



Policy Plan

2024/25

2nd Candidate Board of
Study Association Bloom

Introduction

It is a great privilege to become the 2nd Board of our Study Association Bloom this year. We are deeply grateful for the outstanding work of the previous board in setting up the association and laying the foundational structures that we will continue to build upon. Their dedication has provided us with a solid base on which to grow and serve as a role model for us.

We also want to extend our sincere thanks to the Praesidium and Advisory Board for their ongoing support and guidance, and to the committees and their heads for the tremendous work they accomplished last year. The energy and passion they put into every aspect of Bloom have been inspiring.

As we step into our roles, we are excited to continue the story of our association, fostering a community that is welcoming for everyone. The policy plan will outline our focus for the year, covering key topics such as Community & Inclusivity, Growth & Development, Transparency & Democracy, Social Safety, and Cooperation with the academic program. Additionally, we will include introductions of each of us as board members and our ideas and goals for Bloom.

We are looking forward to the upcoming General Assembly on the 16th of October 2024, when our year officially starts and the opportunities this year will bring for our association.

Warm regards,

The 2nd Board of Study Association Bloom



Community and Inclusivity

A core focus of Bloom is to create a strong and inclusive community through the organisation of a wide variety of events that cater to the interests and needs of its members. Throughout the academic year, Bloom will ensure that each (event-organising) committee hosts at least two events per semester, guaranteeing diverse opportunities for members to engage with one another. These events will range from social gatherings to workshops and speaker events, ensuring that all members have the chance to participate in activities that interest them. To ensure that events continue to resonate with members, event attendance will be tracked by committee members, or using sign-up forms, and feedback will be gathered after events to inform future planning.

Committee Application Process

Bloom will streamline its committee recruitment process by maintaining clear and accessible channels for members to join committees. We have already facilitated this through a committee fair and a dedicated WhatsApp community, where members can join committee group chats to express interest and get involved immediately. By continuing to promote these avenues via social media and email campaigns, we ensure that members can easily participate without a formal selection process, fostering a sense of inclusivity and encouraging immediate involvement.

Dietary Inclusivity

In addition, Bloom will prioritise inclusivity in its event planning by offering non-alcoholic beverages and ensuring that dietary restrictions, including vegetarian and vegan, are accommodated at all events. This way, all members can comfortably participate in social activities, further enhancing the sense of belonging.

Community Bonding Opportunities

Bonding opportunities within our association are an integral part of becoming an inclusive and active community. This will involve organising more events that appeal to all three years of our program, such as a gala, themed borrels, various trips or the introduction of clubs, which encourage more interactions between the different years in our course. Additionally, we will strengthen bonds within our association's committees by introducing a committee bonding day. This event will allow committee members to get to know each other better through various team-building activities and bonding games, creating stronger connections not only within but also between committees.

Introduction of Clubs

Bloom will foster smaller, interest-based communities through the establishment of Art, Film, and Literature Clubs, offering opportunities to explore shared passions outside larger events. These clubs will not only provide a space for discussing specific topics but will also aim to deepen relationships between members, encourage creative expression, and facilitate collaborative projects. The goal is to have at least these three clubs fully active by the end of Semester 1, with regular meetings and events. These clubs will provide another layer of

engagement, helping Bloom members, as well as non-members, connect through shared passions while building a deeper sense of community within Bloom. Importantly, Bloom members will also have the opportunity to propose new clubs based on their interests. If approved by the board, these new clubs will gain access to the Club Fund for their activities. This approach allows for flexible community growth and ensures that the association remains responsive to the evolving interests of its members.

Each club will be member-led, with a volunteer Club Coordinator overseeing activities and a core group assisting with logistics. Bloom's primary role is to provide financial support and resources through the Club Fund. To ensure the responsible use of funds as they come from the CSS grant, funding will be provided upon approval of a proposal for special activities, ensuring support is allocated based on the importance and necessity of the event. This could involve brief reports or photo documentation of club events. Clubs will meet monthly or bi-weekly if there is enough interest. Amongst the goals of implementing clubs is the pursuit of collaborations with local businesses, bookstores, and cinemas to further support the club's activities. Lastly, the exact guidelines for club formation, funding, and reporting will be presented in the half-year General Assembly and mid-year report to support the ongoing development process and ensure consistency and alignment with Bloom's values and objectives.

