



CHALLENGES CALL FOR SOLUTIONS

CONTRACTS - CONCEPTS - MATERIALS - DESIGN
WHICH WILL YOU USE TO SOLVE THE
CHALLENGES OF OUR INTERNATIONAL WEEK?

EUROFM INTERNATIONAL AUTUMN SCHOOL FACILITY MANAGEMENT

12 - 16 October 2026,
Heerlen, the Netherlands

Zuyd University of Applied Sciences &
European Facility Management Network

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INTRODUCTION

Zuyd University of Applied Sciences is a semi-international higher education institution with about 14,000 students. It is based in the south of the Netherlands. One of the locations is in Heerlen, just 20 km from Maastricht and Aachen (DE). Every October, Zuyd University, as a EuroFM partner, organizes a successful international week. About 180 students participate.

Reasons for taking part in this international week vary, but might include: expanding knowledge, improving English, increasing confidence, receiving EC and experiencing a new culture. You can also have some fun during, for example, the party that will be organized by students of Zuyd University.

The central question this year is: how can Meander launch an innovative residential care centre in which young and old live together, and where community-building truly takes centre stage? How can this be facilitated in the best possible way — through smart contractual arrangements and a well-considered resident mix, as well as through spatial design choices that encourage interaction, engagement, and communal living?

Meander is a major care organisation in South Limburg, providing support to more than 20,000 clients each year. The organisation operates multiple residential care centres, community care locations, and home-care teams across the area. Meander offers a wide range of services, including home care, rehabilitation, residential care, and social support. This makes Meander a comprehensive and accessible care partner for people of all ages.



PROGRAMME

The programme takes place over five days and includes a mandatory social activity on the evening of the first day:

12 October (10.00-00.30 h.) kick-off, project work and welcome party
13 October (10.30-17.00 h.) informative lectures and project work
14 October (09.00-17.00 h.) project work, workshops and site visit
15 October (09.00-17.00 h.) project work
16 October (09.00-15.00 h.) presentations, wrap-up and prize-giving ceremony.
Please note: this schedule is subject to change.

The international week contains:

- Keynote lectures by field experts
- Dinner plus party on the first evening
- International get-together
- A real-live project assignment
- Research, future skills and creativity
- Work in small (max. 7 students) intercultural groups
- A prize for the team members of the winning group.



LOCATION, COSTS & SIGN-UP

Location

Nieuw Eyckholt 300
6419 DJ Heerlen
The Netherlands
<https://international.zuyd.nl>

Costs

Students (or their university) are required to pay for their own travel, housing and living costs. Participation in the programme is free. For tips on affordable accommodation or student housing you can contact our Consultant External Relations Marianka Hollander at internationalweekfm@zuyd.nl

Still not sure about joining us?

Watch this [short video](#) to see what other students have said.

Sign-up

Contact your education coordinator/internationalisation officer or a lecturer within your programme. They can sign you up by directly submitting your name and contact details to internationalweekfm@zuyd.nl. Don't wait too long because numbers are limited and the course fills up fast!

Please observe that Zuyd University need to have your application **before 25 September 2026**.