



At a glance



Erasmus University Rotterdam Making Minds Matter.

The academics, students and alumni of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) endeavor to solve complex global societal challenges, drawing inspiration from the thriving modern metropolis Rotterdam. We contribute to our society, not as a knowledge institute at a distance, but as a knowledge centre in the midst of society. If others say it isn't possible, we do it in Rotterdam.

Our mission: creating positive societal impact

Our mission is based on our shared core values. These values define what it means to be an Erasmian.

ERASMIAN VALUES



Helping students develop into critically-minded world citizens is key to our educational vision.

Education: dynamic and future-oriented



Erasmus University Rotterdam is an internationally respected, innovative and vibrant university that is driven to make a positive societal impact. We integrate high-quality academic research into our challenging and inspiring Bachelor, Master, PhD, executive programmes and online education. Our research-based education helps students develop the skills required for the current and future job market. We stimulate students to think further than their assumptions: to explore other perspectives, search for new solutions and discover different insights.

Whatever a student's background, age or goals may be, EUR offers a wide range of educational programmes to make your ambitions happen. One example: the broad Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor programme at Erasmus University College. It is a small-scale, intensive, problem-based education programme, anchored in the real urban life of Rotterdam thanks to the College's location in the city centre.

At the other end of the educational spectrum, EUR offers around 80 executive programmes for professionals, including advanced courses, post-experience masters, master classes and in-company training programmes. Many (international) corporations, ministries and other governmental bodies send their staff to these programmes for lifelong learning.

Internally, our own teaching staff is stimulated to keep developing and innovating, creating synergies and connections within our Community for Learning & Innovation.

Internationalisation

Internationalisation is one of the major forces at work in EUR's continual drive towards excellence. This is reflected in the number of English-taught, accredited degree programmes, from BA & BSc and MA & MSc through PhD and executive level; and also in the increasing number of joint educational programmes with 300+ prominent international partner universities in every region of the world. The global character of our Woudestein campus validates EUR's international allure: we attract students, staff and academics representing more than 130 nationalities.

Societal challenges

Our mission is to create a positive societal impact, the Erasmian way. We strive to understand and make progress towards solving complex societal challenges, with alignment in our core activities of education and research and in close cooperation with our partners locally and globally.

Through our scholars' published research, our educational programmes, and our environment – Rotterdam, a city that demands innovation and offers a wealth of real-life data – we address questions, such as: How can we keep our healthcare system affordable? What is the potential of AI for our society, while keeping risks to a minimum? How can we ensure prosperity in terms of quality of life, sustainability and inclusive growth?

EUR's socially relevant research is increasingly carried out by interdisciplinary teams, often comprised of international scholars.

Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Universities

EUR, together with TU Delft and Leiden University, has formed a regional partnership in the strategic alliance: Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Universities. Through innovative and outstanding teaching and research with societal partners, LDE contributes towards understanding and solving the major and complex issues of our time.

Convergence EUR, Erasmus MC and TU Delft

The urgent challenges of our time call for convergence; the crossing of boundaries between institutes and disciplines to create new perspectives and solutions. For this reason, TU Delft, Erasmus MC and Erasmus University Rotterdam are joining forces in the Convergence. Within the alliance we are working on a number of themes: Resilient Delta, Health & Technology, AI & Data.

UNIC

UNIC is a European alliance of eight universities, including Erasmus University Rotterdam, based in post-industrial cities with a mission to boost mobility and inclusion for societal impact. Ten years from now, UNIC students and university staff will enjoy a truly European learning, teaching and working experience.



Interdisciplinary impact: Resilient Delta

Tackling today's global societal challenges such as poverty and inequality, air pollution, population density and major technological changes, requires resilience. Especially in the delta regions, which are home to more than two-thirds of the world's largest cities and are at risk from rising sea levels owing to their geographical location. Within Resilient Delta we work in an interdisciplinary way in the academic field, collaborating with societal partners to design resilience solutions in the real-world dynamics of our living lab, the Rotterdam delta.

Ever changing Rotterdam

Pioneering, hard-working, entrepreneurial and no-nonsense: that is the City of Rotterdam, a modern metropolis built around the largest port in Europe. Home to citizens representing more than 170 nationalities, 65,000 students and many multinational companies, Rotterdam is a microcosm of the world.

