



Report: Quad 2

Academic Year 2024-2025

The 12th EUCSA Board

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Introduction

Dear tigers,

This is the official report of Quad 2, in which we reflect on our second 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@euca.nl), or in the anonymous feedback form on our [website](#).

The **EUCSA Board** of the academic year 2024/2025 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

For us quad 2 started off with the planning of the EUCSA weekend and other board events, which will be discussed later. After those went smoothly, our work mainly consisted of long term planning including initiatives such as updates on the website and new structures in regards to memberships, that are considered to be implemented in the new school year.

Over the winter break we worked a lot on the internal functions of our board work, in order to improve communication and allow more structure in our quadly planning.

SAAC Collaboration

SAAC and EUCSA have maintained regular communication and cooperation in Quad 2. We have collaborated on two main projects, ACT and Study Groups. Although we are happy with the performance of both these events, communication on task delegation between the two bodies was partly vague, therefore we are working to resolve these issues in Quad 3. Further meetings and events are planned in the upcoming quad to foster collaboration between SAAC and EUCSA.

EUC Relationship

Similar to Quad 1, biweekly meetings were arranged between Kimi, the Chair of EUCSA, and EUC's student life officer, Roel. These meetings were extremely useful to facilitate communication between EUC and our association. We were also able to meet with the Management Team, consisting of Gera, Matthew and Roel, to discuss the health of the association and events of Quad 1. The meeting was very productive, they expressed their gratitude for the association's performance in the first quad. We also discussed ways of making the board positions more attractive, such as through offering extra credits for the work within the board. EUCSA and Management mutually agreed to hold quadly meetings in order to maintain a close relationship.

Further, we received positive feedback from Matthew after attending ACT and the Management Team is showing interest and engagement in the proposals that were discussed.

Assessment of Board Events

EUCSA Weekend

This year's EUCSA weekend was overall a big success. Due to a last minute change of location, tickets were more expensive than expected and only sold very shortly before the event. Still, the weekend was almost sold out and thanks to a collaboration with Milestone, we could account for the missing tickets.

From the location, which was beautifully set in the forest of Drenthe, to the parties and events, everything went very smoothly. We had a lot of fun, great food and lovely company and received almost exclusively great feedback from the attendees. We will recommend the succeeding board to also host a weekend at the same location.

Social Drinks

Due to the timing close to the exam period, the turnout was not very high. Still, the event was very fun and the participants enjoyed drinks and good company.

Quad 2 GA

The attendance at our General Assembly in quad 2 was sufficient and we used the opportunity to update members on our plans for the upcoming weeks. The proposal of some members to establish a Finance and Entrepreneurial Committee was unfortunately not passed, but some ideas of the Committee are considered to be included into MEDA.

Christmas Market

Although we would have preferred slightly more attendance, the Christmas Market was a success. Those that attended seem to be quite pleased with the activities offered and were well engaged, contributing to a wholesome and cozy

atmosphere! However, the gift swap was not very successful, most likely due to a lack of advertising, and the setting up of stands was a little chaotic, since we did not have any map of the market prepared. These points are written down so they can be improved at next year's market!

Financial Overview

Financial assessments & Updates

Despite occasional shortcomings, we have transitioned smoothly into the new fiscal year, and quad 2 events have gone ahead and according to plan. A handful of external sources of revenue have also been utilised in this quad, such as the Milestone sponsorship for the EUCSA weekend and continued partnership on upcoming events, as well as N&A's endeavours bringing in a certain amount as well.

At the same time, costs relating to upcoming projects such as the investment in sports shirts as well as unexpected administrative concerns have been setbacks for the financial health of the association, although generally it remains strong.

Committee Feedback

Progress of Alba's Committees

Arts & Crafts Co

Arts and Crafts Co started the quad strong with their pumpkin carving event and continued their success after hosting a painting swap session at EUC which, after some last-minute complications, was still a great event.

The Co also designed and made the new decoration of the corkboard at the EUC entrance displaying the EUCSA events of the week.

To welcome the winter season, they hosted a Christmas card-making stand together with the UNICEF Rotterdam Youth Team and together with Cultural Cooking Co, they created the famous Sinterclass shoes to use for their Christmas market stand. They further collaborated with Sus Co on their bottle-decoration stand during the Market which had potential which sadly was not seen as its brightest.

All collaborations, within EUCSA and with externals, went smoothly and created a great atmosphere. For the coming quads, they have great events planned as well as a long-term project.

Cultural Cooking Co

Cultural Cooking Co hosted two very successful events this quad that were fully sold out! Firstly, the Hot Pot Night in Lucia was very tasty and cozy. Furthermore, alongside Film and Photo Co they also hosted a Culinary Movie Night, making Ratatouille while watching the movie, which received great feedback — a repetition with another movie is on its way! They also collaborated with Arts and Crafts Co for their Christmas Market stand, hosting a Pepernoten Hunt throughout the day.

