FAQ David de Wied building

The David de Wied building will become the high-end meeting place where various research domains come together: the Electron Microscopy (EM) centre as a facility for the Faculties of Science, Geosciences, Veterinary Medicine and the UMCU. Here you will find a number of questions. Is your question not listed? Feel free to mail to daviddewiedgebouw@uu.nl. We are happy to help you.

**How large is the scope of this project?**
To enable a Life Sciences Cluster in the David de Wied building, the building needs to be modified. It will be necessary to expand and modify the ground floor and first floor in order to realise the Electron Microscopy (EM) facility. The building will also be made more future-proof by means of various measures that aim to save energy (e.g. the installation of thermal storage) as well as increase sustainability and safety.

**What falls outside the scope of the project?**
The scope of this project does not include further functional adaptations to the building, such as those in the offices, Atrium and M building as well as the relocation of Professor Heck's Biomolecular Mass Spectrometry research group.

**What does this project aim to achieve?**
The primary objectives of the project are closely aligned with the university’s Strategic Plan. In this light, the David de Wied building will become the high-end meeting place where various research domains come together: the Electron Microscopy (EM) centre as
a facility for the Faculties of Science, Geosciences, Veterinary Medicine and the UMCU. The EM Facility will enable research on the strategic themes of Life Sciences and Sustainability to reach and remain at the European top.

**Which role does sustainability play in this project?**
The university aims to be CO2-neutral by 2030. Thermal storage and reduced energy consumption contribute to the university's ambition of curbing CO2 emissions.

**What is the schedule? How long are the works scheduled to take?**
Preparatory work will start before the summer. The actual construction work is expected to start in phases after the summer of 2019 and the aim is for the project to be completed by the end of 2020. For each phase, the direct users will be informed about the detailed planning.

**What does the design look like?**
The existing David de Wied building will be modified in phases. For example, the number of workspaces on the ground floor and first floor will be increased gradually. A new section for the EM facility will also be built on the west side.

*Entrance area*
There will soon be one central entrance area with two entrances on the ground floor. The current reception on the first floor will be moved to the ground floor. This change will improve the logistical flow of employees, students and visitors.

*Outdoor area*
The slope on the west side will disappear and make way for a green area at street level. This addition will create a larger area where people can linger as well as a pleasant terrace: the perfect meeting place for academics and students alike. Once the work has been completed, the logistics zone on the north side of the building will be refurbished.

*Sustainability*
The building will become more sustainable as well, since it will be connected to a thermal storage facility. All fume cupboards will also be equipped with a variable volume system. As a result, they no longer need to be in full operation 24/7 but only if they are actually being used. The university aims to achieve the BREEAM-IN USE score of Excellent.
Gas park and Cryo room
Alongside the existing gas park, a new gas park will be created. The latter will be equipped with two tanks containing liquid and gaseous nitrogen, while it will also provide for the storage of gases in gas cylinders in safety cabinets. This gas park meets the latest requirements for safety and image quality. There will be a new pipeline tunnel from the gas park to the new Cryo room on the north side of the ground floor. The distribution of liquid nitrogen will be facilitated for the entire David de Wied building from the Cryo room. In addition, the Cryo room will provide cryogenic storage.

What does this situation mean for staff and students?
Possible inconvenience is to be expected during the work. The extent of the inconvenience depends on the nature of the work. In general, however, little inconvenience will be experienced. On occasion, the water or electricity may be temporarily shut off. During the construction period, the teaching activities in the building will be kept to a minimum and no events will be held. The inconvenience may consist of noise, dust, odours, longer walking routes, reduced comfort levels or the temporary decommissioning of installations.

How is the communication going?
General news about this project is available on the UU's intranet. All users of the building will also receive timely and regular information about the nature of the work and the extent of any inconvenience. This provision will take the form of a newsletter and digital information screens at the entrances to the building.

What does the construction work mean for the booking of classrooms in the David de Wied building?
In order to be able to carry out the construction work, the education rooms on the ground floor will be emptied. From the start of construction on 12 August 2019 until the end of construction (end of 2020), it will no longer be possible to book/reserve the two teaching rooms and the computer room on the ground floor.

How will safety be ensured?
During the construction period, safety will be ensured for the users and the implementing parties. However, an emergency or crisis situation may occur unexpectedly. In this case, the university will follow the crisis protocol to deal with this unsafe situation. Good agreements have also been reached with the contractor regarding safety at the construction site as well as in and near the building.
Whom can I turn to with any questions, suggestions or complaints?
First, check whether your question is among the FAQs on this page. Are you unable to find your question? Do you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to share? Please let us know by sending an email to daviddewiedgebouw@uu.nl. You can also use this email address if any inconvenience occurs.

What should I do in case of an emergency?
If there is an emergency such as a fire, an incident or a medical accident, or if you require urgent assistance, you should always call the control room on +31 (0)30 253 44 44.