The city, which has been flagged as a 'must see' in the New York Times, Lonely Planet and the Guardian, offers Erasmus University Rotterdam the ideal academic laboratory for developing its scientific knowledge and putting it into practice. The university plays a prominent role by making substantial contributions in health care, and the economic and socio-cultural development of the city and the region. Our range of activities expands to the greater Rotterdam area, up to The Hague.

Together with several partners in the city, we aim to raise the already-high profile of Rotterdam even further, helping to attract the highly educated, businesses, trade, visitors and engaged citizens from all over the world. The brand alliance shared motto 'Make it happen' perfectly reflects what the city stands for and puts Rotterdam more clearly on the map.



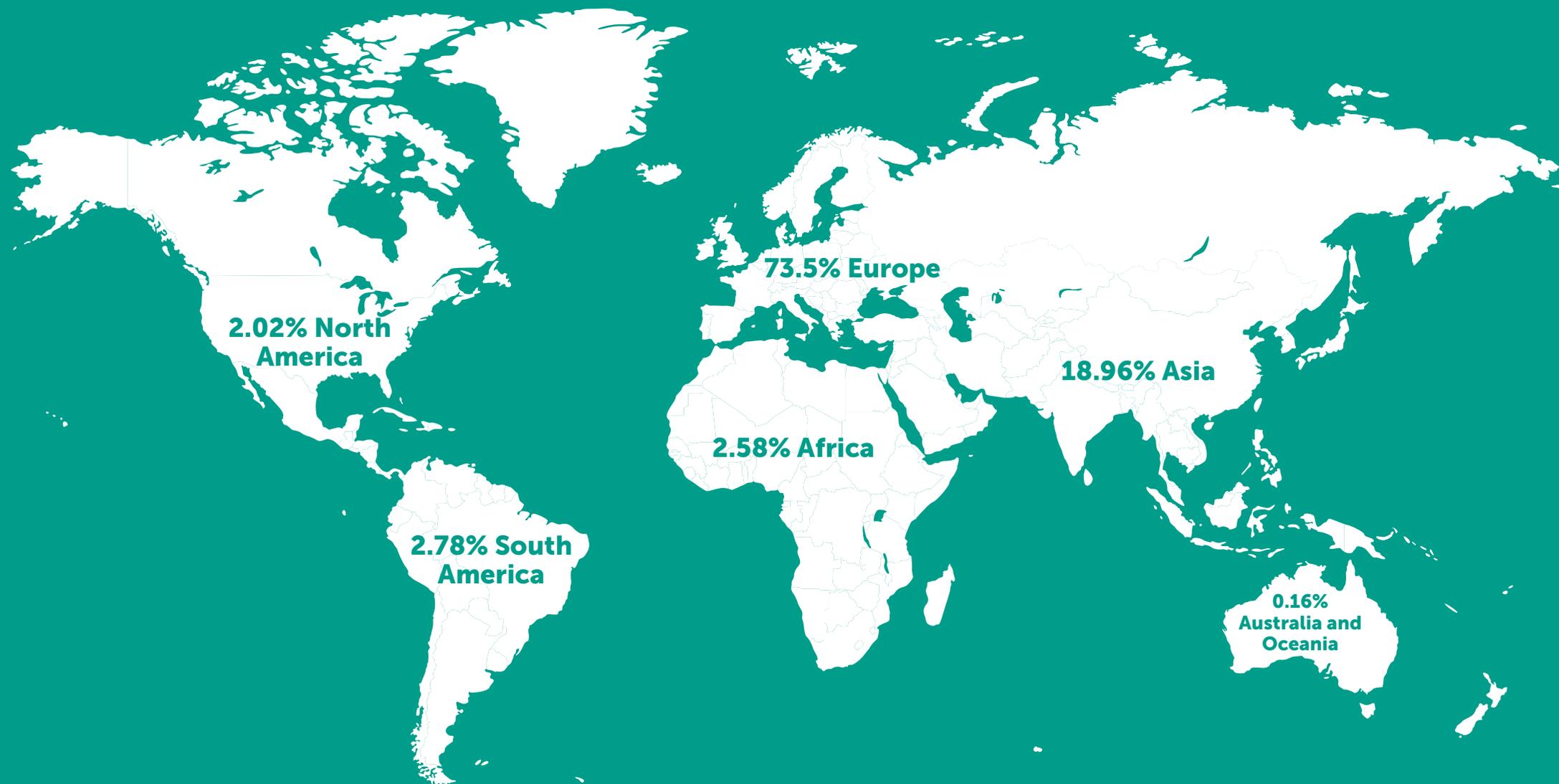
Rooted in the Rotterdam business community