Despite some internal management challenges, the committee pulled through and knows how to work better together now, to make even more successful events in the upcoming quads!

Exhibition Team

During the second quad, the Exhibition Team hosted their first event, in which they collaborated with Sustainability Co, to go to the new exhibition “Gardens of the Future. Designing with Nature” at Het Nieuwe Instituut. People joining had a great time and further museum visits will happen throughout the next semester. They also started planning the mid-year exhibition, which will be hosted at EUC with student participation.

Music Co

Music Co hosted two jam sessions in the Lucia Basement, which brought fun jammy people together — more of these will happen in the following semester.

Furthermore, after planning an Open Mic at an external venue, Music Co got some challenges thrown their way and were not able to host the Open Mic during quad 2. However, they have adapted their plans and are motivated for their quad 3 and 4 Open Mics and new events.

Performance Co

Performance Co was busy in quad 2, where they finalised their cast after doing call-backs and almost completed crew recruitments. Rehearsals started successfully and the ensemble started practicing songs and dances.

They finished off the quad by doing a pub crawl to bring everyone involved in the production of the play together, which definitely worked and the great energies will be seen throughout the play!

Queer Collective

Queer Co started off their book club with a little meet-up to get to know each other and decided on the book "Kiss of the Spider Woman" by Manuel Puig which they will discuss after the break.

They also created a Spotify playlist for people to share their songs. Additionally, during this quad, Queer Co also hosted a movie night showing "Bodies Bodies Bodies" and offered some snacks. Even though the movie was not very brightful, the attendants were engaged and enjoyed it.

For the Christmas Market, the committee organised a biscuit decoration stand which gathered sweets and sweet people. Both the book club and movie nights will continue in the following quads.

Ski Team

During quad 2, the Ski team sold out the ski trip tickets in record time (only 10 days!). They started brainstorming ideas on how to best organise classes and worked on the ski merch together with Merch Co.

For the Christmas Market, they joined us with a muffin decoration stand which had a lot of hungry visitors. Overall they had a chill quad and bonded as a team over dinners bringing energies together for quad 3 their busiest quad.

Sustainability Co

Sus Co organized their yearly and successful Meet and Green at the start of the quad. The evening was filled with lectures about the different disciplines of sustainability. They got a variety of guest speakers and organizations attending, and

had a very high number of students joining them as well — overall, an amazing night!

Together with the Exhibition Team, they organised an outing to the new exhibition “Gardens of the Future. Designing with Nature” at Het Nieuwe Instituut, which gathered interested people who enjoyed the evening very much. Additionally, Sus Co tried to organise a cooking workshop which was called off due to a lack of promotion and communication.

Lastly, for their Christmas Market stand they joined forces with Arts and Crafts Co, welcoming people to decorate old glass bottles.

Writing and Journalism Co

Writing and Journalism Co had a busy quad collecting submissions for their magazine and doing interviews. After some issues, the magazine will be distributed in quad 3.

Together with Accessibility Co they hosted a Braille Workshop giving people a chance to engage and learn about accessible communication. Despite the great initiative, the turnout was low, since they had some miscommunication within and outside their committee.

Lastly, together with their Writers Lounge, they started working on the new EUC Blog which will be launched in quad 3.

Progress of Emily's Committees

Charity Co

In the last two months Charity Co has hosted a bake sale, a charity beer pong tournament and Giving Week.

They had some trouble with executing Giving Week due to multiple groups claiming the tables at the entrance, which they had planned to use for promotion.

Even though they have organised multiple events together, they have struggled with bonding as a committee and finding good times to meet considering they have 9 members and are thus larger than the average committee.

In the next quad EUCSA members can look forward to Valentine's Day by Charity Co, a blind escape room in collaboration with Accessibility Co, and there is even more still in the works.

Debating Co

During Quad 2, Debate Co has been actively working to unite the active and argumentatively powerful EUC community. They successfully launched the Debate Club, kicking off with an introductory session on November 13th. Since then, they have been hosting regular biweekly sessions and will continue to welcome new members in quad 3.

In December, they took part in the EUCSA Christmas market with a heated debate about which celebrities should go on a naughty or nice list.

To wrap up the year, they hosted the much-anticipated Drunk Debate on December 6th in Lucia Basement, where participants celebrated the end of the quad with festive prompts and arguments.

Merch Co

In Quad 2, Merch Co started with distributing the EUC hoodies. They sold 140 units, which is an increase in comparison to their sales of a similar hoodie last year.

