Subject: Invitation to the UNICA General Assembly 2017, ELTE Budapest, 16-17 November 2017

Dear Rector,
Dear President,

We are pleased to invite you to the 27th UNICA General Assembly & Rectors Seminar, which will be hosted by ELTE Eötvös Loránd University Budapest, 16-17 November 2017. The UNICA General Assembly is the most important meeting in our Network's yearly agenda and serves as an important forum for the UNICA community, where the member universities can look back at the latest achievements of the Network, plan next activities, but also have an opportunity to discuss the policy matters related to the European Higher Education Area and the wider role of Universities in society.

In this context, the Rectors Seminar "The social dimension of higher education and the social responsibility of universities: experiences and challenges", organised in the framework of the General Assembly, will address the address both the access of underrepresented social groups to Higher Education and the social responsibility of Universities through their involvement in the larger local and national community. The Seminar will take place on Friday, 17 November, 09:00-16:00.

As you have been already informed, this year's General Assembly will also hold the UNICA Steering Committee elections during the administrative part of the General Assembly, Thursday, 16 November, 09:00-13:00. The nominations in a sealed envelope shall be sent to the UNICA Secretariat in Brussels no later than by Wednesday, 16 August 2017.

Like in previous years, two parallel sessions will be held on Thursday, 16 November, 14:00-15:30: one dedicated to academic leaders (Rectors Meeting) and the other to UNICA Contact Persons and International Relations Officers (UNICA CP/IRO meeting). A new exciting item on our agenda - the first meeting of Chairs of UNICA Working Groups - is scheduled for Thursday, 16 November, 16:30-18:00.
The programme outline of the General Assembly, online registration form and information on pre-booked hotels is available on the UNICA General Assembly page [http://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-general-assembly-2017](http://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-general-assembly-2017). We advise you to book your accommodation for the UNICA General Assembly 2017 at your earliest convenience, if possible by the beginning of September.

Detailed programme will be published in late August and you will be notified when it is made available. The agenda and annexes of the administrative General Assembly will be sent two weeks prior to the meeting.

UNICA Secretariat in Brussels (office@unica-network.eu, +32 2 514 79 00) is at your disposal for any questions you may have.

We sincerely hope that you and your University representatives will be able to take part in the UNICA General Assembly 2017 and we look forward to welcoming you in Budapest.

Yours sincerely,