In 1913 local businessmen and leaders regarded the proper education and development of future generations essential in ensuring that the Port and City of Rotterdam would continue to flourish. That year, they founded the Netherlands School of Commerce for professional business education.

In 1939, this private school was transformed into the Netherlands School of Economics (NEH), which gained worldwide fame for its education and research in the fields of economics and econometrics, including the first Nobel Prize in Economics. The merger of the NEH and the Medical Faculty Rotterdam (1966) resulted in the formation of Erasmus University Rotterdam (1973).

Facts & figures

Origin of our foreign students



36,907
students

incl. pre-master students

MA BA
13,127 22,538

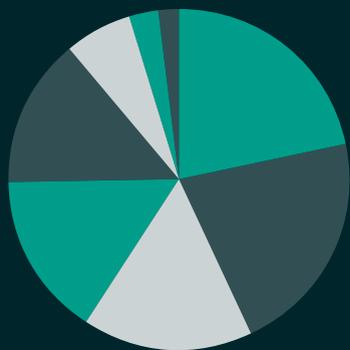
Diplomas **Doctorate**
10,108 360

3,885
employees

Male Female
44% 56%

Professors
452

Ratio of students at our schools



- 21.87%** Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University
- 20.68%** Erasmus School of Economics
- 15.63%** Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences
- 15.40%** Erasmus School of Law
- 10.87%** Erasmus University Medical Centre (Erasmus MC)
- 6.87%** Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication
- 4.44%** Erasmus School of Health, Policy & Management
- 2.44%** Erasmus School of Philosophy
- 1.79%** Erasmus University College

Locations



Ratio national and international students



75.5% National



24.5% International

Revenue
€ 752 M

Global impact

Founded in 1913 by Rotterdam businessmen, Erasmus University's scope has always been the world. Nowadays, EUR supports its international ambitions by making considerable investments in its global research network – worldwide hubs of knowledge in our core fields of expertise.

Our schools and institutes are actively engaged in international research cooperation in their fields, and this lively scientific network means that delegations of scientists and administrators regularly visit our university. In fact Erasmus University has more than 70 institutional Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with top global institutions.

And for over 50 years our International Institute of Social Studies and the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies have been providing post-graduate education and consultancy services in the field of human and institutional capacity building outside Western Europe.

