€900.00				
TEDx Team	€1,000.00				
UCSRN Team	€1,500.00				
W&J Co	€750.00				
Yearbook Co	€1,000.00				
Total	€32,150.00				

Committee Feedback

Progress of Alba's Committees

Arts & Crafts Co

The new Arts and Crafts Co, which emerged from the Arts and Performance Co in the middle of last year is fully established and composed of students from various cohorts. They have lots of ideas and are starting off with a creative pumpkin-carving event!

Cultural Cooking Co

The members of Cultural Cooking Co also have loads of ideas and are a motivated team of second and first years. In Quad 1 they did a bake sale together with Charity Co, which was a success and very tasty, with profits going to *Save the Children*.

Exhibition Team

The Exhibition Team is fully established and ready for the year as well. With dual-degree students on the team, they are creative and are establishing a unique identity for themselves. They are looking forward to the end-of-year exhibition but also have innovative ideas for throughout the year which they are working on, such as museum visits.

Music Co

Music Co is a vibe with a mix of old and new members who work well together. Their open mic in the Lucia basement in Quad I was great for people to mingle, listen to the Co's bangers and for passionate musicians and singers to show off their great talents. Additionally, the music room at Lucia is open again and members can reach out to the Co if they want to practice in it. The Co has lovely ideas for the year!

Performance Co

Performance Co is fully concentrating on the end-of-year performance and has a fabulous super-organized team of 9, led by two dedicated co-chairs. They have decided on the musical titled "Dear Stranger" and already started Quad 1 with auditions and recruiting crew members. Apart from the musical, they are planning on doing a few small events such as a Murder Mystery with WILDe.

Additionally to the musical, this year, we will have two performances directed by EUC students. The other is a play written and directed by Will Makin, a third-year student, who will start auditions in Quad 2, so watch out and sign up!

Queer Collective

After a slow and incomplete team, Queer Co is finally fully formed and has exciting plans ahead, like their book club. They have selected their IC member and are composed of motivated first years!

Ski Team

Ski Team worked on the coming trip throughout the summer and started the Quad with drinks for people to get to know them. It was a success and they got a full team. They also held a successful Information session about the trip together with their partner Totally Snow. The team has been forming a close bond and is working on ticket sales for Quad 2.

Sustainability Co

Sustainability Co has engaged and ambitious members. Throughout the first Quad, they have been working on the Meet and Green event which will be held in Quad 2. They are also working closely with management on making sustainable initiatives flourish such as the composting project.

Writing and Journalism Co

Writing and Journalism Co started the year with a full team and with the creation of their writers' lounge. They also organized a get-together for writers to brainstorm ideas for the magazine and other events for the Co.

Progress of Emily's Committees

Charity Co

Charity Co is a complete committee and has been active in Quad 1. They matched each signature collected by Film and Photo Co and Amnesty International with a 50 cent donation to the charity *Warchild*. They additionally collected ingredients for three days and organized a bake sale in collaboration with Cultural Cooking Co for Charity Co's main cause this year, *Save the Children*.

Debating Co

Debate Co is complete and has been focused on organizing their team and launching the Co for this academic year. This quad they collaborated with MEDA to host the successful panel discussion on Narratives. They also have begun planning their first individual event, which will take place in Quad 2, and aim to have sessions every two weeks following their first event.

Merch Co

Merch Co is a complete committee and has been diligently working on their first merch drop of the year by figuring out what kind of merch is most in demand by EUCSA members. Additionally they have been collaborating with Sports Co and the N&A Board in discussing the possibility of creating uniforms for the sports teams. They have also begun working on the designs for the ski trip merch drop.

Travel Co

Unfortunately Travel Co has no members this year.

POC Co

The People of Color Collective has been active this quad. They started the year off by organizing a bake sale and film screening of *This is Congo* in collaboration with the Collxctive. Continuing their collaboration with the Collxtive, they additionally organized an "Action Day for Palestine and Lebanon" which included a walk-out and screening of *Confronting Injustice: Academic Freedom in the Shadow of Political Repression!*

Podcast Co

Podcast Co is complete and has created two entertaining episodes for their podcast *Peel That Orange*. They are brainstorming event ideas for quad two and considering inviting an external person to join an episode of their podcast.

