

#### Goal of this session

- Expertise exchange
- Sharing lessons learned and best practices
- Inspire each other
- Community building





How do we valorize student wellbeing in a multidiverse community?



## What is wellbeing?

"...a state in which the individual realizes their own abilities, can cope with normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully and is able to make a contribution to their community." (WHO)



## Why wellbeing?

What is the mission of a higher education institution?

- Education
- Knowledge
- Contribute to society

#### **Human aspect:**

- Wellbeing is a prerequisite for being agents of change
- Focus only on academic achievement is not sufficient!



#### Our mission



#### From study success to student success

Student success includes academic achievement AND the wellbeing and personal skills that enable students to develop their talents and create impact in a complex society



#### The context:

## The city of Rotterdam

2nd largest city in NL

> 170 nationalities

Largest seaport in EU

- Urban city of Rotterdam > 1,160,000
   inhabitants
- > 50% population with a migration background
- Open and modern city => nearly fully rebuilt after WW2



#### The context:

## Diversity @EUR





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# Our strategy Values

- Person-centeredness
- Inclusivity
- Accessibility
- Rooted in scientific evidence
- Innovation
- Transparency in goals and outcomes
- Free of charge



#### Goals

- Promote focus on student success
- Normalize wellbeing and self-care
- From and for all students
- University-wide system approach
- Variety of services
- Timely support
- Evidence-based innovation



### Our strategy

- System approach across education and research:
  - Policies
  - Services
  - Campaigns / interventions
- Targets: Students, employees, environment
- Model of change: what are the determinants of wellbeing?
- Agents of change: Interrelated professional and academic roles within and across domains
- Evidence-based foundation

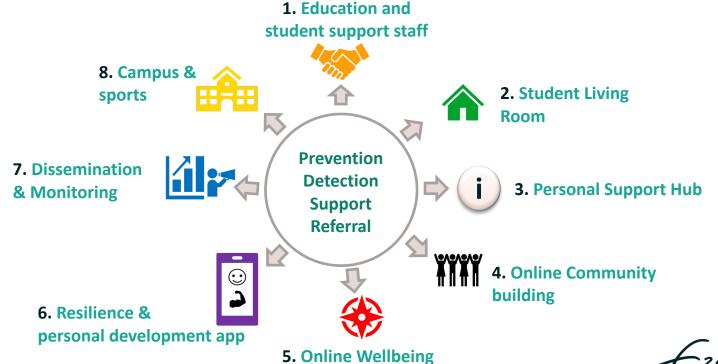


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## Our strategy: a comprehensive programme





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#### **Student support**

**Erasmus University Rotterdam** 

**Making Minds Matter** 

#### Version: July 2023 **Practical matters Personal matters Workshops and** social activities Peer-to-peer Professional Living room Study advisor (faculty) Central student **Erasmus Student Service** Centre (ESSC) support team Personal Support Hub Student counsellors and team Studying with a Functional Impairment (SMF) International office Study advisor (faculty) @ease LifeVersity Tutors/teachers (faculty) Student psychologists **Caring Universities** Study advisor (faculty) Living Room Career advisors Confidential counsellors Uni-Life app Safe@EUR Siggie online coaching Spiritual counsellor General practitioner

Mental healthcare

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#### Living Room & Personal Support Hub





## Wellbeing Weeks

| June 10th till June 14th 2024 Student Wellbeing Week Campus Woudestein  |   |  |   |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Monday 10/6   | Tuesday 11/6  | Wednesday 12/6   | Thursday 13/6   | Friday 14/6  |
| CANCELLED: Talking Taboo:<br>Student Dialogue with VOAW<br>Living Room<br>09:00-12:00                           | Circle of Wellness: Mentor-led<br>Support for You<br>Personal Support Hub<br>10:00-12:00  | Breaking Barriers: Peer-to-Peer<br>Suicide Prevention<br>Living Room<br>11:00-12:30              | Reality Check: How to deal with<br>expectations vs. reality<br>Langeveld 1.16<br>11:00-12:15                                    | Music's Mental Toolbox: Use your<br>favorite music for your well-being<br>Langeveld 3.19<br>11:00-12:30  |
| Dopamine Detox - Regain True<br>Happiness<br>Theil C1-1<br>13:00-14:45  | Exploring Personality and Potential<br>careers with Al<br>Living Room<br>11:00-12:30  | Workshop perfectionism: break<br>the cycle of never good enough<br>Langeveld 2.14<br>11:30-13:00 | CANCELLED: Exp. Robinson &<br>Personal Leadership by Jan van<br>Halst, Director AFC Ajax<br>Erasmus Sport Hall 4<br>11:00-14:30 | Healthy habits: how to change your<br>behaviour and create habits<br>Langeveld 0.08<br>13:00-15:00       |
| Tote bag painting with Uni-Life! Langeveld 3.12 14:00-15:30   | <b>Chill down: Ice Bath</b> <i>Erasmus Plaza</i> 11:00 - 13:00  | <b>Walk-in hour: let's talk about drugs</b><br>Personal Support Hub<br>13:00-14:00               | How to pitch yourself Polak 3.08 13:00-14:45  | <b>EFR Bubble Ball</b> Erasmus Sport Beachvolleyball fields 13:00-16:00                                  |
| Ecstatic Dance - dance freety,<br>experience everything!<br>Erasmus Sport Hatta Upstairs (Right)<br>14:00-16:00 | Paws & Punches: Building<br>Resilience and Social Skills with<br>Human-Canin Sports<br>Erasmus Sports Hatta Upstairs<br>14:00-16:00 | Awakening Awareness: Exploring<br>Mindfulness Through the Senses<br>Living Room<br>14:00 - 16:00 | Empowerment through Krav Maga:<br>Self-Defense Workshop<br>Erasmus Sport Hatta Downstairs<br>13:30-16:00                        | The art and skill of negotiation<br>Langeveld 3.19<br>15:00-17:00  |
| Time and stressmanagement: how<br>to keep enjoying your busy life<br>Langeveld 3.14<br>15:00-16:30              | Outside day: FREE snacks, lounge<br>area and much more wellbeing<br>activities!<br>@ Erasmus Plaza<br>14:00 - 17:00                 | Authentic Leadership towards Peak<br>Performance<br>Langeveld 2.14<br>15:00-17:00                | CANCELLED: 3x3 Unites Basketball<br>Leadership<br>Erasmus Sport Hall 3<br>13:30-15:30   | Boxing Bag Class<br>Erasmus Sport Hall 4<br>18:00-18:50  |
| Let's talk about sex — The<br>perception of contraception<br>Living Room<br>15:30-17:30                         | <b>Mocktail Workshop</b><br><i>Living Room</i><br>15:00-16:30   | Keeping your Head above Water: a<br>Cash Course<br>Langeveld 4.18<br>15:30-17:00                 | Food with(out) your senses:<br>communication workshop<br>Living Room<br>14:00-15:30   | Take a study break and join one of<br>the activities in the Library!<br>@ University Library<br>All week |
| Break free from worrying!<br>Langeveld 1.14<br>16:00-17:30  | Sip and Paint Workshop: safer<br>spaces!<br>Erasmus Pavilion<br>15:30-17:00   | <b>HIT Workout</b><br>Erasmus Sport Hall 5<br>19:00-19:50  | Heartbeat festivall<br>Color Dance<br>Erasmus Plaza, 15:00-17:00<br>Wellbeing Street<br>Next to Polak, 16:00-22:00              | Sign up nowl   |
| Strength and Conditioning Erasmus Sport Hall 5 17:00-17:50  | Strong Nation Workout<br>Erasmus Sport Hall 5<br>19:00-19:50  | <b>MOVE Y</b>  | OUR MIND POTENTIAL  |  |

