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Societal actor - Health University Campus (HUC)





Mariam Camara and Blanca Rico March 2024 Interview with the Head of the Student Health Service, Ms. Aude Rochoux, on March 28, 2024:

• How are students' health and welfare needs addressed at the University of Strasbourg?

"Students who come to us with health problems have an interview with the nurses or doctors, and when they have problems of precariousness, we take care of them. We can give them one-off assistance with food or clothing vouchers, and then refer them to CROUS (Centre régional des œuvres universitaires et scolaires).

Then, when students have difficulties, there's a general address that they can contact at CROUS level and at the level of social associations.

Since this year, a solidarity mission has also been set up at the University.

So, there are two possibilities: either they come to us and we question these people who are in precarious situations, or they can go directly to the CROUS to get one-off assistance or a grant, depending on their situation, and then there's the solidarity mission as well."

• Are there any specific programs to promote students' mental and emotional health?

"(...) There's the CAMUS (Centre d'accueil médico-psychologique universitaire de Strasbourg) where psychologists and psychiatrists can take care of students with mental health problems.

We've also set up father-to-father student relay schemes, with students housed in university halls of residence going door-to-door to see if students are lonely or have social problems. Students who are contacted by e-mail, who are spread out over the different campuses. And then, if they have social problems, the students can talk to them about it and they guide them.

• How do we ensure that health services are accessible to all students, whatever their financial situation?

"All our consultations are free of charge, so students book an appointment on *doctolib* and can come for a variety of consultations, including gynecological, nutritional and general consultations, as well as sophrology, music therapy and examinations for sexually transmitted diseases.

Everything is free, including the possibility of vaccinations for those on the margins of society, because we have free vaccines.

You should know that most of the student health service budget comes from the CVEC (Contribution de vie étudiante et de campus)."

• Are there any initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of health service activities?

"We're going to try to set up a tobacco-free campus and recycle cigarette butts. It's started on the Health Campus and it's going to be done on the Central Campus."

• What are the long-term objectives for improving the health and social well-being of students at the University of Strasbourg?

"The objectives are to try to support them as best we can when they have problems. That's why, we try to offer them consultations when they're ill, and then the objectives for health are the tobacco-free campus, which is a very clear improvement. What's more, we've opened delocalized antennas, which means that there used to be only the central campus antenna, but now there's one in Illkirch and one in the city center, and that too reduces the carbon footprint because there's less displacement."