

Applications open!

ESN GENERAL BOARD

- A part-time board year to broaden your personal & professional network
- Focus on long-term policy, strategy, and growth
- Work in a diverse group of students and university professionals
- 2 Introduction Weeks, 60+ active members, 6,000+ internationals

Deadline: April 14th, 2024



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WHAT IS ESN?

About ESN International

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe, founded in 1989. ESN is present in over 500 higher education institutions in over 40 countries and operates on three levels: local, national and international. ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing the student exchange from different levels and providing an intercultural experience also to those students who cannot access a period abroad (“internationalisation at home”).

About ESN Groningen

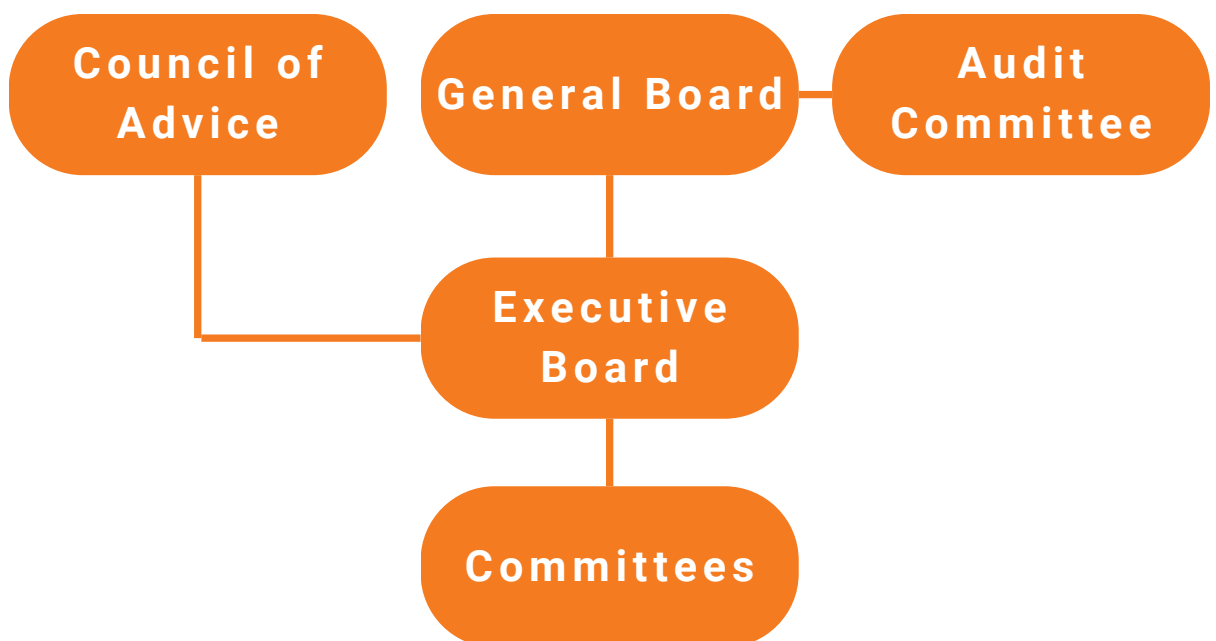
ESN Groningen is a foundation, which means that we are a non-profit organisation. ESN Groningen does not have members, but people need to have the ESNcard to sign up for the activities. Our main focus is placed on all international and Dutch students who like to be involved in an international environment. ESN Groningen stimulates the inclusion between international and Dutch students and offers help and support in academic, social, and practical integration processes. The latter is mainly done through the organisation of a wide range of activities, including cultural events, social events, educative programmes, and charitable events.



ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

ESN Groningen consists of multiple parts. The Executive Board (EB) is a full-time board consisting of 6 students who dedicate their time and effort to ESN Groningen for one year. They get advice from the Council of Advice (CoA) three times a year on their policy plan, half-year report, and the Introduction Weeks. Next to this, there is the Audit Committee, also known as KasCo. They meet with the Treasurer and External Relations Coordinator five times per year regarding financial matters and acquisition.