TEDxEUC

The TEDx team is complete and was primarily focused on reapplying for the TEDx license which they need in order to host official TEDx events. We are still awaiting the response. They have planned a fun event for quad two which they can host in the meantime as EUCxInspire.

UCSRN Team

EUCSA's UCSRN Team is complete and was focused on creating and sending the application to UCSRN for EUC to host the tournament this year. We recently received the wonderful and exciting news that the application was approved!! Now they are diligently working on coordinating with the other university colleges of the Netherlands to find a date to host the tournament, and are additionally communicating with the venue.

Progress of Violette's Committees

Accessibility Co

Accessibility Co is new this year and came to me with a bunch of ideas. They are really motivated and it showed through a paralympic screening, a sit in as well as a body painting session. For each of those events, the committee members were really dedicated which is super nice! One event in Quand 2 is also already planned.

Games and Entertainment Co

Games Co had no event in this first Quad due to their lack of members. We are currently in discussion with third years that would enjoy working to keep this committee alive. New applications should open start of quad 2

Party Co

After Party Co was formed, they quickly started with their first "Summer Party". The venue was nice but the party sadly ended up with low attendance. However, Party Co's members are still very motivated and they have already planned two events for the second quad: a BeerPong Tournament and a new party.

Sports Co

Sports Co has been very active in the organization of all their training. Furthermore, throughout the quad they have been talking to various committees about collabs: one with Merch Co in order to create Sports uniforms; and one with Dance Co in order to form a cheerleading team.

Sports Co also has a lot of potential events that they would like to work on in the future.

Dance Co

Dance Co started the quad with a chair and five general members before one of the laters decided to step in for the role of treasurer. They spent their committee time this quad to rehearse choreographies that they plan to teach later in the year (eg: salsa workshop first week of quad 2). They are also in discussion with Sports Co for the cheerleading team. Finally, they are very eager to organize a Just Dance competition but are waiting to see if Games Co will emerge.

Feminist Collective

Fem Co is experiencing having 10 members this year. They all have a very nice group dynamic which showed in a committee diner. They are very ambitious, especially because they have more hands so they can organize bigger events. They started off with their famous Sexy Wine Talk which sold out extremely fast.

Film and Photo Co

Film & Photo Co is very enthusiastic and has a lot of very nice ideas. They already know most of the screenings they want to do. They are really focusing on collaborating with associations outside of EUC.

This first quad, they organized with Amnesty a petition signing & movie night.

Gala Team

For the Gala Team, the first quad was really about brainstorming in order to make this big event even better than last year. Their main goal for this year's Gala is to make it more sustainable.

They also started to search for venues.

Health and Wellness Co

Health & Wellness Co was unfortunately not active this quad.

Yearbook Co

Yearbook Co has a nice group dynamic with a lot of creative ideas. They already started their first draft of their yearly plan. Their next step is to add specific dates in this plan.

They already started by opening a drawing contest for the yearbook's front cover.

Progress of Gijs' Projects

MEDA

MEDA started off the year with a bang; organizing a panel discussion in collaboration with Debate and Podcast co regarding narratives of conflict and movements. This event solidified MEDA as the home for academic and intellectual curiosity, and they are currently hard at work organizing the career week in quad 2, so stay tuned for that.

N&A Board

N&A Board is back, and spent much of the first quad reforming and laying out an adequate roadmap for the year; how they would like to entice potential sponsors, ensure adequate methods of engagement and which events to cater for. This process has put them in contact with a number of different external organizations. Although nothing has manifested concretely just yet, they are hard at work, and in collaboration with a number of other committees as well.

Intersectional Council and Advisory Board

The IC as well as the AC are intended to advise us as a board in daily and long term decisions. We are happy that both are fully formed and the first meeting with the AC already took place. The first meeting of the board and IC is happening soon and we are confident to establish a supportive relationship with both councils.