Growth and Development

As a board, one of the core focuses is Bloom's growth and development, which is particularly important during these foundational years of the association. Personal growth for our members, alongside internal and external expansion of the community, are key elements in building a vibrant and supportive environment. Our mission is to build upon the foundation established by the previous board, creating an atmosphere where members can thrive both socially and professionally.

Member's Personal Growth

To accommodate the professional development of the members, we plan to host a career fair, as well as workshops and networking events that connect members with professionals and potential employers. These initiatives will provide members with skills, knowledge and networks relevant to the fields of Computational Social Science and help them explore the professional landscape and achieve their career goals.

Increase Membership Value

We plan to focus on increasing the value for the members through the organization of a diverse range of all-inclusive and member-exclusive events, clubs and initiatives, as well as providing more monetary benefits such as discounts to services that can add value to their student life, social and academic aspects.

Structural Development

As a further step towards strengthening the foundations of our association, we plan to extend existing guidelines and structures, in particular defining the responsibilities of the individual boards and committees, as well as creating information sheets for each committee that contain an overview with important role descriptions, contact information and general information about the committee. On the one hand, this helps to ensure that the board and committees have a better overview of the structures within the association and, on the other, helps to ensure a continuous flow of information for the following year.

External Growth

External growth is equally important in establishing Bloom's presence and ensuring opportunities for its members. We will actively seek out partnerships with companies, startups, and academic institutions that can provide internships, mentorship opportunities, and workshops for our members. These partnerships will support our goal of connecting students with professionals in fields relevant to our program.

Transparency and Democracy

Our goal is to make every member feel informed and actively involved in shaping the association. Members will have access to key documents such as statutes, policy plans, data privacy policies, and financial plans. They will also participate in important decisions through voting at the General Assembly, encouraging trust and collaboration as we grow together.

Regular Updates

Moreover, we understand that genuine engagement requires staying informed. All members who subscribe will get a monthly newsletter that will act as a source of information, highlighting important progress, upcoming events, and opportunities for involvement. Additionally, the committee heads will get weekly updates to ensure cohesiveness and allow for informed decision-making at all levels.

Feedback Procedures

Giving and receiving feedback is fundamental to growing together and creating a welcoming, inclusive environment for everyone. To achieve this, we will establish a regular feedback cycle for the committee heads by setting up monthly meetings together with the board to discuss what ideas, thoughts and concerns we all have and to ensure we all move forward together as a team. Another feedback point we will implement is feedback surveys, where members and committee heads have the opportunity to provide structured feedback through half-year or quarterly surveys. These surveys will focus on various aspects, such as event quality, communication practices, and overall satisfaction. Additionally, we will maintain dedicated feedback channels, such as an anonymous online form, to allow members to express their thoughts anytime without hesitation. To make feedback more actionable, survey results will be reviewed collectively by the board, followed by clear action points and updates.

Office Hours

Building on the importance of accessibility, transparency means making sure that everyone is comfortable and supported, not just that information is shared. Our board members will maintain regular office hours, making it easy for members to approach us with questions, concerns, or feedback. This accessibility is important for building strong relationships and maintaining an open culture. We want every member to feel that their voice can be heard, whether through office hours or casual conversations, creating a sense of belonging and community.

Social Safety

As we continue to evolve as an association, we remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all Bloom members. To facilitate this, information about social safety resources, including the social safety plan and the profiles and contact details of our trust persons, will be readily available on our website and social media profiles, supported by regular reminders.

At each Bloom event, at least one board member will be present to provide a reliable point of contact for support. In addition to that, a sober person will be assigned for each event that involves alcohol, with these individuals being clearly identified and announced in advance along with the event's announcement, especially in the cases of larger events. In addition, we will increase the number of trust persons to three, adding one of the board members, to offer support to members facing challenges or concerns. We also aim to maintain our activities to be inclusive and diverse, actively avoiding pressure for alcohol consumption while offering various event options.

To better meet our members' needs, we will create opportunities for open discussions around social safety during feedback sessions and General Assemblies, along with maintaining anonymous feedback forms on our website. We will not take any member reports lightly, encouraging members to reach out to trust persons or board members when they experience or witness unacceptable behaviour, and we are committed to addressing these issues promptly.

