



EUI Flats Newsletter

By Your EUI4U Team

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Glancing at the flats

Hello EUI Flats Community, and Happy (almost) Summer!

The summer months are slowly approaching, and alongside the end of the academic year come important details regarding life at the flats and summer break. In this fourth number of the EUI Flats Newsletter, we have included useful information on upcoming maintenance work, contract renewals, and COVID rules and regulations in Tuscany and Italy.



What's happening at the Flats?

Storage room at PDM: we are currently discussing the possibility of installing closed storage racks at PDM. While the space is limited, using a small percentage of the parking spots might seem the best option. Of course, it is not our intention to diminish parking spots at PDM, so the installation of storage closets will closely depend on the feasibility of this improvement. A technician has already come to look at the space and send us an estimate.

New waste bins: the recycling bins have been delivered to all PAB and PDM apartments. All flats are now equipped with 4 waste-bins, to be used to properly recycle all trash items. Please note that glass containers and bottles must be disposed of separately. For PAB, please dispose of all glass in the large **green** bins located outside of the PAB premise. For PDM, please note that the closest glass collectors are along Via Faentina (to the right of the apartments). As a reminder, here are the **specific trash pick-up** days:

PAB

- **Organic:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- **Plastic:** Tuesday, Saturday
- **Paper and Cardboard:** Monday
- **Undifferentiated waste:** Thursday

PDM

- **Organic:** Monday to Friday
- **Plastic:** Tuesday, Saturday
- **Paper and Cardboard:** Monday, Friday
- **Undifferentiated waste:** Thursday

New and restored picnic tables at PAB: we hope PAB tenants will enjoy the newly restored picnic tables and benches, perfect for these warm spring days and summer BBQs.



Package collection box at PAB: A package collection box has been installed at PAB, close to the entrance. Please inform the carriers when you purchase an item online that they can leave the package in the collection box if you are not home. Please note that the EUI does not take responsibility for missing or damaged items.

Mosquito nets at PDM: the installation of mosquito nets in all PDM apartment is now complete. You can finally enjoy a mosquito-free summer!

Electronic check-in and check-out procedures: we have completed the digitalization process for all typologies of apartments at PAB and PDM. We are happy to say that this process is now paperless!

Greenery at PAB: The maintenance team has requested an estimate to add more greenery to the common areas at PAB. We are hoping to plant new bushes and plants during the summer months, as well as to remove the weeds that grow between bricks.

New washing machines: on Monday, June 7th, new washing machines will be installed at PAB. Tokens will no longer be needed, as you will be able to place €1 directly into the machine. Tenants who have tokens that will not be used before Monday can come exchange them for coins in the Housing Office (Badia Fiesolana 065). Information regarding new washing machines at PDM will be sent out in the near future.

Check-out process during the summer

For those of you whose contract is set to expire during the summer, please note that the EUI4U Housing Office will contact you approximately three weeks ahead of time to inquire if you already have set a check-out date and time. We ask that you

communicate your plans at least one week before your scheduled departure.

Please keep in mind that the EUI will be closed between Monday, August 9th and Sunday, August 22nd. We will reopen on Monday, August 23rd. If you plan on checking out during the closure period, please contact the housing office ahead of time to organize the details.

That's Good to Know!

While some tenants have been living at the flats for some time, and might know all the ropes, we would like to offer some useful information for all newcomers:

- ✚ Please remember to register your motorized vehicle upon arrival. We ask that you also register any guests' vehicles, as well. You can do so via this link:

<https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/LogisticsService/GeneralLogistics/Parking/ParkingattheEUI#EuiCarParksRulesRegulations>

- ✚ If residents require a remote control to open the car gate, please send us an email at eui4u.flats@eui.eu. You will be able to pick the remote up directly at the EUI4U Housing Office (BF065) and you will be asked to return it upon check-out. Please note that remote controls have a cost of 25 euros for PAB and 70 euros for PDM, which you will be asked to pay at check-out if the remote control is lost or broken.

- ✚ All tenants can report maintenance issues in their apartment by opening a ticket via the EUI4U Helpdesk: <https://helpdesk.eui.eu/CustomPortal/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCustomerPortal>. Please note that maintenance staff can enter your apartment within five working days, between the hours of 9:00am and

4:00pm. Your presence is not required at the time of their visit. Should their intervention require a second visit, the apartment tenants will be duly informed.

- ✚ The laundry rooms at PAB and PDM are now equipped with hand sanitizer, as well as disinfectant and paper towels that you can use to wipe down washing machines and dryers before each use. Please refrain from using the laundry room between 11:00pm and 7:00am to avoid any disturbance.

COVID-19 Updates

Tuscany is currently a “yellow” region. Here is what you need to know:

- A curfew is in place between the hours of 11:00pm and 5:00am, unless there are serious work-related or health-related reasons that force you to leave your apartment. Should that be the case, you must carry an “[autocertificazione](#)”, or “auto-declaration” on you at all times.
- On June 7th, the curfew will be extended to 12:00am, and on June 21st the curfew will most likely be completely abolished.
- All stores and restaurants are open without limitations.
- Museums are open, but a reservation is needed (mandatory during the weekend and highly suggested during the week).
- Masks are still required at all times, both indoors and outdoors.
- Gyms are open, although the use of showers and changing rooms is not allowed. Outdoor pools are open (without the usage of showers and changing rooms). There is still no information on when indoor pools will reopen.