IC members:

- Accessibility Co: Chloe Sporkel
- Fem Co: Katerina Trojanova
- Queer Co: Leonor Estima
- **POC Co:** Rania Boujghagh
- Sustainability Co: Akshaj Nair
- SAAC: Zaid Towfiq
- General Members: Zara Havik, Néstor López Castillo, Shalini Soni

AC members:

- **11th EUCSA Board:** Iris Guyader, Zara Havik, Ole Kruse, Joana de Sousa, Marit Prinsen
- Cohort 24: Issam Ashour
- Cohort 23: Juan Temiño
- Cohort 22: Leticia Picolo Pissarra
- Cohort 21: Alex van Pallandt

Committee / Collective / Team members

Accessibility Co.

Chair: Finn van Cappelle **Treasurer**: Léa Tricaud **General Members**: Katharina Diebold, Pien Thoonen, Chloe Sprokel

Arts and Crafts Co.

Chair: Chloé Hoesen **Treasurer**: Julie Cooke **General Members:** Alyssa Jansen, Marit Verboom, Emese Záhonyi, Maud van Kempen

Charity Co.

Chair: Borbála Luca (Lucy) Karvalits **Treasurer**: Andre Inwani **General Members:** Roshni Banerjee, Khang Le, Lea Holzwarth, Cindy Hu, Yagmur Ozbay, Nina Wilczak, Nishka Mewar

Cultural Cooking Co.

Co-Chair, Co-treasurer: Samin Pirnejad, Marijn de Ruiter, Nishka Mewar **General Members**: Robin Tan, Moe Ishii, Isabella (Issy) Tamesis, Xixi Xu

Dance Co.

Chair: Natasha Gaikwad **Treasurer**: Ellie / Hyeju Hwang **General Members**: Enya Al Nemnoum, Mohini Sharma, Sunghyun Im (Song), Nina Wilczak

Debate Co.

Chair: Kristina Babadzhanian **Treasurer**: Maria (Masha) Pakhchanyan **General Members**: Laura Henning, Julian White, Ivan Wijmans, Marie Holvoet, Leire Boj

Exhibition Team

Chair: Shalini Soni **Treasurer**: Baptiste Ayadi **General Members**: Elliot Pavillard-Pitts, Carmijn Van Vliet, Teodora (Tea) Cirjan, Clara Xi Mediavilla

Feminist Co.

Chair: Mariana Lisboa **Treasurer**: Anne Willems **General Members**: Mette Carlsson, Ilinca Ghinescu, Helena Wilkins, Anastasia Larina, Merel Verkleij, Katerina Trojanova, Saheli Kirpalani, Chloe Sprokel

Film and Photography Co.

Chair: Dilay Evler **Treasurer**: Nicole Moorthamer **General Members**: Celeste Simon, Gaja Kapelj Sket, Roos van der Boom, Réka Kaszás

Gala Team

Chair: Patricia Rus Treasurer: Johanna Kneller General Members: Lena Stawecka, Cathelijne Timmermans, Meryn Lewis, Sofia Avila

Games and Entertainment Co.

Chair: X Treasurer: X General Members: X

Health and Wellness Co.

Chair: X Treasurer: X General Members: X

Merch Co.

Chair: Malou Drenth **Treasurer**: Zara Havik **General Members**: Ivar Bakermans, Annick Daniëls, Anabel Oomen, Mariana van den Ende Solis

MEDA

Chair: Enya Al Nemnoum **Treasurer**: Juan Temiño Lems **General Members**: Gabriel Bodtker (ESC), Clara Bilanin (LSC), Niki Petropoulou (SBS), Morris Hoge (SBS), Riann Pardon (SBS), Scarlett Peillet-Long (SBS)

Music Co.

Chair: Rusne Marija Maciute **Co-Treasurers**: Jane van der Bruggen, Isidore Olsommer **General Members**: Theo Clarke, Will Matuszczyk, Myeisha Payung, Gregor Rajnak, Arfa Qureshi

Networking and Acquisition (N & A) Board

Chair: Ritaja Bhattacharjee **Treasurer**: Nienke van den Heuvel **General Members**: Alice Dinet, Jamie Hoogduijn, Kenza Oughlane, Zuzanna Panasewicz

Party Co.

