



Year Plan 2025-2026

SV Euphorion

15 November 2025

Utrecht, Netherlands



Introduction

Board XVII aims to continue the vision outlined by Board XVI. Our goal is to create a balance between daytime, nighttime and seasonal activities so all members can attend events that suit their interests and schedules.

The year plan is structured as follows: administrative matters are discussed under 'Administration'. Matters related to membership are covered under 'Members'. Details on committees and activities can be found under 'Committees' and 'Activities' respectively.

The board is looking forward to creating a fun and memorable year for all Euphorion members!

Administration

Member Administration:

The current membership administration systems will be largely maintained. Board XVII will continue to investigate how to automate the process of new member sign-ups, which is currently mostly a manual process. The board will research the possibility to automate it through databases within Wordpress and e-accounting platforms.

The membership card system will remain the same, with one single change we would like to move forward to look into the option of getting the cards laminated.

Formation:

The Board is composed of four (4) people. We have the following positions: Chair, the face of Euphorion; Treasurer, in charge of fiscal matters; Secretary and Commissioner of Education, responsible for external communication as well as academic-related matters such as student representation and contact with faculty; and Commissioner of Internal Affairs, who handles internal communication, our social media, and other forms of promotion.

Regarding Banks:

The Board XVII plans on keeping Rabobank for financial matters.

Bylaws (Statuten):

The current version of the Bylaws was created by Board XVI with the support of the Advisory Board and requires notarization to be officially enacted. However, we aim to ensure that the bylaws are fully implemented or approved next year, if not already dealt with.

Bijleveld:

We shall continue our cooperation with Boekhandel Bijleveld. They will receive booklists for the upcoming blocks and continue to offer a member discount upon showing membership identification through our membership cards or a membership confirmation email.



Café de Stadsgenoot:

Currently Euphorion has no official contract with Café de Stadsgenoot. We shall continue to uphold the current status quo, pending a revision by the Party Committee as to whether or not Café de Stadsgenoot is still a suitable local for Euphorion events.

Merch:

We aim to provide Euphorion merchandise for our members in the upcoming year. While we have a general outline in place, we still need to find a provider for all types of merch—including clothing, stickers, keychains, stationery items, and more. Ideally, this provider should be secured in early August if not late July in order to have items ready in time for the Introduction Days.

All merchandise will feature the Euphorion logo, with potential design variations such as pride colours or other symbolic elements. Based on the results of a conducted survey, we will move forward with selecting and designing the merchandise.

Members will be expected to pay for their merchandise, either in full or at a discounted rate. Inspired by last year, we will also make new Euphorion tote bags available alongside other merchandise.

Members

The Room:

Euphorion has a Board Room, located in Drift 13, room 1.14, and was named “The Closet” by member vote. This room is a safe space for all members to visit during Office and Confidant hours, and acts as a sanctuary from the fast and busy life of Utrecht. We shall continue to decorate and make the room a second home for all of Euphorion and welcome additions and contributions from the association at large.

PR:

Social Media:

Our primary social media platform has been and shall remain Instagram, where we shall announce all upcoming events and share weekly plans of activities. An alteration will be reminders of events a day beforehand, as to avoid members who signed up forgetting that an event is happening. We shall also seek to post recaps of events to make the events more desirable for other members to join next time.

Other than Instagram the Board is interested in looking into the idea of promoting some, not all, events with individual printed posters on bulletin boards in highly visited areas (Drift 27, Janskerkhof 15A, and other areas like the ICU).

Direct Communication:

WhatsApp and Instagram updates such as: the weekly agenda, important notices and event information will remain the same.

The Euphorion Blog:



We aim to switch up our usual monthly newsletter and turn it into a blog instead. It'll have all the good stuff—book and film reviews, recommendations, creative pieces like poems and short stories, important news, and event recaps. The blog format will make it easier for everyone to stay connected and get updates whenever they want, not just once a month.

Non-Members and Activities:

We welcome non-members to participate in Euphorion events and activities, with the caveat that they shall be subject to a non-member fee of €2,50 for otherwise free to enter activities. The methods of enforcing this measure are being looked into.

Tea Time:

We aim to provide office hours once a week, depending on each block's scheduling. Along with that we shall continue to host confidant hours, where members can feel comfortable discussing their worries and concerns with our Confidential Contact-Persons. Our CC-Persons must be confirmed by anonymous vote in the November GA.

Committees

The Travel Committee:

This committee's *raison d'être* is to plan and organise the yearly city trip and also recommend that at least one or more of the destinations for the trip be reachable without flying, as eco-friendliness is a priority for SV Euphorion. In addition to the annual trip, the committee will try to explore the possibility of organising monthly visits to different cities within the Netherlands. These smaller-scale trips may involve collaborations with student associations from other universities, fostering connections beyond our own study programme.

The committee is also encouraged to seek partnerships with other associations within our university to broaden participation and enhance the sense of community through shared travel experiences.

The Party Committee:

The Party Committee has organised both borrels and party events last year, and will continue to fulfil this role. We hope that they will host monthly borrels to bring Euphorion together in spirit (with the use of spirits). While the committee faced challenges this past year, we are eager to revive it with fresh energy. In addition to monthly borrels, we encourage the committee to explore new social formats—such as outdoor picnics featuring popular party games—to diversify the ways our members can connect. Collaborating with party or social committees from other associations, both within and outside our university, is also highly encouraged to expand our reach and create more dynamic events.