We understand that social environments can be daunting, especially for those who may feel isolated or unfamiliar with our community. Our goal is to use the above-mentioned steps to create a welcoming atmosphere where every member feels empowered to speak up and seek help if they need to, with the discussions and other feedback opportunities serving as opportunities to assess the effectiveness of the implemented measures.

Cooperation with the program

“Bloom would not be where it is without the program CSSci.” This statement from the previous policy plan remains as relevant and significant as ever. The strong connection between Bloom and the program helped us to create a one-of-a-kind community within our course. Our common goals, such as providing support, events and activities for students at and besides their studies, preparing them for their futures and just ensuring that everyone feels welcome, have opened numerous opportunities to collaborate.

We want to build on last year’s plans by hosting at least one career or education-related event together. Furthermore, we also want to continue the tradition of inviting staff members to certain Bloom events, like Pub lectures or Borrels, as well as providing space for them in our Spill magazine.

Our relationship continues to be one of mutual support. We are dedicated to helping at different CSSci-related events, such as already at the introduction and matching days and are committed to providing our assistance whenever needed. We will also stay regularly in contact with the program staff, to stay updated and aligned in our efforts. We are excited about continuing our collaboration and are truly grateful for the support we have experienced so far.

Personal Introductions

The 2nd board of Bloom



Chair

David Liebmann

I couldn't be more excited about taking over the position of chair from the previous chair, who did outstanding work last year. The main responsibilities of the chair are representing the association externally, ensuring internal structure and support by chairing the board meetings and having regular check-ins with the board, the committees and also the members.

After the first board successfully built up the foundation of our association, my primary goal is to further strengthen these foundations. This will be achieved through the implementation of internal structures, such as writing clear guidelines and internal rules, to make transitions smoother for future boards and committees. These guidelines include board and committee responsibilities, internal procedures, communication practices, contact information and a general overview of how the association is structured. Additionally, I want to create an overview for the upcoming boards that outlines what needs to be done and when to facilitate a smoother transition into the new year. These actions also heavily contribute to my goal to increase the effectiveness of internal communication in the association. In addition to the mentioned actions, I want to focus on providing more support to our committee heads and members by establishing clear communication channels and opportunities to include everyone in the development of our association, such as (bi-)monthly committee head meetings.

Strengthening community bonds will be another key priority for me this year. I will contribute by organizing (bi-)monthly meetings for committee heads, a committee bonding day, and various bonding opportunities within the board, all aimed at fostering open communication, collaboration, and most importantly fun as we get to know each other better.

In addition, I plan to represent and make Bloom well-known externally by fostering collaboration with other associations, particularly within our own faculty and possibly beyond that. By being actively involved in Fv-FMG meetings, visiting different boards within the Fv-FMG, and attending their events, I hope to create stronger connections that will benefit us as an association, and our members and broaden our network. Furthermore, I am very excited to be the coordinator of the Activity Committee within the Fv-FMG, which organises a faculty event, most likely a symposium about an educational topic, inviting various speakers from all over the faculty.

I am excited to be able to shape Bloom's future and to make Bloom a place where every member feels welcome, supported and included.

Responsibilities:

Internal Responsibilities:

1. **Keeping an Overview of the Association**
 - Stay informed about all internal activities within the board and association.
 - Keep track of ongoing projects and challenges.
2. **Preparing and Chairing Board Meetings**

- Ensure all necessary topics are discussed and addressed during the board meetings.
3. **Support and Communicate with Board Members and Committees**
 - Check-in regularly with board members and committees to assess their well-being.
 - Provide guidance and assistance with projects when necessary.
 4. **Strengthening Community Bonds within the Board, Committees and the Association**
 - Organise bonding activities for the board
 - Organise a committee bonding day to strengthen connections within and between committees.
 5. **Ensuring Feedback Possibilities**
 - Create opportunities for feedback from members regarding the communication flow.
 - Conduct regular evaluations to ensure that members' voices are heard

External Responsibilities

1. **Representation of the Association:**
 - Serve as the public face of the association by attending events, holding speeches and being actively engaged and visible within and outside the association
 - Maintain regular contact with external parties, including other study associations and faculty organizations.
2. **Networking and Collaboration:**
 - Engage with other chairs and members of the faculty association (Fv-FMG) for collaborative projects and events.
 - Coordinating the activity committee within the Fv-FMG
 - Seek opportunities for collaboration and support from other associations and external organizations.
3. **Connection with our Computational Social Science Program:**
 - Being in contact with program staff, to ensure smooth collaboration, such as planning collaborative events.