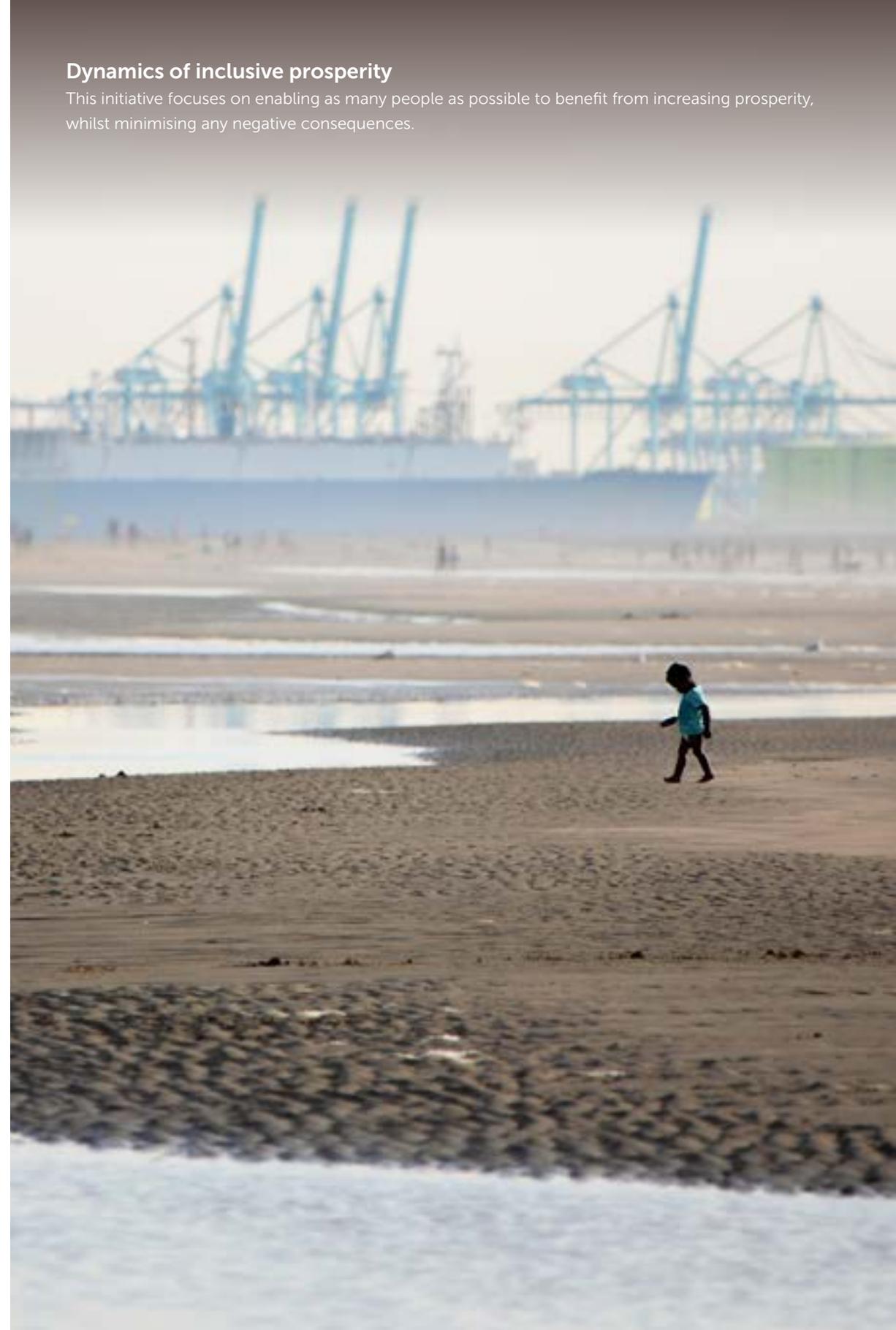
Erasmus Initiatives

Erasmus University Rotterdam compiled four ambitious plans for streamlining academic initiatives and efforts, and increasing societal and economic impact with interdisciplinary research:

- Dynamics of inclusive prosperity
- Smarter choices for better health
- Vital cities and citizens
- Societal impact of AI

Dynamics of inclusive prosperity

This initiative focuses on enabling as many people as possible to benefit from increasing prosperity, whilst minimising any negative consequences.



