



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe



UNI-Capital Platform

Sharing, Shaping, Cooperating

UNICA, the network of Universities from the capitals of Europe would like to create the platform university-capital city/capital region to enhance the dialogue between the city/regional representatives and the universities in order to create opportunities for cooperation in the areas of knowledge regions, innovation, research and entrepreneurship, citizenship, mobility and migration, urban issues, link university-enterprise, internationalization and sustainable development and sustainable cities.

Since the network was founded in 1990, UNICA has been developing initiatives aiming at strengthening the link with the cities and regions where its member Universities are located. UNICA has also a Working group on "Urban issues" gathering experts on the topic of *glocalisation* and *metropolisation*. Moreover, in 2006, UNICA organized a Student Conference on "University-City-Citizenship". In 2008, the UNICA Euromaster in Urban Studies *4Cities* was launched. Further information on these activities is available on the UNICA Website(www.unica-network.eu) and on the official website of the *4Cities master* (www.4cities.eu).

The main objectives and goals of the UNI-Capital Platform are:

- Promoting creativity, competitiveness, employability and the growth of an entrepreneurial spirit
- Better understanding the active role Universities can play for stronger regional/city development
- Exploring future joint cooperation strategies matching socio-economic needs
- Developing the concept of knowledge regions and to enhance inter-regional and international mobility and cooperation.
- Setting up projects to improve the quality, attractiveness and accessibility of the opportunities for Lifelong Learning
- Contributing to the inclusion of social and citizenship issues in the university-city/region partnership
- Reinforcing the contribution of higher education and advanced vocational education to the process of innovation
- Facilitating a dialogue among universities and regions across Europe focusing on topics such as: new skills for new jobs, learning region & knowledge transfer.

In 2010 UNICA will celebrate its **20th Anniversary** and we would like to invite the representatives of the capital cities/regions in Brussels to meet with representatives of the UNICA member Universities on **11 February 2010**. This will allow us to get to know each other as a first step on the creation of the UNI-Capital Platform.

When: 11 February 2010 from 03.00 pm to 05.30 pm

Venue: Tallinn EU Office
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