

FERMA FORUM STUDENTS PROGRAM

Call for applications for university students

Hello, future-shapers!

EucA, in collaboration with FERMA and Howden, is thrilled to invite you to the heart of European risk management: *the FERMA Forum!* This year's theme, *'Widening the Lens: From Risk Insight to Strategic Foresight,'* invites you to transcend traditional boundaries and transform global challenges into strategic advantages.

By joining this program, you will step into a network of over 6,800 risk professionals across 24 associations in 23 European countries represented by FERMA, gaining direct access to the global expertise and innovative spirit of Howden. EucA is here to bridge the gap between your academic journey and the job market, providing you with the 360° experiential learning needed to navigate today's complex industries.

If you are ready to challenge your assumptions and discover how risk management can drive a more resilient future, this is your chance to see the bigger picture. Join us, and let's rethink the future together. Are you ready to widen your lens?

Art. 1 Event Description

The FERMA Forum is Europe's biggest gathering for risk management and insurance, where the future of risk is explored, debated, and reimaged!

This year's theme, *'Widening the Lens: From Risk Insight to Strategic Foresight'*, is all about thinking beyond the obvious. It's not just about crunching numbers or reacting to problems: it's about seeing the bigger picture, uncovering hidden connections, and turning risk into opportunity.

If you're a student curious about how risk shapes industries, or a future professional eager to learn, this is your chance to discover new perspectives and explore how risk management can drive innovation. Let's rethink risk: not just as a safety net, but as a tool for creating a smarter, more resilient future!

Art. 2 Duration, Dates & Agenda

The program will take place from 4 to 6 October 2026. Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday, 4 October, and will kick off the experience with a unique welcome networking event in the evening, hosted on the boat *Oceandiva Original*.

Monday, 5 October, will be a full day of immersion, starting with an official welcome by the partner organizations. The schedule features a dynamic mix of plenary sessions and specialized workshops tailored for students, offering a balance between high-level insights and hands-on learning, followed by an evening dedicated to discovering the city of Rotterdam.

The final day, Tuesday, 6 October, will continue with an intensive agenda focused on leadership pitches, expert panels, and strategic sessions, officially concluding in the late afternoon with closing remarks and a farewell reception.

Kindly note that the agenda is still being finalized and may undergo minor refinements to ensure the best possible experience.

Art. 3 Location and Modality

This edition will be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The program is designed to be fully in-person and will be conducted entirely in English, including all workshops, plenary sessions, networking events, and social activities.

Art. 4 Why Join the Program?

- **Discover new professions:** The forum provides a unique opportunity to explore the professions within the field of risk management and insurance. Students can gain insights into various career paths, from risk manager to risk analyst or insurance specialist.
- **Networking opportunities:** Students can connect with professionals and experts from around the world, expanding their professional network and potentially opening doors to internships or job opportunities.
- **Knowledge expansion:** The forum offers a platform to learn from industry leaders and experts through keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops. Students can gain valuable insights into emerging trends, best practices, and innovative strategies in risk management.
- **Cultural immersion:** Traveling to Rotterdam, Europe's largest port city, a groundbreaking blend of architecture and an almost limitless cultural scene that is sure to inspire. Students

can explore its innovative urban landscape, savor its diverse culinary offerings, and dive into its dynamic arts and entertainment culture.

- **Personal & professional growth:** Attending the forum allows students to step out of their comfort zones, broaden their perspectives, and develop essential skills such as critical thinking, communication, and adaptability. It's an opportunity for personal growth and self-discovery.

Art. 5 Participation Fee & Coverage

The participation fee for the FERMA Forum Students Program is fully covered for all selected participants. This comprehensive coverage is designed to ensure that talented students can access this high-level professional experience.

What is included:

- Travel: Reimbursement for travel arrangements up to 350€ in economy to/from Rotterdam up to €350.
- Accommodation: 2 nights in a shared room in a *hotel in Rotterdam* (4 and 5 October 2026).
- Full Access: Official FERMA Forum Pass, granting admission to all plenary sessions, panel discussions, and leadership pitches.
- Training & Workshops: All specialized sessions led by EucA and Howden.
- Catering:
 - Welcome reception party and cocktail on Sunday, 4 October;
 - 2 Breakfasts (5 & 6 October);
 - 2 Lunches (5 & 6 October);
- Social & Networking: All organized activities.
- Certificate of training hours by FERMA, EucA, and Howden.
- 2 EucA trainers.
- Infopack with all essential information about the event.
- Insurance: EucA insurance covers participants, subject to the conditions outlined in Art. 8 Liability and Safety.
- Onboarding session prior to the event.

What is not included:

- Local Transportation: Transfers from/to the airport and local transport within Rotterdam.
- Extra Travel Costs: Any flight costs exceeding the €350 cap or upgrades to non-economy classes.
- Additional Meals: Any meals or beverages not explicitly mentioned in the official program.
- Personal Expenses: Any other costs not specified in the "Included" section above.

