

UNICA WORKING GROUP “UNICA-MED” (Cooperation with Southern Mediterranean Universities)

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Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe

UNICA: a network of universities from the capitals of Europe

founded in 1990

46 universities

35 countries

1.800,000 students

150,000 staff



CLUSTERS OF ACTIVITIES



Internationalisation & Mobility :

- International Relations Officers meetings
- Student Conferences
- International PR & Communication

Education :



- UNICA EDULAB (former Bologna Lab)
- Development of Joint Programmes

Research & Development :

- EU Research Liaison Officers' network
- UNICA PhD MASTER CLASS
- Youth Entrepreneurship & Innovation



UNICA ACTIVITIES

10 Working Groups

up to 15 UNICA seminars, meetings and workshops per year gathering over 300 participants



Policy & Strategy :

- Contact with the EC & Decision-makers
- Rectors Seminars
- Scholarly Communication



Mission & Link with Society :

- Cooperation with the Union of the Capitals of the European Union (UCEU)
- City – University issues
- UNICA Green Academic Footprint

UNICA EC PROJECTS 2014-2015

UNICA as Coordinator

- **IMOTION - Integration and Promotion of Staff Training Courses at Universities across Europe** (Lifelong Learning: Erasmus Accompanying Measures)
- **UZDOC - Enhancing quality of doctoral education at Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan** (TEMPUS IV – Structural Measures)
- **RUMI: Réseau des Universités Marocaines pour l'Enseignement Inclusif (Network of Moroccan Universities for Inclusive Education)** under TEMPUS IV - Structural Measures;

UNICA as Partner (selected projects)

- **EGRACONS: European Grading Conversion System - Practical Approach to Improving ECTS Implementation in Europe** - UNICA leads WP Dissemination
- **EM-ACE: Promoting Erasmus Mundus Towards European Students: Activate, Communicate, Engage** - UNICA coordinates WP 2: Developing promotional material and WP 4: Promotional campaign
- **PRIDE: Professionals in Doctoral Education: Supporting skills development to better contribute to an European knowledge society** - UNICA leads WP Dissemination

Overall projects' budget: € 4,500,000

UNICA share: € 224,000

ORGANISATION



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Affiliations with other associations



UNICA is a collective associate member of **European University Association (EUA)**. Founded in 2001 as a result of a merger between the Association of European Universities (CRE) and the Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences, EUA supports over 850 member institutions in 47 countries.

The **EUA Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE)** is an independent service of EUA dedicated to doctoral education. In the framework of its EUA-CDE membership, UNICA organises **UNICA PhD Master Class**: the seminars aim to provide a forum of recommendations and best practices for Heads of Doctoral Schools.



In December 2011, UNICA became an affiliate member of **Scholars At Risk Network (SAR)**, an international network of institutions and individuals working to promote academic freedom and to defend the human rights of scholars worldwide.

UNICA Board & General Secretariat

UNICA President 2012-2015 Prof. Stavros A. Zenios (University of Cyprus)

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- Prof. Emmanuel Fraisse, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3
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- Prof. Antonio Rendas, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- Prof. Luciano Saso, Università degli studi di Roma "La Sapienza"



The Arab Spring

- The recent “Arab Spring” brought the attention of all European Institutions, and in particular of the universities, to the Mediterranean area.
- The **European Commission recognizes that the political & economic stability in the Mediterranean is vital not only to the region itself, but to Europe as a whole** www.eeas.europa.eu/euromed/index_en.htm

A constructive dialogue between European and South Mediterranean Universities is needed and can be stimulated through the creation of a platform that fosters academic exchange & discussion at all institutional levels.

Several Actors

- Several organizations are already fully aware of the importance of this historical moment and are very active in organizing events, initiatives and projects in the region. Among them, there are:
- Union for the Mediterranean (<http://www.ufmsecretariat.org/en/>)- Anna Lindh Foundation (<http://www.euromedalex.org>)
- UNIMED (<http://www.uni-med.net/>)
- TETHYS (http://www.tethys-univ.org/fr/un_tys_reso_part_en.php)
- EMUI (<http://www.emui.es>)
- Agence Europe Education Formation France (2e2f, <http://www.europe-education-formation.fr/>)
- EMUNI (<http://www.emuni.si/en/>)
- Arab-Euro Conferences on Higher Education (AECHE, <http://www.ub.edu/aeche>)
- Arab-Europe Leadership Network in Higher Education (ARELEN, <http://arelen.net>)
- and others

THE UNICA WORKING GROUP UNICA-MED



UNICA-MED

Working group UNICA-MED has the general aim of promoting cooperation with Southern Mediterranean Universities of the capital cities.

The objectives of the plan are to **develop new policies and strategies for internationalisation and modernisation of university research, education and administration in the area**, both to the benefit for EU Member and non-Member States, in full agreement with the UNICA network mission statement (<http://www.unica-network.eu/content/unica-mission-statement>) and the UNICA ON THE GLOBE strategy

Meetings of the UNICA-MED working group

March 19, 2012, Rome

October 25, 2012 Cyprus

November 7-9, 2013 Rome

April 25, 2014 Brussels



UNICA-MED: UNICA IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Internationalisation of Education


Internationalisation of Research

Development of policies

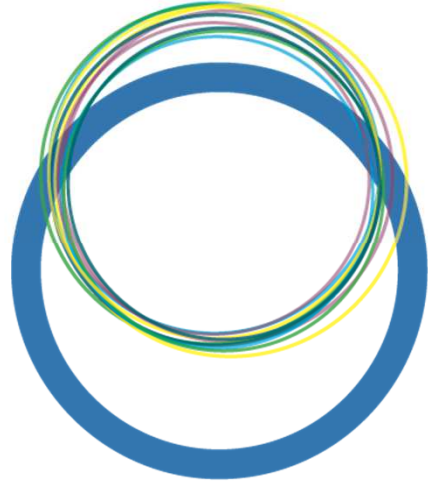
Etc.



Current UNICA projects involving MED Institutions

- Strengthening inclusive education in the Maghreb region: ***UMEI project***
 - ***RUMI***: Réseau des Universités Marocaines pour l'Enseignement Inclusif (Network of Moroccan Universities for Inclusive Education)
 - ***PRIDE***: Professionals in Doctoral Education: Supporting skills development to better contribute to a European knowledge society
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Amman 10-12 June 2014



AECH

Arab-Euro Conference on Higher Education

المؤتمر العربي-الأوروبي للتعليم العالي

Amman 2014

AECHE-2 (Amman 10-12 June 2014)


<http://aeche.psut.edu.jo/aeche/programme.aspx>

- EU-Arab Relations and the Critical Role of Higher Education and Research Cooperation
- Internationalizing through Regional Programmes
- Educating Global Citizens for Tomorrow: The Role of EU-Arab Higher Education Student and Staff Exchanges
- Embedding Mobility into Institutional Partnership: The Example of Joint Degrees
- University Leadership: Institutional Impact of Mobility
- **Towards an Arab Mobility Programme and Reinforced EU-Arab Partnership**

ARELEN (Arab European Leadership Network in Higher Education, <http://arelen.net>)

ARELEN is an outcome of the Tempus project "Leadership in Higher Education Management", coordinated by Cardiff Metropolitan University. Co-founded by Association of Arab Universities.

Possible projects to be developed

- Doctoral Education
 - Student Conferences
 - North-South Mobility
 - Etc.
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UNICA-MED, a basket of initiatives, projects and opportunities: let's work together!



Thank you for your attention

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