They also started a new project with Sports Co for their sports jerseys. After discussing multiple different concepts throughout the quad the two committees created a beautiful tiger stripe design that would represent EUC and EUCSA at the UCSRN tournament. Merch Co ended the quad by finalising the design for the Ski Team ski trip to Alpe D'Huez at the end of Quad 3! They are excited for the results which will be revealed in Quad 3.

Travel Co

Unfortunately Travel Co has no members this year.

POC Co

This quad, the POC Collective celebrated Moroccan Independence Day while co-hosting a nostalgic 90s Hip-Hop Party with Party Co, which drew a large and

enthusiastic crowd. Additionally, they worked on impactful advocacy initiatives, including the development of a Hate Speech Policy, by holding meetings with management and the Diversity & Inclusion Officer.

Looking ahead, they're excited about the many events that are planned for the next quad, including Black History Month activities, an iftar for Ramadan, and more.

They recognise challenges in organising these events in a relatively short time frame as well as in improving their promotion to maximise engagement. However, POC Co is an incredibly motivated and supportive group.

Podcast Co

The Podcast Committee this quad managed to film two podcasts of their own interest that ended up getting some positive feedback. They also conducted some interviews in collaboration with MEDA as well as at the EUCSA social drinks event.

The biggest struggle was getting all committee members engaged and on the same page about tasks. Other than that they had a drop out from the committee which reflected the lack of interest from that person's part.

For quad 3 they have some interesting podcast ideas and potentially a valentine's day event which they hope to bring to life.

TEDxEUC

This quad the EUCx Team held its first fun and engaging event: the Yap competition. During this event, 4 Teams battled each other in the art of public speaking in a fun and chill environment.

Additionally, the EUCx Team obtained the TEDx license and converted into the TEDx Team and from then on only focused on organising a large TEDx event which will take place in quad 4 on the 9th of April. The rest of quad 2 and the plan for quad 3 is focused on the organization of various aspects of the TEDx Event, such as finding speakers, sponsors and a location.

Since they are a large team, the main challenge is keeping members centered on maintaining a collective goal and not losing the main narrative of the TEDx event in the individual task teams.

UCSRN Team

This quad, the UCSRN Team finally got to meet in person as the chair and treasurer returned from exchange.

The main objective of the Team is organising the UCSRN tournament which will take place in quad 4. They have diligently been working towards that goal and are very excited to see their hard work come to life when the tournament takes place, for which they recruited new members to join the subteams of the tournament organisation and had an event where all members got to know each other.

For quad 3 they are also planning on organising a trip to the Spotlight competition at AUC in February.

Progress of Violette's Committees

Accessibility Co

This quad, the Accessibility Committee introduced an impactful initiative that set a new benchmark for inclusivity at EUC. They hosted the first-ever Blindfolded Dinner, an immersive experience that sold out and was widely appreciated.

Additionally, they collaborated with the Writing & Journalism Committee to organize a Braille Workshop, offering participants an engaging introduction to accessible communication. Unfortunately, this event did not have much attendance due to late promotion.

The committee has nice ideas for the future as the members are very motivated.

Party Co

This quad, the Party Committee kept the energy high with some amazing events despite a member replacement. They teamed up with Charity Co for a Beer Pong Tournament, with all profits going to the Red Cross. This was a very fun event everyone enjoyed.

They also hosted a 90s-themed party in collaboration with POC co that was a big success, with great promo to match. Looking ahead, they're already working on Quad 3's big party and some smaller events, promising even more exciting times ahead!

Sports Co

The Sports Committee kept things running smoothly with their regular training sessions, which continued to be a success. They introduced with the board the Sports Pass to make sports activities more accessible. Moreover, they participated in a few exciting matches.

In collaboration with Merch Co, they launched a personalized sports jersey during the break at the end of the Quad, which was a great addition for the community.

Dance Co

This quad, the Dance Committee organized a Salsa Workshop and an Open Class in order to learn a Hip Hop Choreo, both of which were a lot of fun for everyone who joined.

They also started working on the logistics for the UCSRN tournament, which is coming up soon.

They have also been collaborating with the Party Committee on an exciting event for Quad 3.

Feminist Collective

This quad, the Feminist Collective continued to create engaging events. They hosted another edition of their very popular Sexy Wine Talks, which as always was a huge hit and a nice open space for discussion.

They also organized a powerful screening of the film 4 Months, 3 Weeks, and 2 Days, which delved into abortion laws. In addition to these events, they've been fostering a tight-knit and supportive atmosphere within the group with some lovely and welcoming committee dinners.

Film and Photo Co

At the start of the quad, the Film and Photo Committee kicked things off with a Halloween screening of The Shining, which was a great way to set the vibe. Then they organized their first-ever Ratatouille Night, where we watched the movie,

cooked the iconic dishes from it, and shared a delicious meal. This event really was a hit as everyone had a lot of fun.