The Literature & Film Committee:

This committee has organised many film screenings, introducing members to lesser-known gems. We are excited for this to continue, but we are encouraging the committee to pick up on the first half of their name and include more literary-focused events in their schedule—such as book club-style



discussions or readings. To increase engagement, we suggest allowing members to vote on or submit suggestions for the films shown, ensuring the selections remain underground and unique while still reflecting the community's interests.

Additionally, the committee could explore the vibrant scene of underground filmmakers in Utrecht, potentially curating screenings of local short films to spotlight emerging talent and foster a deeper connection to the local arts scene.

The Theater & Culture Committee:

The Theater and Culture Committee has organised a few really amazing events, and we hope to see this continue and expand in the coming year. We suggest they make greater use of the many interesting museums Utrecht has to offer, which could help increase the frequency and variety of events. The committee might also consider collaborating with the Travel Committee to organise museum visits in other cities, combining cultural exploration with community building.

Additionally, introducing music-focused events—such as themed music nights or even live performances—could further enrich the committee's offerings and attract a broader audience.

The Orientation Committee:

This committee is responsible for organising the introduction days for the new Literary Studies students at the start of the academic year. It will work in cooperation with both the new and old boards, as well as the BA coordinators, with the goal of welcoming new students with a warm smile and helping them feel at home within our lovely association. The committee is in its second year. We will form it again in the second semester, implementing improvements based on the experience gained to enhance its structure and effectiveness.

We'd like to keep the general format, but may adjust the wording and tone of communication slightly. New additions could include handing out pamphlets with a QR code to our membership sign up link, fun facts about our associations and SV Euphorion stickers and hosting a "Tips & Tricks" afternoon to help new students get in sync with university life and the city of Utrecht.

The Magazine Committee:

This committee is responsible for *Erato's*, our association's magazine, and has produced a number of engaging editions over the past year. We aim to continue publishing the magazine and are currently considering a quarterly model—or possibly a new rhythm, such as once every two months, depending on what works best for the team. To support this, we aim to extend the submission period for each edition and provide regular reminders to encourage contributions, helping to grow the submission pool and maintain a steady stream of creative content.

Baseline: Each committee should aim to organise one activity per month, while keeping in mind the schedules and workload of members. To ensure committees get off to a strong start and have enough time for promotion and planning, we aim to (re)form all committees as early as possible—preferably by the end of September or beginning of October.



Activities

For the next year, board XVII aims to provide:

Activities Per Block:

Each Block we will offer four (4) board activities, these include: one (1) guest lecture, one (1) study session, one (1) Caracal fill-in event (Cake & Caracal) and one (1) reading and discussion evening, all designed to learn, revise, respond and relax.

Monthly Board Activities:

Also we want to offer Activities specific to the season:

Tips and Tricks Afternoon:

The Tips and Tricks Afternoon is an event designed to help students settle into both university life and the city of Utrecht. At the beginning of the first block, we will host a session offering practical tips, such as where to buy a bike, the best places to eat on a budget, and where to get groceries. We'll also share hidden gems in the city for studying outside the library or home—like quiet cafés or co-working spaces—and recommend great spots to socialize and meet people.

In the middle of the second block, we'll host another session focused on academic matters, such as how to sign up for electives, choose a minor, and register for courses. We'll also cover tips for balancing study and social life, and how to make the most of your time at university. These sessions will be open to anyone who wants to join, providing a friendly space for students to ask questions and get advice from the board.

Summer Walks (May, June):

During the warm summer, we hope to undertake walks through the beautiful city and surrounding country, including scenic picnics, short readings and other appropriate activities.

Transition Events (November, March, April):

During these in-between months, when the weather is too unpredictable for outdoor activities but the festive season hasn't quite arrived, we'll offer events that don't fit into other categories. These could include game nights featuring activities like Dungeons & Dragons, board games, or billiards, depending on the group's mood. Given the transition from one block to the next, we might also consider hosting events that help students prepare for the upcoming block, offering a space to relax and mentally reset before diving back into academic life.

Winter Events (December, January, February):

In the cold dark winter, what could be better than warm cups of coffee and cocoa with fresh waffles, tosti's or cake? We aim to provide a warm space to sit and chat while the winter storms outside.

Public Holiday Events:

This initiative focuses on organising casual activities during public holidays, offering students a way to spend these days in good company and in a meaningful or festive way. Whether it's a themed



gathering, a creative workshop, or a relaxed outing, these events can help build community, especially for those who stay in the city during the break. Potential ideas include celebrating King's Day together or hosting small events around other national or cultural holidays.

Miscellaneous Activities:

As with last year, we will host a festive holiday event in December—keeping the traditional Secret Sinterklaas book exchange.

Board XVII,

Helena da Costa Issa, Chair

Photini Theophanous, Secretary

Ekaterina Gromova, Treasurer

Ester Wáclavová, Commissioner of Internal Affairs



We, the undersigned Members of Board XVII, hereby confirm that we have reviewed and approved the contents of SV Euphorion's Internal Regulations document. By signing below, we acknowledge our understanding and acceptance of these regulations.

Name of Board Member	Position	Signature	Date
Helena de Costa Issa	Chair		04/02/2026
Photini Theophanous	Secretary		04/02/2026
Ekaterina Gromova	Treasurer		04/02/2026
Ester Wáclavová	Commissioner of Internal Affairs		04/02/2026