Chair: Léa Tricaud Treasurer: Alexandra Licu General Members: Lena Stawecka, Myrto Angelopoulou, Sara Molnia, Tara Kroos

Performance Co.

Co-Chairs: Alexandra Licu, Ambre Schloesslen **Treasurer**: Yorrick Bronsgeest **General Members**: Marlene Bolms, Kee Nollet, Marit Prinsen, Rebekka van der Put, Julie Vannier, Boyan Blagoev

POC Co.

Chair: Rania Boujghagh **Treasurer**: Andre Inwani **General Member:** Shalini Soni, Sarah de Boer, Warsan Mohamud, Andrei Costa

Podcast Co.

Chair: Néstor López Castillo **Treasurer**: Evangelia Konstanti **General Members:** Scarlett Peillet-Long, Britt Grootendorst, Andrei Costa, Sofia Avila

Queer Co.

Co-chair, co - treasurer: Anaëlle Christ, Leonor Estima **General Members**: Lena Molnar, Isidore Olsommer, Shagun Mayani, Aries Ying

Ski Team

Chair: Lucy Hade **Treasurer**: Laetitia Roest **General Members**: Mats Aeijelts Averink, Isabelle Been, Ivar Bakermans, Gaja Kapelj Sket, Antonin Hauguel, Sanne van der Toorn

Sports Co.

Chair: Rick de Jong **Treasurer**: Elizabeta Pjatecka **General Members:** William Leikauskas, Barnabas Szalontai, Dawid Skowronski, Guido Van Zanten, Tessa Studer

Sustainability Co.

Chair: Akshaj Nair **Treasurer**: Katharina Diebold **General Members**: Irene Chismol Carbonell, Leah Kay, Lena Molnar, James Rance, Céliane Toulouse, Delia Zhu

TEDxEUC Team

Chair: Mohini Sharma **Treasurer**: Alice Luff **General Members**: Dima Al-Ali, Kirills Belikovs, Khoi Luu, Mónica Monfort, Nina Wilczak Valentina Wigny

Travel Co.

Chair: X Treasurer: X General Members: X

UCSRN Team

Chair: Joana de Sousa **Treasurer**: Marit Prinsen **General Members**: Noni Castle, Olga Dimou, Elise Wester, Marin Wielemaker

Writing and Journalism Co.

Co - Chair: Akshaj Nair, Alessandro Rugerri **Treasurer**: Alessandro Rugerri **General Members**: Sterre de Bruijn, Iris Guyader, Isidore Olsommer, Masha Pakhchanyan, Liam Padolina, Neele Rombach

Yearbook Co.

Chair: Alice Debrun Treasurer: Clémentine Heidrich General Members: Marlene Bolms, Céleste Simon, Myrto Angelopoulou

Quad 1 Calendar

Week 1:

- Introweek by EUC & the EUCSA board

Week 2:

- Get to know us drinks by Ski team
- Paralympics Watch Party by Accessibility co

Week 3:

- Social Drinks by the EUCSA board

Week 4:

- Welcome to Rotterdam Run by Sports Co
- Summer Party by Party Co

Week 5:

- Football Match EUC vs LUC by Sports Co
- Queer Movie Night by Film & Photography Co
- Guide Video Screening by the EUCSA board

Week 6:

- Sit In by Accessibility Co
- Panel Discussion by MEDA & Debate Co
- Movie Screening Congo by PoC Co
- Musical Auditions by Performance Co

Week 7:

- Ski Trip Presentation by Ski Team
- Open Mic Night by Music Co
- Body Painting by Accessibility Co
- Bake Sale by Charity Co & Cultural Cooking Co
- Brainstorming Session by Writing & Journalism Co
- Sexy Wine Talks by Fem Co
- Football Match EUC vs UCU and Social Drinks by Sports Co
- Study Groups by EUCSA & SAAC