Secretary x Internal Promotional Commissioner

Aya Abdelrahman

I feel honoured to be both the Secretary and Internal Promotional Commissioner of Bloom. The double role encompasses all my interests, spanning from administration to marketing, allowing me to be subjected to a vast range of tasks.

As my tasks cover the technical aspect of internal and external communication, I must ensure that the information is clear, concise and coherent, flowing smoothly and consistently. For committee heads, I write weekly updates that allow them to be kept up to date and reduces misunderstandings. Similarly, I make use of the announcement channels I must also sustain the bottom-up communication approach, ensuring members' and partners' thoughts and opinions are shared frequently and acted upon. To achieve this, input from committee heads is requested. In meetings, my tasks help in formulating a clear organizational structure for present and future objectives, and a historical record for references. My tasks with memberships are mainly administrative, observing and analysing the numerical aspects across all channels of communication. The documentation tasks are vital to guarantee that transactional aspects of Bloom are safeguarded, as well as improving the organization, productivity and efficiency of all processes through goal setting and task tracking.

Therefore, my goals revolve around two main objectives:

The first is to ensure Bloom, as an association, has exceeded its members' expectations, resulting in maximum return for their involvement. I plan to place a great amount of attention in reaching effective communication, internally and externally, by enhancing the utility of all forms and channels of communication. The first point to address is the website. I aim to make the website a regular point of visit for the members and partners through frequent and engaging content, like implementing weekly game challenges and displaying photos of events. Secondly, the goal is to increase involvement of the committee heads and members. A way to achieve increased engagement is through consistent weekly updates to committee heads about board meetings, upcoming and past events, and an opportunity to share their opinion and committee updates.

Additionally, my decision-making process, especially in the promotional aspect such as wording on an Instagram story or when contacting Bloom members on WhatsApp, will involve keeping Bloom's values in mind, essentially aiming to create a balance between a humorous and fun attitude and a professional and serious tone, maintaining Bloom's corporate identity.

My second goal is to implement a strategy that ensures maximum efficiency in the backstage management. I plan to create an easy and efficient system of keeping track of the membership base, as well as their needs, through utilizing the website's built-in analytical functions. An example is the mobile vs web visits, which compares the devices that people who are accessing the website are using. When examining this number, due to the higher percentage of mobile visits, my design choices will need to be tailored to the aesthetics of the mobile version of the web. Coupled with this approach, the organization of files and deadlines are a priority of mine, aiming to use shared calendars and reminder alerts to all inputting actors of Bloom. This way,

I am also addressing the needs of the board members and committee heads, forming a structured foundation for Bloom, and ultimately overcoming the main obstacles for a well-arranged management all year round.

For the two targets and all future plans, no matter how small or large they are, the implementation of consistent feedback from all actors at play in Bloom, such as through feedback forms, is essential to encourage the association to reach its full potential. Let us always keep blooming!

Responsibilities:

1. Maintain Bloom's Social Media Accounts:

- Instagram: with the Marketing Committee
- WhatsApp: with the Marketing Committee
- LinkedIn: with the External Commissioner

2. Maintenance of Bloom's Website

- Regularly update the documents, calendar, and other sections
- Provide opportunities for feedback through feedback forms
- Provide opportunities for picture and post consent through a consent form, always available on the website
- Regularly check up on form submissions
- Responsible for visual aspects

3. Oversee Marketing Committee

- Support Marketing Committee head in promoting events.

4. Monthly Newsletter

- Create, design and write the content

5. Meetings:

- Efficient notetaking during board meetings
- Create and share a well-defined action plan with board members

6. Membership:

- Keep the member register up to date
- Follow up on committee members all year round
- Monitor the performance of the website, social media accounts and emails.

7. Documentation:

- Responsible for uploading and storing important files
- Maintenance of the Bloom shared board drive
- Ensure compliance with GDPR regulation, with regard to photos, videos and sensitive information in the files and website

8. **Communication Oversight**

- Monitor incoming and outgoing emails and social media messages

Treasurer

Khushi Jain

As the second treasurer, I'm excited to support Bloom's ongoing development and help shape its financial future. As the association is still in its early years, contributing to the establishment and improvement of its financial base is a challenging task as well as an incredible opportunity. My goal is to make sure Bloom grows confidently and sustainably, shaping the experiences of our members and building a foundation that supports our long-term ambitions.