Lastly, there is the General Board (GB). The GB is the supervisory board which means it's the highest organ within ESN Groningen. The GB is part-time. It serves as a source of knowledge and experience for the EB and checks what the EB wants to implement at the same time. The main task of the GB is to supervise and implement the long-term vision of ESN through the long-term strategic plan. Other tasks include checking and approving the policy, the budget, and the annual and half-year reports as proposed by the EB. Besides that, you will help the EB during events, such as the weekly parties, and the Introduction Weeks of ESN Groningen. Every GB member is also part of one or two working groups in line with their academic or professional background or interest area. These working groups are subject to change, based on the needs of the organisation. The current working groups are: DEI & Social Safety, Introduction Week, Recruitment & Application, Online Presence, HR & Communication, Network and ESN Lounge.





CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD

Name	Title	Working groups
Jos Ronduite	President	DEI & Social Safety, Recruitment & Application
Sander van Beek	Vice-President	DEI & Social Safety
Ruben Bartelds		Recruitment & Application, HR & Communication
Elkjar Dost		Network, Introduction Weeks
Yulian Karadzhov		Online Presence
Endri Offens		ESN Lounge, Network
Jeffrey van Sluis		Introduction Weeks, HR & Communication
Wout Trox		Network, HR & Communication
Tsjerk Wicherink		ESN Lounge, Online Presence, Recruitment & Application
Richard Vos	Representative from the Hanze University of Applied Sciences	



GENERAL BOARD TASKS

Meetings

The General Board meets twice every month. Once with all the General Board members and once with the General Board and the Executive Board.

These meetings currently take place every other Monday from 19:30 to 21:30.

The Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is a 3-year plan which outlines the long-term goals of ESN Groningen. The current Strategic Plan was implemented in 2023 and ends in 2026.

Social activities

Besides all the serious activities, there is always time for fun within the EB and GB. This means that there will be activities organised throughout the year to keep connected with the EB and the GB. These activities do not take place on fixed dates but are organised throughout the year.

Theme parties and ESN Wednesdays

ESN Groningen organises a party at Copas every Wednesday from 23:00 to 02:00. As a General Board member, you are expected to be at these events as much as possible to increase the visibility of the organisation. Preferably, you will join every other week.

Next to this, ESN Groningen organises Theme Parties once every month at PALACE or Ocean41 from 23:00 to 03:00. Again, as a General Board member, you are expected to be at these parties as much as possible.

Introduction Week

ESN Groningen organises two Introduction Weeks each year. One in September and one in February. The week runs from Friday till the next Wednesday but the preparation already starts on a Monday. As a General Board member, you are expected to help out at as many events as possible during the week. On the weekend, events will take place throughout the entire day. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the events only take place in the evening. This generally starts around 16:00 or 17:00.

The next Introduction Week is from Friday, August 30, 2024, until Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Preparations for this week start on Monday, August 26, 2024.



Year plan

A General Board year starts in June. This means that you will help out during the September Introduction Week and the following February Introduction Week.

In the summer period, there will be a transition weekend where you will go over the entire ESN Groningen and GB structure. Additionally, you will learn what has been done in the upcoming years and there will be brainstorming sessions where you will be able to suggest your own ideas for the coming year. In the evening, you will have time to get to know your fellow GB members in an informal setting. This year, the transition weekend will take place on **the 3rd and 4th of June**.





ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We are looking for people with experience in committees, boards, or ESN in general who want to spend a year with like-minded people to help improve ESN Groningen! The most important competencies are:

- Experience (in other study associations, committees, boards, etc.)
- Enthusiasm
- Willingness to help
- Internationally-oriented

We are also specifically looking for people with experience in finance, acquisition, business analytics, IT, policy writing, and/or knowledge of the internal organs within the RUG and Hanze.

It's a bonus if you want to stay in the GB for more than one year. But don't worry if you do not fit this description perfectly. We welcome all enthusiastic students to apply!

How to apply?

So, do you want to see what a large student organisation looks like from behind the scenes? Do you want to contribute to Groningen's international student community whilst gaining valuable experience and having a good time? Do not hesitate and apply now!

Please send an email to application@esn-groningen.nl with your CV and motivation letter before April 14th, 2024.

If you have any questions or want to know more, you can reach out to generalboard@esn-groningen.nl or send a message to the President of the General Board - Jos Ronduite, at +31 6 312256723. He can also bring you into contact with other GB'ers if you want to know more about a specific position or the working groups.



GALLERY

This could be you!

