



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe

Another Great Year for UNICA (but not for many of our countries)

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Introduction

1. UNICA as a European actor
2. Green Academic Footprint
3. UNICA Masters in European History
4. Internationalization Strategy



UNICA IN A BIG PICTURE

43 Universities

32 European Countries

Student Conference every other year draws **200** students

13 UNICA meetings which gathered more than **300** participants

20 experts from UNICA universities in HER Seminars

Projects for the European Commission

UNICA - Med

Canadian initiative, Europe-China collaboration

OAS, ORION, SAR

Sustainable Initiatives



UNICA IN A BIG PICTURE

- Country Club Management....but with results!
- Policy Statement
- Policy on Projects
- Internationalization Strategy
- Grass roots initiatives and multilateral collaborations



Challenge the Status Quo

- Markets are rational -- Democracy is irrational
- We are “drifting into unfreedom”



Challenge the Status Quo

Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland

Public Intellectuals, Universities and a Democratic Crisis

London School of Economics, February 2012

- “Representative parliamentary accountability in conflict with unaccountable economic forces”
- “Legitimation crisis of European institution”
- “Need for a moral break to stop the drift to unfreedom”



Challenge the Status Quo

- Intellectual crisis.
 - Collapse of prevailing assumptions
 - Need for a new paradigm of life and politics
- **Original and critical thought**
 - **New models of connection between Science
Technology
Administration
Society**
- **Discourse based on**
 - **Solidarity interdependency**
 - **Shared vulnerability**
 - **Community**
- Instead of *LIFESTYLE* and *INDIVIDUAL CONSUMPTION*



Institutional Challenge the Status Quo

Talk about VALUES

- not about PRICES

The emancipation of PEOPLE

- not the making of THINGS

Our RESPONSIBILITY in the world

- not our PRIVILEGED position



We Pledge to

Become Greener.

~ The Universities of the Capitals of Europe

Thanks to University of Oslo !

EUF-Campus Europae
Luxembourg March 2012



UGAF as a dialogue of values

Making appropriate decision and taking responsibility in order to:

- Assure a sustainable future and a just society
- Maintain well-being of current and future generations
- Promote justice, equity and democracy



"It's all for money and goods, this fighting and quarreling."



Studying European History

- We are TWO generations after the World War II.
- If we forget our history we are doomed to repeat it.

UNICA Masters in European History

- Comparative analysis of European history
- Social, economic, cultural, religious, intellectual history of Europe
- History of violence and conflicts
- Understand historical problems in a comparative framework



Masters in European History

- University of Vienna
- Humboldt-Universität and Freie Universität Berlin
- King's College London
- University College Dublin
- Università Roma Tre and Università Roma Tor Vergata
- Tallinn University
- University of Paris Diderot (Paris 7)



UNICA on the Globe

“enhance the modernisation and internationalisation of education institutions, both to the benefit for EU and third countries”

•Internationalisation should be based on 3 pillars:

- Quality
- Visibility and reputation
- Funding opportunities

•Sustainability

•Questions: regions, themes, networks, criteria.....

Universities in Building Europe

Of course student mobility
 and economic growth
 and innovation
 and knowledge economy....
but they are not enough.

Universities are our only hope for

Reflection
Reframing our values
Discovering the new rules of the game



Institutional Challenge the Status Quo

**Nothing is possible without men,
Nothing good is possible without women,
But nothing lasts without institutions.**

Jean Monnet, founding father of the European Union
Stavros A. Zenios, father of three girls



Thanks....

To the IROs for making UNICA a success story

To Trine Sand

To *Unifil*