To wrap things up, they held a screening of Elf after the Christmas Market. While it didn't have a big turnout, it was still a nice way to end the quad on a festive note.

Gala Team

The Gala Team focused on getting the foundational pieces in place for the big event. After exploring different options, they finalized the venue, thus checking the most important item of their list. To continue their planning process, they also decided on an exciting theme which will be revealed later in the year to build anticipation.

In addition, they started brainstorming and outlining their promotion plan, which should kick off soon to get everyone hyped for the event. While there still is a lot to do, they've taken some key steps to set the stage for what promises to be a memorable gala.

Health and Wellness Co

Health & Wellness Co was unfortunately not active this quad.

Yearbook Co

The Yearbook Committee made significant steps this quad, completing the outline and finalizing all the content they want to include in the yearbook.

They also organized very successful picture days, where they took portraits of everyone, ensuring that as many EUC students as possible will be featured.

In addition to that, they've been busy sorting through all the photos from the events that took place in the first half of the academic year. The hard work is coming up quad 3 but they are definitely ready for it!

Progress of Kimi's Committee

Games and Entertainment Co

Games Co. has made slow but steady progress on this quad. The committee has finally found members and is now functional, boasting its first event of the year: the Board Game Night. While it has not been very active in this quad, Games Co. has mostly focused on preparing for this second semester, which will hopefully be quite eventful, with it having plenty of big events lined up. This will also be helped by the fact of a couple Games Co. members returning from their exchanges. We are very excited and confident in what is to come!

Progress of Gijs' Projects

MEDA

Whilst preparing intensely for the Career Week in quad 3, MEDA also initiated a number of projects and smaller events during Quad 2. Among these, the Master's Buddy Program was a grand success, matching EUC-ers to Masters with similar majors, as well as hosting a Pre-Med Alumni Panel, collaborating with ACES throughout.

The Finance & Entrepreneurship Committee (FEC) Proposal at the GA initially put a wrinkle in their planning, and although FEC was not passed, their efforts have partly been redirected to invigorate MEDA even more.

N&A Board

This Quad, the N&A Board really got going, tirelessly sending out emails to acquire partnerships with external organisations and streamlining the Erasmus trust fund application process. These efforts culminated in a partnership with Careerfair, a platform which hosts live streams for internships and job opportunities, and a submitted trust fund application on the behalf of TEDxEUC, Performance Co and the UCSRN Team.

Intersectional Council and Advisory Board

We met almost weekly with the Intersectional Council, mostly to discuss inclusivity and safety measures for both the Christmas market and the EUCSA weekend and both events had no shortcomings in these fields, due to the consultation of the IC. We have also begun to discuss the DiversityWeek, which is coming about slowly and is planned for the beginning of quad 3.

As for the Advisory Board, we have only contacted them about minor questions. We are planning a more formalized meeting in quad 3, in order to discuss possible impactful reforms.

Quad 2 Overview

Week 1:

- This week all EUCSA events were cancelled in respect of our classmate Julia's passing. We express our sincere condolences to her family, friends and everyone who was close to her.

Week 2:

- Arts and Crafts Co Pumpkin Carving
- "Gloves Off" Auditions
- Party Co x Charity Co Beer Pong Tournament

Week 3:

- Accessibility Co Blindfolded Dinner
- Yearbook Co Picture days
- EUCx Yap Competition

Week 4:

- PoC Co Moroccan Independence Day Celebration
- Queer Co Movie Night
- Games Co Board Games
- Arts and Crafts Co Painting Swap
- Cultural Cooking Co Hot Pot Night

Week 5:

- Charity Co Giving Week
- Board Social Drinks
- Party Co x PoC Co HipHop Party
- Feminist Co Sexy Wine Talks
- UCSRN Team Scarf Sale

- EUCSA Weekend

Week 6:

- Dance Co Open Dance Class
- Arts and Crafts Co Paper Shoe Making
- Cultural Cooking Co x Film and Photo Co Culinary Movie Night
- MEDA Screening "Trial of the Chicago 7"
- Exhibition Team x Sustainability Co Museum Visit
- Music Co Jam Session
- EUCSA Board x Committees Christmas Market
- Debate Co Drunk Debate
- UCSRN Team x LUC Christmas Market Visit

Week 7:

- Accessibility Co x Writing and Journalism Co Braille Workshop
- Music Co Jam Session
- Charity Co Christmas Donations
- EUCSA x SAAC Assembly for Change and Transformation
- EUCSA General Assembly
- MEDA Q&A Session
- EUCSA x SAAC Study Groups