My responsibility is to look after the association's cash flow, stability, and transparency. Through careful planning, budgeting, and bookkeeping, my goal is to bring Bloom's financial practices in line with its core values of inclusion, development, and collaboration. I place a high priority on working closely with the board, committee heads, committee treasurers, and the Audit Council to maintain transparency and accountability in our financial decisions. Additionally, open and consistent communication with the committee treasurers is a priority for me. By regularly checking in with committee treasurers to review ongoing expenses and address any changes or updates to the budget, I'm committed to keeping us aligned and making informed financial decisions.

Furthermore, I am committed to putting in place a productive financial system that maintains thorough and accurate records of all transactions and reports, guaranteeing that Bloom's financial operations are visible and easily accessible. In addition to my collaboration with the Audit Council, I plan to hold regular meetings every two to three months to review transactions and check that our practices comply with the strictest guidelines for financial management. This proactive approach will help to identify any issues early on and maintain a high level of integrity in our financial processes.

Besides the day-to-day financial operations, my goal is to improve our committee treasurers' understanding of finances by establishing transparent policies and establishing a positive work atmosphere. This strategy will guarantee consistency across the committees and expedite procedures. In the end, I want to make a significant contribution to Bloom's long-term success and the base upon which future boards might build.

I am deeply committed to ensuring Bloom's financial health, and I look forward to contributing to the association's success, supporting our members, and helping Bloom thrive as a lifelong community for years to come!

Responsibilities

Internal Responsibilities:

1. Financial Planning & Budget Management

- Create an annual financial plan aligning with Bloom's objectives
- Prepare and update the budget based on committee input, ensuring it aligns with spendings.
- Make sure that expenditures are in line with the association's mission and values.

2. Financial Tracking, Reporting & Development

- Monitor the association's financial flow and maintain accurate bookkeeping records including invoices and receipts.
- Prepare and present financial reports at the beginning, mid-year and end-of-year.

3. Financial Management & Control

- Oversee and coordinate all financial transactions, such as revenue from membership fees, grants, sponsors, and ticket sales
- Oversee reimbursements and guarantee that all payments are made on time.
- Manage and arrange pre-authorized payment debits.
- Collaborate with the Audit Council to maintain financial transparency, establish guidelines for committee treasurers, and review financial processes every two to three months to ensure compliance and document key decisions for future boards.

4. Collaboration & Financial Support

- Act as the committee treasurer's main point of contact and provide guidance on budget management and financial decision-making.
- Make sure there is fair discussion and collaboration and ask the committee heads and treasurers to weigh in on budgetary decisions.
- Communicate monthly with the committee treasurer to review expenses and budgetary updates, ensuring alignment.
- Make sure that committees receiving grant money follow the guidelines, including submitting requests at least 21 days (about 3 weeks) in advance.
- Review the financial policy guidelines regularly with board members and committee treasurers.

External Responsibilities:

1. Fundraising & Financial Support

- Apply for grants from the College of Social Science and other funding opportunities.
- Coordinate with the External Commissioner to manage the cash flow of sponsorships, making sure that everything is in line with the association's budget.

Internal Study Commissioner

Antonín Tesař

It is a great honor to be serving as the Internal Study Commissioner of Bloom in the association's second year of existence and I intend to build upon the foundations created both by the previous Internal Study Commissioner and the first Board as a whole, while upholding the values that are at the heart of Bloom.

I aim to foster a safe and fun environment, where the members are faced with opportunities to develop themselves both individually and through collaborative work. This shall be achieved through the organization of diverse events, drawing from the event roster of last year, which included guest lectures by academics and industry professionals, documentary nights, or workshops focused on marketing yourself as a CSSci student, while also building upon it to add large scale events such as a Shark Tank pitching event or a career fair event. Meanwhile, the number of editions of Spill Magazine will be increased to three, to provide further creative self-expression opportunities.

Various committees are important in achieving these goals, namely Career, Education, and Magazine. As the Internal Study Commissioner, it is my duty to work with the heads and members of these committees to ensure they have the tools and resources they need to organize activities for the members, while also facilitating communication with the Board and other committees.

