



## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICERS

Established in 1995, the International Relations Officers (IRO) Group aims at **sharing information and innovative approaches to internationalisation at universities:** implementation of internationalisation strategies, quality assurance of international partnerships, management of international projects and mobility schemes, and development of internationalisation support mechanisms.

**Target group:** Heads and Senior Officers of International Relations Offices



Annual meeting in April/May & short meeting in the framework of the General Assembly (in November)



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## UNICA EDULAB

Ten years after the founding of the UNICA Bologna Lab in 2002, the group reshaped its activities in the light of the changing European HE landscape. The redesigned UNICA EduLAB aims at discussing the **implications of the Bologna Process for European HEIs focusing on new concepts and latest developments in university teaching & learning**, including student-centred learning and recognition of teaching excellence environments.

**Target group:** Vice-Rectors for Education, representatives of academic leadership responsible for Education & Teaching, Deans, Coordinators of Study Programmes, including e-Learning



Annual meeting (usually, early December)



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## EURLO & UNICA RESEARCH

The Group was established in 2006 to offer EU Research Liaison Officers from UNICA members a platform for the exchange of information, good practices, and solutions to overcome common difficulties resulting from the complex EU research funding rules & schemes. Over the years, it has widened its scope and UNICA Research aims now at offering a **think tank for EU Research Liaison Officers and Vice Rectors Research to discuss European research and innovation policy initiatives and strategies**. It also acts as a forum for **voicing joint recommendations on how to improve the European research policies and funding programmes**.



Annual meeting (usually in November)



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**Target group:** EU Research Liaison Officers, Vice-Rectors Research



## UNICA GREEN

Established in 2011, UNICA GREEN is a platform to discuss and exchange experience and practices related to the **implementation of environmental sustainability strategies at universities:** strategic tools, environmental management systems, and good practices related to the day-to-day work of a sustainable management office, student involvement, and outreach.

**Target group:** Vice-Rectors responsible for the implementation of institutional sustainability strategy from UNICA members, Sustainability/Environmental coordinators, representatives of UNICA GREEN Partners, peer networks, governmental bodies, and city authorities



Annual workshop (usually in March)



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## SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

Established in 2001, the group aims at serving as a think tank on the **evolving role of university libraries in educational processes and academic research**; sharing experiences and acknowledging the **impact of new scholarly communication models on HE institutions and research**

**Target group:** Heads of Libraries and Senior Librarians, Heads of University Press



Biennial meeting (usually in October/November)



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## PR&COMMUNICATION

Established in 2011, the UNICA PR & Communication Group offers a platform to exchange practices on the development of **university branding, content strategy, media presence**, and to get insights into the latest trends in university PR & communication.

**Target group:** Vice-Rectors Communication, University professionals working in the field of PR, Communication, Media Relations and Marketing



Annual workshop (usually, in April/May)



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## UNICA & the CITY

Established in 2016, the group aims at offering a platform to discuss and **strengthen the cooperation between universities and stakeholders in the urban ecosystem** (governmental, cultural, social & economic), sharing good practices, reflecting on **core values and academic culture** in the university-city relationship, designing and implementing **research strategies together with and for the city**.

**Target group:** Vice-Rectors, government representatives, city authorities, culture coordinators, researchers, students, professionals in artistic/cultural organisations



Annual workshop



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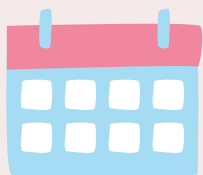
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