Art. 6 Target Audience & Eligibility

We welcome applications from students who meet the following mandatory criteria:

- **Academic Status:** Applicants must be currently enrolled as students, ranging from the 3rd year of a Bachelor's program through to the final year of a Master's program at the time of application.
- **Field of Study:** Candidates must be pursuing a degree in Risk Management, Finance, Law, Business Administration, or Economics. Applications from related fields are also welcome, provided the student has successfully completed relevant coursework in the aforementioned subjects.
- **English Proficiency:** A minimum English level of B2-C1 or higher is required to ensure active engagement in workshops, plenary sessions, and professional networking.
- **Mandatory Recommendation:** Applicants must provide a formal letter of recommendation from the Dean of their Faculty or a Professor who oversees their specific degree or certificate program.
- **Personal Profile & Skills:** Candidates must demonstrate they are:
 - Open-minded and proactive, with a strong eagerness to learn;
 - Highly motivated to network and engage professionally with both international peers and industry experts;
 - Capable of demonstrating active engagement and leadership skills within their university, residence hall, or academic institution.

Art. 7 Application Timeline and Procedure

- **Step 1, Apply:** The application period runs from 28 April to 31 May 2026. To apply, please complete the online Form [Application Form | FERMA FORUM STUDENTS PROGRAM](#) and upload the following mandatory documents:
 - Your updated CV;
 - A Motivation Letter;
 - A Letter of Recommendation from the Dean of your Faculty or a Professor.

To ensure a fair and transparent scholarship process, the following criteria apply: The program has a total capacity of 20 participants, with 10 spots reserved for students from Euca member institutions. Selection is made on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as applicants meet all eligibility requirements. The selection committee also aims to ensure diversity by including participants from different colleges and nationalities within the Euca network. CV and motivation letter will be taken into account.

Note on the use of Artificial Intelligence: We value your unique perspective, skills, and experiences, which AI cannot replicate. While you may use AI tools for refining or

reformulating your application, we encourage you to prioritize authenticity. If you do use AI, please disclose it and briefly explain how and why you used it. We also invite you to consider the environmental impact of these tools.

By submitting your application, you agree that your contact information (name and email address) will be shared with the program sponsor, Howden, and that you may be contacted by Howden, FERMA, and EucA before, during, and after the program.

- **Step 2: Get your official confirmation:** After the selection process, you will receive an official confirmation email. Please do not book your travel tickets until you have received this formal confirmation and specific booking instructions from the EucA staff.
- **Step 3: Stay connected:** The EucA team will guide you through the preparation phase. Ensure you remain reachable via email throughout.
- **Step 4: Attend the Onboarding Session:** All selected participants are required to attend a mandatory online onboarding session prior to the event. This session will provide all key information, logistical updates, and a first chance to meet the team and fellow participants.
- **Step 5: Receive the Infopack:** All selected participants will receive a comprehensive Infopack containing practical details, travel reimbursement procedures, and useful tips for your stay in Rotterdam at least two weeks before the event.
- **Step 6: Join the event:** Take part in the FERMA Forum Students Program and enjoy the experience!

Art. 8 Liability and Safety

Participants are recommended to have personal travel insurance to cover health and travel risks. EU students are required to carry a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) during the trip. Non-EU students must ensure they have comprehensive travel insurance.

Art. 9 Partnership

Organized by FERMA (Federation of European Risk Management Associations), EucA (European university college Association), and Howden (Official Sponsor and International Insurance Group).

Art. 10 Registration Policy

Open until 20 confirmed participants are selected or until the final registration deadline on 25 May 2026.

Art. 11 Budget and Funding

This program is funded by FERMA, EucA, and Howden. Financial resources are managed transparently to ensure high-quality programming and a premium professional experience. For the selected students, the total participation cost is fully covered by the partners, serving as the scholarship for this edition.

Art. 12 Code of Conduct

Participants are expected to adhere to a respectful, professional, and collaborative code of conduct, reflecting the values promoted by EucA and the project, including: respect and professionalism, active participation, punctuality and attendance, compliance with instructions provided by EucA organizers, facilitators, and venue staff.

Any behaviour contrary to these values, such as disrespect, exclusion, or actions misaligned with the project's ethos, may result in disciplinary action, including a formal warning from organizers, removal from specific activities, and, in severe cases, dismissal from the project at the participant's expense.

The objective is to create a safe, positive, and inspiring environment for all attendees.

Art. 13 Data Protection and Privacy

Personal data collected will be processed in full compliance with GDPR regulations and used exclusively for purposes related to the bootcamp.

Art. 14 Risk Management

- Incident Reporting: All emergencies or incidents will be documented and reviewed by EucA to improve safety and prevention protocols for future editions.
- Emergency Procedures: Participants are expected to follow the venue's procedures, which will be shared in advance, and comply with local regulations and guidance from relevant authorities.

Art. 15 Post-Event Feedback and Mobility Certificate

At the conclusion of the event, participants will be invited to complete a Feedback Form to help enhance future events. Upon successful participation, students will receive an official Mobility Certificate, recognizing their full engagement in the program.



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