One of my main areas of focus this year is the creation of the above-mentioned Bloom clubs. I believe that clubs will provide further opportunities for members to learn and grow in a fun way, whilst connecting with their peers. My goal is to facilitate the creation of academic and career-related clubs in addition to those outlined before, such as a Coding club, and help them function throughout the year, as well as to work closely with the Internal Social Commissioner to set-up and provide support to the system of clubs as a whole.

Additionally, I want to help increase the number of events organized together with an external organization, be it another study association or a company relevant to the members, along with the help of the committees and the External Commissioner. These might include guest speaker lectures, career fairs, or educational trips.

Lastly, I want to keep a close connection to the CSSci program both thematically through activities covering relevant topics and values reflecting the interdisciplinarity of our course, as well as literally, through joint endeavors such as mutual help or events such as the Shark Tank pitching event.

Responsibilities

1. **Oversee and help committees**

- Assist and oversee the Career, Education and Magazine committees in carrying out their goals, such as the organization of events and other activities in the case of Career and Education, and the start to finish development of each magazine issue in the case of Magazine

- Ensure that events and other activities facilitated by the committees are in line with Bloom's values, including inclusivity, democracy, and community.
- Communicate with the committee heads on a regular basis to stay up to date on committee proceedings and provide them with any support and resources they may need
- Actively seek out feedback from committee heads and members on any aspects of Bloom and being a part of the association and promptly act upon it if necessary
- Serve as a communication channel between the committees and the board, as well as between individual committees.

2. Social Safety Overview

- Ensuring the safety plan is implemented and regularly reviewed
- Maintaining contact with trust persons
- Designating a sober person for events

Internal Social Commissioner

Alexia-Ioana Nichifor

I am excited to serve as Bloom's Internal Social Commissioner this year, with my focus being on building a strong sense of community through thoughtful social and travel activities. My goal is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where members can form meaningful friendships and memories during their time in the Computational Social Science program.

This year, I am particularly focused on fostering connections across all three years of the program. I want to provide opportunities for both new and returning students to engage with each other through a range of events, from smaller gatherings to large-scale celebrations. My personal ambition is to establish Bloom's first gala as a signature event on our social calendar.

Engaging Bloom members will be an ongoing priority throughout the year. Regular feedback from members will help shape our event calendar and ensure it reflects their preferences and needs. I plan to gather input through surveys, suggestion boxes, and in-person interactions, encouraging participation across all three years of the program. By offering diverse events that foster interactions between first-, second-, and third-year students, I aim to strengthen the bonds within our growing community.

Strengthening connections with other study associations is also a priority, as I believe that collaboration with others will help Bloom grow and assert its presence more visibly within the faculty. Through these efforts, I hope to expand the range of activities we offer while building a strong reputation for Bloom.

Responsibilities

Internal Responsibilities

1. Oversee Social and Travel Events

- Manage events organized by the Social Activities, Party & Borrel, and Travel committees.
- Include regular monthly borrels, social outings, themed parties, and travel-related activities (day trips, weekend excursions).

2. Financial Collaboration

- Collaborate closely with the treasurer to maintain the financial sustainability of events.

3. Engage Members

- Gather regular feedback through surveys, suggestion boxes, and in-person interactions.
- Encourage participation from all three years of the program.
- Foster interactions between first, second, and third-year students.

4. Collaborate with Clubs and Committees

- Work closely with Film, Book, and Art Clubs to create diverse events.
- Support Social Activities, Travel, and Party & Borrel Committee Heads to ensure alignment with Bloom's values.
- Maintain regular communication with committee heads to coordinate activities.

External Responsibilities

1. Representation at Events

- Represent Bloom at both internal and external social events.

2. Foster External Relationships

- Build relationships with social commissioners from other study associations.
- Explore opportunities for joint events and collaborations.

3. Increase Visibility

- Strengthen Bloom's presence within the faculty and highlight the community's unique aspects.

4. Support and Inclusivity Focus

- Ensure all Bloom members feel connected and valued through thoughtful planning.
- Emphasize inclusivity and accessibility in all initiatives.

External Commissioner / Vice Chair

Erika Melody Scales

I am thrilled to be part of the second board of Bloom as both the vice chair and external commissioner during one of the most important years for the association's development. My dual role allows me to strengthen Bloom's community from within while also expanding its external network. This gives me the opportunity to represent Bloom not only at the board level but also through meaningful collaborations with other associations and organizations, ensuring that the association's values are reflected both internally and externally.