- Kindergarten, primary, and middle-schools students will attend class in person until the end of the school year. High school students will continue attending classes in person 75% of the time until the end of the school year.
- You can move from one yellow (or white) region to the next without needing a self-declaration or a negative swab-test. However, please note that should the colors of the regions change, a self-declaration and/or negative swab test, and/or proof of vaccination will be needed to visit orange and red regions.
- You can visit friends and family between the hours of 5:00am and 11:00pm. The visit must be limited to four people (excluding children under the age of 18 and people with disabilities).

Mould prevention in the apartments

As we leave the cold winter months behind us and open our windows to let in some fresh air, let us remind you that air circulation in your apartments is one of the best ways to prevent mould formation in your flat. We strongly recommend that you do not air wet clothes to dry inside of the apartment—please use the dryers as much as possible or, for PDM tenants with terraces, drying racks. If you do choose to dry your clothes inside, please open your windows and let some fresh air in. You should also open your windows after showering and after cooking, as to avoid the stagnation of any excess vapour.

Air conditioning in PAB apartments is still shut off, given the lower-than-usual temperatures. Once the days start warming up, we will send a general communication to all tenants with A/C information.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Family members of the EUI community, EUI pensioners and EUI members who have not yet booked a vaccination can book their vaccination (when their age group is open for booking) via the [Region of Tuscany's portal](#) if they are based in Tuscany. You will need:

- a. For the reservation: Only the tax identification number (codice fiscale), which can be obtained from the Agenzia Entrate.
- b. On the vaccination day:
 1. If you have the residency status: The ID card issued by the Comune in which you are resident and the tax identification number.
 2. If you do not have the residency status, only the domicilio status: The [self-declaration form](#) (attesting your domicilio status), the tax identification number and a valid ID (passport, driving license, national ID card).

To request proof of your vaccination, please visit the following [website](#) for instructions.

Association to the national health service in general terms: It is currently possible for EUI members to join the Italian national health service with a paid contribution calculated on income, for which fees vary substantially between students/researchers/fellows and other members of the community. We will be convening a further meeting with the Region of Tuscany to discuss more closely the technicalities of our community's possible association to the service.

Green travel passport

Currently, the EU digital passenger locator form (the technical term for the green passport) is in the

testing phase. By the end of June, a common database shared among EU countries (and others adhering to this project) will allow passengers to move between countries more smoothly. More information will follow when available.

In Italy, a Green Passport has been approved for mobility between regions. The green passport can consist of either:

- A certificate attesting a completed vaccination cycle, with a 6 month validity, provided by the health authorities upon receiving the second dose (or available in the digital vaccine file for those with tessera sanitaria);
- A certificate attesting recovery from Covid-19, with a 6 month validity, produced at the end of the quarantine period and successive negative testing;
- A certificate for a negative swab test (antigenic or PCR Molecular), with a 48 hour validity.

COVID-19 and the EUI

The Secretary General has recently sent out an email informing the entire EUI community of the possibility of getting rapid antigenic swab tests done for free on the EUI premise. Through its collaboration with the Red Cross, EUI members can voluntarily request the abovementioned test—which take approximately 15 minutes. Be on the lookout for future emails from the HSSO informing the EUI community about the next slots available.

For updated COVID19 information, please visit the dedicated website:

<https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/CommunicationsService/COVID19-instructions-EUI-campus>

You will be happy to know that the EUI has also established agreements with four medical centers

and medical practitioners in Florence, where you can get several types of COVID-19 tests at a discounted price:

For additional information, please check out our agreements and discount page below.

Life Brain Medical Center

- Coronavirus Sars-Cov-2 test (includes confirmation test in case of positivity IgM/IgA-IgG): €32
- COVID Molecular RNA swab: €65
- COVRAG antigenic swab test: €32

Fanfani Medical Center

- Rapid qualitative test NCOV19 (IGG and IGM): €28
- Antibodies Anti-Ncov19 test (IGG and IGM): €48

Helab Medical Center

- Qualitative blood test: €35
- Quantitative blood test: €50
- Rapid antigenic nasopharyngeal test: €60
- Molecular nasopharyngeal test in PCR: €80

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- Roche nasopharyngeal swab: €50 in doctor's office, €65 at home visit
- Simens nasal swab: €35 in doctor's office
- Abbott antibodies test: €50 in doctor's office, €65 at home visit

Did you know that...

...all EUI members with a valid EUI ID have access to discounts and agreements with stores, companies, and medical practitioners around Florence?



You can find an updated list of all partnerships via this link:

<https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/LogisticsService/EUI4U/EUI4U-Conventions-and-agreements>

If you would like to suggest a new agreement, please email us with the name of the person/place you are recommending, and a brief description of the services offered. We are always looking to increase our partnerships and keep our info as updated as possible.

Useful Info

The EUI4U Housing Office is located in the Badia Fiesolana, room 065, and is currently open from Monday to Friday, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Please note that the opening times are subject to change, according to the evolution of the COVID-19 emergency.

If you need to speak with us, we encourage you to send us an email at eui4u.flats@eui.eu or call us at +39 0554685245 or +39 0554685240. You can certainly visit us in person, though we recommend booking an appointment ahead of time.