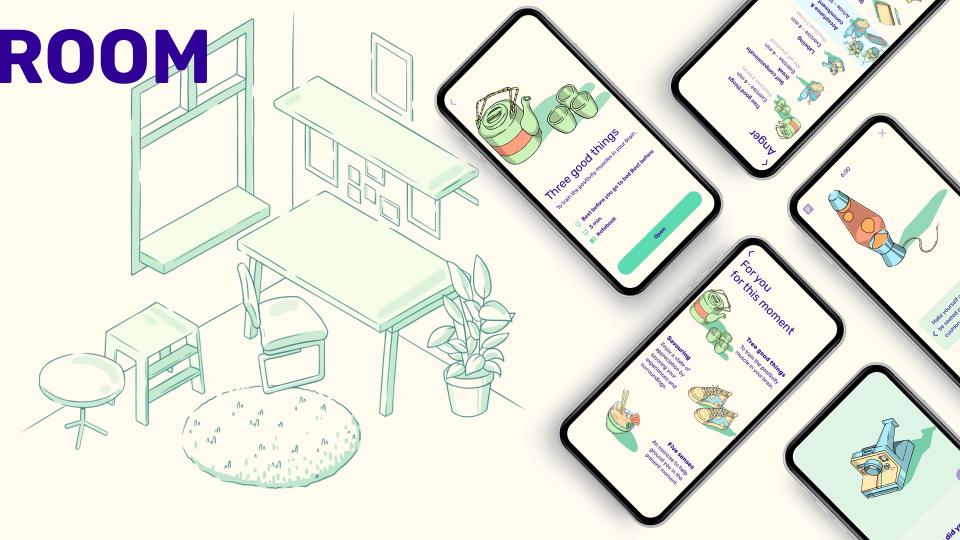


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Wellbeing Weeks



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## Student Wellbeing policy



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#### Our team

Academic leads: strategic vision and goal setting, scientific foundation, representation within academic community







Programme Manager: our 'chief of staff', connection with central EUR governance, translate vision into concrete implementation, bird's eye view of work team



#### Our team



















Project leads: coordinate implementation of programme packages, combining research, policy, communication, project management. Highly interdisciplinary backgrounds and expertise.









PhDs and Postdocs: research and evaluation

... and many other associate members and student assistants



## Our student hosts / volunteers



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#### Success factors and accelerators

#### **Contextual factors**

- COVID-19
- Scientific and societal focus on youth wellbeing
- Change in role of higher education

#### **Organizational factors**

- Position within institution
- Supportive Executive Board
- Alignment and cooperation with strategic programs, support services and faculties

#### **Content factors**

- Focus on students' perspective
- Systemic approach
- Working towards a Centre of Expertise
- Knowledge and data-driven policy

#### **Human factors**

- Having a diverse team 'satellite' employ
- External stakeholders



# Thank you! Questions?





### We will be back in

## 10 minutes





## What about your institution?

Think-share-pair in groups of 3-4 people:

- 1) What is your context? (eg, university organization, broader sociodemographical and geopolitical context)
- 2) Is student wellbeing a strategic priority for your institution?
  - If yes, are you satisfied with its implementation and the likelihood of success? Is anything missing?
  - If no, what is missing?
- 3) What are successes and failures in your organization when implementing student wellbeing?



# Thank you! Stay in touch!

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