As vice chair, my main responsibilities include supporting and working closely with the chair during meetings and leading the association when needed. I act as the association's representative in the chair's absence and serve as the alternative point of contact for the board, members, and external partners.

As the external commissioner, I represent the association in communication with external networks and work to provide new opportunities, contacts, and partnerships. I aim to develop career- and academic-oriented opportunities for our members and enhance their social experience through strategic collaborations.

I plan to build upon the network established by the first external commissioner, and further expand our entrepreneurial and education-focused partnerships. In addition to the data science-driven collaborations formed last year, I aim to pursue collaborations and partnerships with social science, business, AI, and computer science-oriented student associations for educational opportunities. Alongside hosting workshops, speakers and networking events, I hope to organize company visits to startups and businesses in Amsterdam and other cities across the Netherlands, providing members with career opportunities in fields related to Computational Social Science. Maintaining close relationships with other study associations – particularly those within Fv-FMG – will also be a key priority.

Lastly, I plan to introduce new partnerships that will not only enrich the social aspect of Bloom but also support local businesses. By securing discounts and arranging accessible venues at restaurants, bars, and cafés, I hope to create more opportunities for members to engage in social activities while promoting and strengthening community-driven businesses. I will ensure that these partnerships align with Bloom's values of inclusivity, community and sustainability, developing meaningful relationships that benefit both Bloom and its partners.

Responsibilities

External Commissioner

Internal Responsibilities

1. Collaborations with Commissioners and Committee Heads

- Assist commissioners and committee heads with event planning by providing them with external speakers, collaborators, venues, and sponsors.

- Actively listen to and reflect on the needs of committees, heads, and commissioners when forming partnerships and collaborations.

2. Reflecting on the Members' Needs

- Ensure that the partnerships and collaborations formed cater to a wide variety of activities and themes, reflecting the diverse backgrounds and interests of our members. These include:
 - Student Needs – Partnerships that can assist with student life, such as housing searches, bike rentals, and discounted books.
 - Social Needs – partnerships with local restaurants, bars, and cafes to offer members discounts and host social events. Collaborate with other associations to provide opportunities for members to meet new people outside of the program.
 - Educational / Career Needs – Partnerships that provide educational and career opportunities in fields such as data science, AI, computer science, entrepreneurship, business, and social science (related to CSSci).
- Regularly seek feedback from members, including general members, committee members, commissioners, and committee heads.

External Responsibilities

1. External Communication & Representation

- Network and outreach
- Represent the association in professional settings and in communication with external partners
- Grow the professional network and keep partners and collaborators up to date with Bloom's events and achievements.

2. Working with the Program

- Collaborate with the Partnerships Team
- Utilize existing connections to bring in resources, sponsorships, and opportunities that can benefit the association and its members.

3. Building Partnerships and Opportunities

- Maintain existing partnerships and manage contracts
- Establish long-term partnerships
- Organize career and academic events
- Keep members informed about potential internships or job opportunities related to the field of CSSci.

4. Collaborations with Other Associations

- Organize joint events with other student and study associations, especially within Fv-FMG

- Develop relationships with associations

5. Sponsorships and Commission

- Form partnerships with organizations that offer commission or other benefits to Bloom
- Build relationships with sponsors that can provide financial backing for Bloom's events and initiatives
- Work closely with the Treasurer to manage sponsorship funds and ensure that financial agreements with partners align with Bloom's budget needs.

Vice Chair

Internal Responsibilities

1. Cooperating and Supporting the Chair

- Assist the chair in preparing for and leading board meetings

2. Taking Chair's Responsibilities in Their Absence

- Organize and chair meetings with the board, Praesidium, and Advisory Board
- Keep regular communication with all board members to stay updated on their tasks and progress.

3. Alternative Point of Contact

- Be the alternative point of contact for any concerns or issues within the board and the association

4. Well-Being of the Association

- Take an active role in looking after the well-being of board members, committee heads, committee members, and general members
- Promote open communication and address any concerns related to well-being and team dynamics.

External Responsibilities

1. Act as the primary representative of Bloom in the Chair's absence

- Attend General Assemblies (GAs) and Fv-FMG meetings