

Information Sheet for EUC First Years '21-22

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Getting to Rotterdam (from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport)

You arrived In the Netherlands, what now? How do you get to Rotterdam?

One of the easiest options is taking the **train** from the station *Schiphol Airport* to *Rotterdam Centraal* (the Central Station of Rotterdam). It can bring you to the heart of Rotterdam in less than 30 minutes!

There are two direct trains you can take; we have listed them here for you:

- **Intercity direct (direction Breda) (€16)**
For this train you are required to buy an additional supplement ticket for €2,60, but it will bring you to Rotterdam in less than 30 minutes.
- **(IC) Intercity (direction Dordrecht) (€13,40)**
This train takes a bit longer than the intercity direct (50 minutes), but it saves you some money.

The NS app and the Ticket Machines

The *NS app* (see useful apps) makes your life easier, as it allows you to plan your trip and buy your ticket online. In the planner, fill in the starting station 'Schiphol Airport' and the end station 'Rotterdam Centraal', it will provide you with the different trains (and times) you can take. Click on a journey that works for you, and it gives you the option to buy the train ticket (either first class (more comfort, but more expensive) or second class).

If you do not want to have a virtual ticket you can go to one of the ticket vending machines on the station. They are easy to find, as they are bright yellow (see the picture below)! You basically follow the same procedure as if you were being the ticket in the app. However, buying a tangible ticket will cost you €1 extra.



OV-Chipkaart

Another option for a ticket is buying an *OV-Chipkaart*, this is a plastic card you use to pay for public transport in the Netherlands. You can either put a specific amount of money on the card or you can buy a subscription (something you want to look into if you use public transport often).

There are two kinds of cards: an anonymous one and a personal one. An anonymous one cannot be used for subscriptions, while a personal one can. You can purchase the anonymous one at a service point in the station and the personal one you can buy online (they are both €7,50). You can add money to the card by using one of the “yellow boxes” (see the picture below) in the train station or one of the vending machines in the metro station. Be aware that if you have a card (without a subscription), you need at least €20 on the card for travelling by train. Also, if you use the OV-Chipkaart for the Intercity Direct, you need to scan your card twice (to pay the supplement).

For more information on the OV-Chipkaart, click [here](#).



From the Central Station you can use the Map of Rotterdam (see below) to get to Lucia.

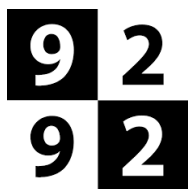
Useful Apps

Transport

- **OV-Chipkaart** – An accompanying app to OV-Chipkaart, helps you manage your chipcard, add credit for travel, etc.



- **9292** - City Transport app. You can use it to plan your way around the public transport in Rotterdam.



- **NS** - Rail app. Helpful in booking your tickets and finding connections between all major Dutch cities.



University Life

- **OSIRIS Erasmus University** - An accompanying app to OSIRIS. You can view your grades, see your student card, etc.



- **Canvas Student** – An accompanying app to Canvas. You can view your course pages, submit assignments, and view feedback.



- **Outlook** – In Outlook you can access your student mail account.



- **Campus Print** - Useful in printing on campus and topping you your credit.



Government Stuff

- **DigiD** - Provides digital authorization needed for most government websites. (Hint: Very important! We recommend you to register for this as soon as possible!)



- **Berichten-box** - Here you can view your messages from government offices.



Other

- **Drops/Buienalarm** - Provides a detailed overview of rain intensity and weather conditions in the coming hours. Very accurate and needed in the Netherlands!



- **Tikkie** - Used for sending payments and splitting the bill.



- **iDEAL** – For QR code payments.



Map of Rotterdam

This Google Maps link has the locations of essential places in Rotterdam:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1Eh3K88bu0F2WdSXkcQvMOPNaEnvOxJod&usp=sharing>

Useful addresses

- **Lucia Living:** Stadhuisplein 30, 3012 AS Rotterdam
- **EUC Building:** Nieuwemarkt 1a, 3011 HB Rotterdam
- **EUR Campus:** Burgemeester Oudlaan, 3062 PA Rotterdam