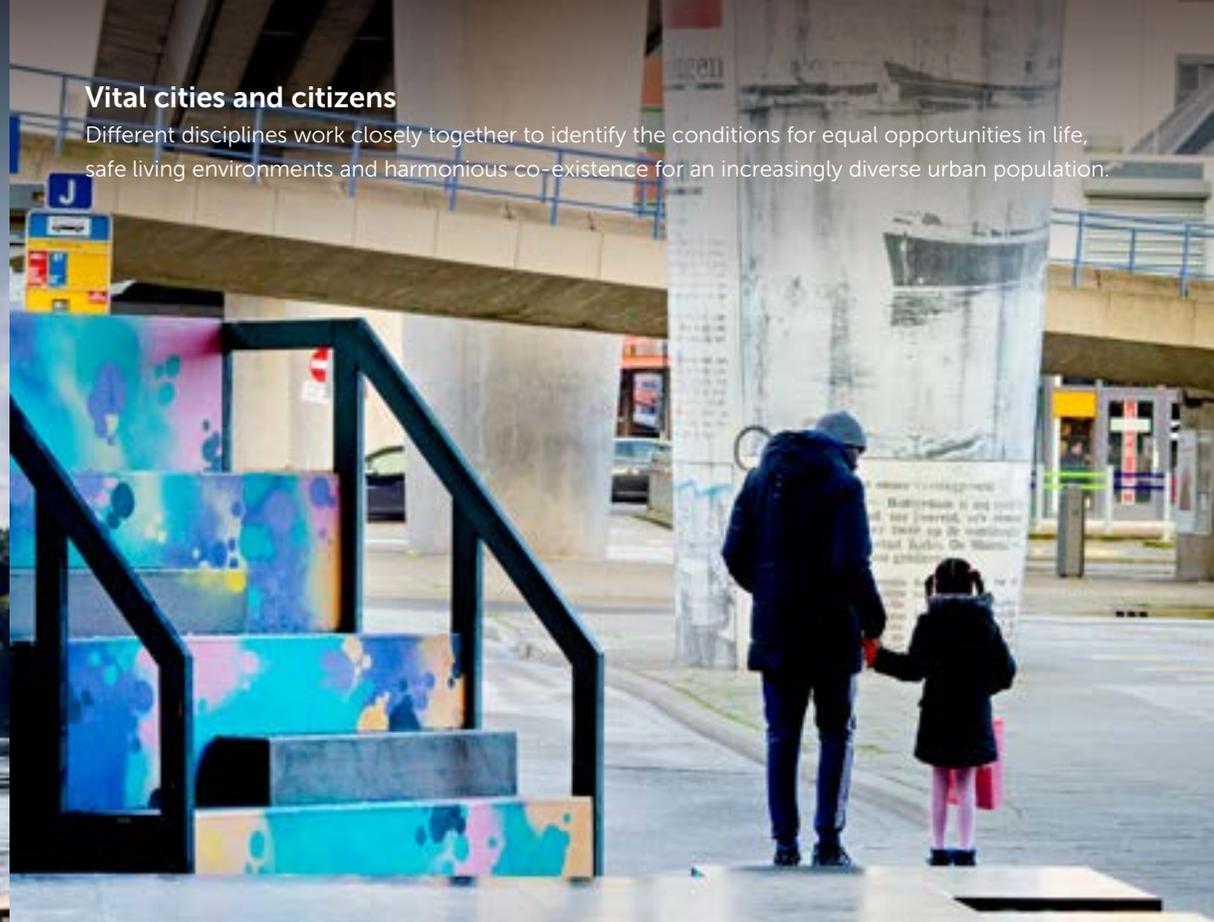
Smarter choices for better health

Lifestyle and preventive measures play an important role in improving health and life expectancy. This initiative aims to contribute to better health worldwide by promoting smarter choices.



