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EUI Flats Newsletter

By Your EUI4U Team

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Glancing at the flats

Hello EUI Flats Community, and welcome to this brand-new newsletter!

This monthly publication wishes to bring together all tenants by sharing useful information regarding PAB and PDM Flats. Because of the current health emergency in Italy, gatherings and social events are on hold, but this does not mean that exciting changes are not underway!

The EUI4U Housing Office envisions this Newsletter as a place where tenants can share useful information regarding life at the Flats; where the REFS can update tenants on changes or construction that is currently taking place (or that is schedule to take place in the upcoming months); and, why not, an outlet where we can share one or two photos or creative pieces per month taken by tenants who have an eye for photography. Because this project is brand new, we can mold it into whatever works best for you!



What's happening at the Flats?

Bike Racks Installation: as we mentioned in the DL we sent out in early November, covered bike racks



will likely be installed at PAB at the beginning of 2021.

We hope that all bike-owners will

take advantage of this new addition, which will help remove all bikes from stairwells and corridors.

A bike rack will also be installed at the PDM flats, where the mailboxes are located.

Construction: the second portion of re-piping construction at PAB is almost complete. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience during this past month, as we understand that living around construction is never pleasant. There is no scheduled further construction for the

time being, and we will certainly inform you should this change unexpectedly.

Water dispenser: one of the improvements that we are working on is the installation of a water dispenser at PAB, which will offer both still and sparkling water. We hope that this water dispenser will contribute to the EUI's green mission and that we will see a reduction in the use of plastic bottles.

Ex-storage room clean up: the ex-storage room clean up at PAB is currently underway. Once the room is empty, our hope is to repurpose it and transform it into a common room for all tenants. If you have any fun or useful ideas for this room's new purpose, please send them our way!

New waste bins: we have ordered three new waste bins per apartment to promote recycling. All apartments will now be equipped with four waste bins (3 of the type shown in the picture, 1 located under the kitchen basin), to be used for paper, organic (food waste), plastic and glass, and undifferentiated waste.

We strongly encourage everyone at the Flats to properly differentiate their trash to comply with the EUI's sustainability and waste management goals. We

have already stopped by all apartments at PAB and PDM to deliver the Alia trash booklet. Please refer to that specific booklet should you have any questions or doubts about how to recycle specific items.



PAB Tree Removal: Five dead trees will be removed from the PAB premise before the end of 2020, and

another ten trees will be removed during 2021. A new tree will be replanted for every dead tree that is removed.

Tenant Representative: the Tenant Representative for the 2020-2021 academic year is Gabriele Macchi, a fourth-year Economics Researcher.



Gabriele will function as a liaison between the Tenants (both PAB and PDM) and the EUI4U Housing Office; he will also sit in on all Housing User Group meetings.

That's Good to Know!

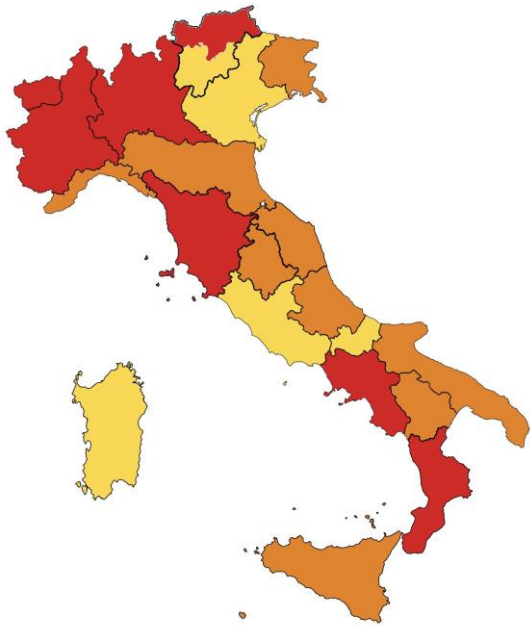
While some tenants have been living at the flats for some time, and might know all the ropes, we would like to offer some useful information for all newcomers:

- ✚ 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 PAB 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
- ✚ All tenants can report maintenance issues in their apartment by opening a ticket via the EUI4U Helpdesk:
<https://helpdesk.eui.eu/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.
- ✚ To improve waste management at the Flats, here are the **specific trash pick-up days** for all four types of waste:

PAB	
▪ Organic:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
▪ Plastic and Glass:	Tuesday, Saturday
▪ Paper and Cardboard:	Monday
▪ Undifferentiated waste:	Thursday
PDM	
▪ Organic:	Monday to Friday
▪ Plastic and Glass:	Tuesday, Saturday
▪ Paper and Cardboard:	Monday, Friday
▪ Undifferentiated waste:	Thursday

COVID19 Updates



While the situation in Italy (and around the world) is ever changing, we would like to remind all tenants that as of today, Tuscany finds itself in the “red” group of regions.

This means that:

- A curfew is in place between the hours of 10:00pm 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.
- Restaurants, bars, cafes, ice cream parlours are closed to the public. Take away is available until 10:00pm, and delivery is available until midnight.
- All stores, with the exception of primary necessity stores (grocery stores, pharmacies, opticians), tobacconists, newspaper stands, and personal care stores, will remain closed until further notice
- All high-school students will study from home 100% of the time. Second and third-year middle school students will also study from home 100% of the time.
- Travel to and from other regions, as well as from one Comune to another, is not allowed, unless there are serious work-related or health-related reasons. Should that be the case, you must carry an “[autocertificazione](#)”, or “auto-declaration” on you at all times.

It is quite possible that Tuscany become an “orange” region in the near future. This means that:

- A curfew is in place between the hours of 10:00pm 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.
- Restaurants, bars, cafes, ice cream parlours are closed to the public. Take away is available until 10:00pm, and delivery is available until midnight.
- All high-school students will study from home 100% of the time.

- Stores remain open. All stores inside shopping centers will remain closed on weekends and holidays, with the exception of grocery stores and markets, pharmacies, tobacconists, and newspaper stands.
- Travel to and from other regions, as well as from one Comune to another, is not allowed, unless there are serious work-related or health-related reasons. Should that be the case, you must carry an “[autocertificazione](#)”, or “auto-declaration” on you at all times.

Should Tuscany become a “yellow” region, here is what you need to know:

- A curfew is in place between the hours of 10:00pm 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.
- Restaurants, bars, cafes, ice cream parlours are open until 6:00pm. Take away is available until 10:00pm, and delivery is available until midnight.
- All high-school students will study from home 100% of the time.
- Stores remain open. All stores inside shopping centers will remain closed on weekends and holidays, with the exception of grocery stores and markets, pharmacies, tobacconists, and newspaper stands.
- Travel to and from red regions is not allowed.

For updated COVID19 information, please visit the REFS website:

<https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/CommunicationsService/News/2020/COVID2019-virus>

Prepping for Winter

As the colder winter months approach, we should all prepare for a drop in temperatures. This does not mean, however, that we should never open windows and let the apartment air out.

Air exchange is not only recommended due to Covid19; it is also one of the best ways to prevent dampness and mould. We strongly recommend that you do not air wet clothes to dry inside of the apartment—please use the dryers as much as possible. 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.



As a reminder, heating in Italy is centralized and it depends on the Comune of residence (in your case, Florence and Fiesole). Tenants cannot set their own temperature in each apartment; rather, the EUI has set specific windows of time during which the heating will turn on automatically. These times are between 7:00am and 12:00pm, and again between 2:00pm and 10:00pm. However, please rest assured that should the temperature ever drop below 17°C (which is highly unlikely), the heating will turn on automatically.

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 COVID19 emergency.

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