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Beyond their traditional activities of research and teaching, higher education institutions reflect regularly on the place of culture on university campus, the role of universities as cultural actors in their cities or regions and their relations with city's major cultural organisations.

On 16-17 May 2016 in Lisbon, Université libre de Bruxelles and Universidade NOVA de Lisboa organised the 1st "University, Culture and the City" Conference. The Conference was held under the auspices of UNICA and the creation of a UNICA "University, Culture, and the City" working group was announced as a major outcome of this meeting.

The new working group will gather the representatives of UNICA member universities, political leaders of capital cities and the cities' cultural actors.

The main objective of the group will be to define the guidelines for the development of strategies on:

- promoting a joint reflection on cultural policies,
- strengthening the role of leadership in promoting, creating and disseminating culture,
- maintaining an ongoing dialogue with cultural actors,
- developing interaction with the municipal authorities of European capitals.

In order to achieve these goals, the group will pursue different activities, such as:

- promoting the sharing of facilities among universities and municipalities,
- developing joint projects in the framework of EU programmes, bringing together universities and municipalities,
- promoting the planning of cultural activities among universities and municipalities.

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