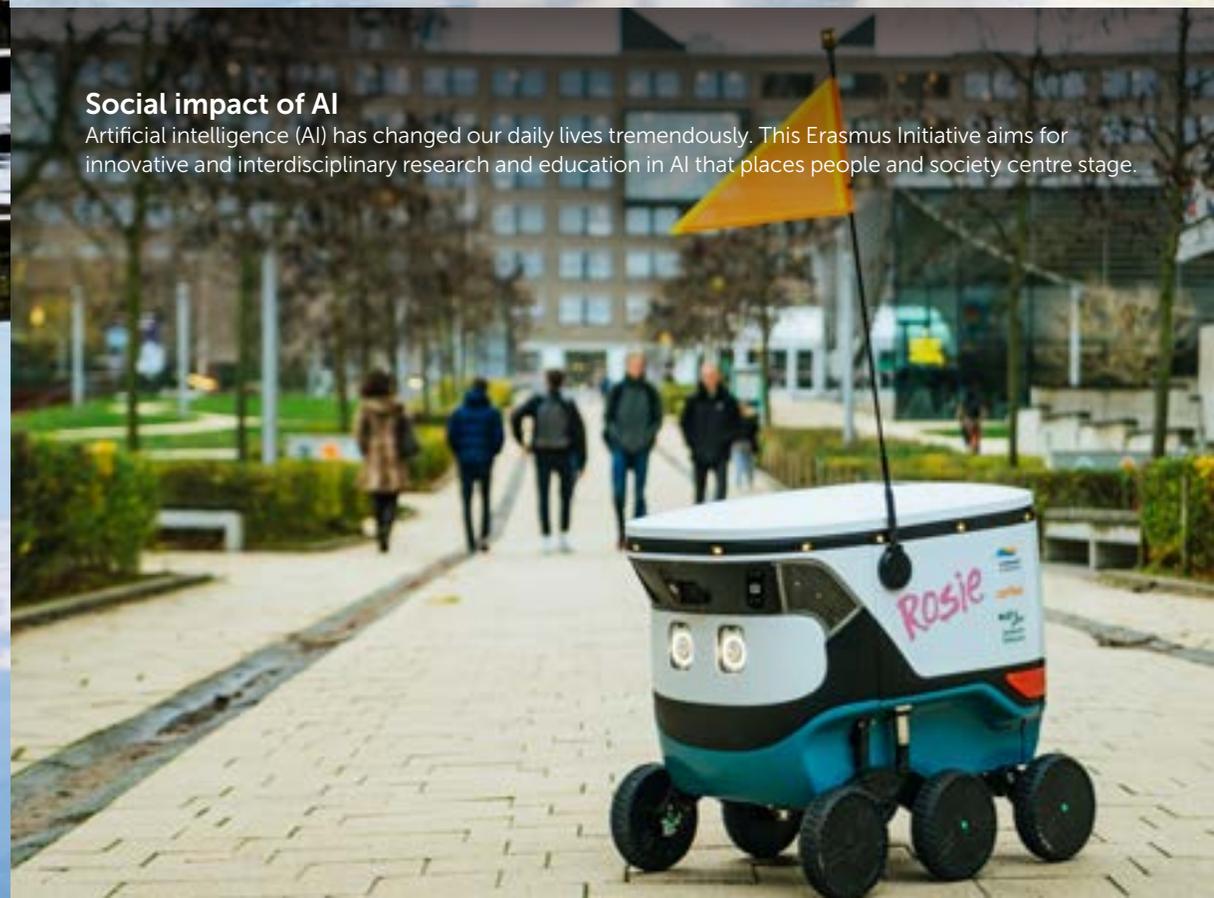
Vital cities and citizens

Different disciplines work closely together to identify the conditions for equal opportunities in life, safe living environments and harmonious co-existence for an increasingly diverse urban population.



Social impact of AI

Artificial intelligence (AI) has changed our daily lives tremendously. This Erasmus Initiative aims for innovative and interdisciplinary research and education in AI that places people and society centre stage.





Woudestein Campus

Erasmus University has four locations: Woudestein Campus, Erasmus University College and Erasmus University Medical Centre (Erasmus MC) in Rotterdam, and the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague. Our biggest hub is Woudestein Campus, which offers all the convenience and comfort of a modern and sustainable environment. This 'mini-city' within Rotterdam includes student housing, sports facilities, grand café, theatre, supermarket, hairdresser, bookstore and bike shop. Outside of class time, students study in the light-filled Polak Building or at our state-of-the-art University Library, grab a coffee at the Food Plaza, or attend an event at the Erasmus Pavilion.

Erasmus Trust Fund

With over 100,000 graduates in more than 100 countries across the world, our alumni comprise a broad and thriving community of business and civic leaders, and the top global academics and thought leaders. Alumni and others are invited to contribute to the groundbreaking research done in Rotterdam by donating to the Erasmus Trust Fund, the official support fund of Erasmus University Rotterdam. The fund supports scientific research and students at our university.



Nobel Prize
winner
Jan Tinbergen
(1903 – 1994)



The very first Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to Professor Jan Tinbergen (and his co-recipient, the Norwegian econometrist Ragnar Frisch) in 1969. Tinbergen was a professor at EUR for 40 years, and was one of the founding fathers of the Econometric Institute in 1956. He gained international fame for his pioneering work in the field of econometric model building, and as an advisor to international organisations in a variety of developing countries.

Erasmus of Rotterdam

The entire world is my home

Erasmus University Rotterdam takes its name from the great philosopher, theologian, and humanist, Desiderius Erasmus (Rotterdam 1466 – Basel 1536). He was one of the great minds of the Renaissance and had a great influence on the intellectual and cultural climate, thanks to his use of the new means of communication of his time:

the writing, printing and distribution of books. As a traveler throughout Europe, Erasmus became one of the first true cosmopolitans: 'I don't want to be a citizen of a particular city, but one of the entire world' (*ego mundi civis esse cupido, communis omnium*).



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