

To the members of the UNICA IRO Group

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Dear Colleague,

As you know, I am running for the position of IRO Observer to the UNICA Steering Committee.

I have taken this decision with the support of my University, with the certainty that the UNICA network has a lot of potentialities both at the European and international level in terms of joint activities that can be developed together in order to enrich our knowledge as regards internationalization, best practices and training.

I believe that there is a need to revitalize the keywords that characterize the network, as exchangeability, sharing, learning, added value.

The IRO Officers play a crucial role in terms of “soft diplomacy”, which is very important to open new channels for international cooperation or to strengthen the existing channels in line with the strategies of the university’s governance. This is the reason why an important environment as UNICA can be a flywheel to reach very ambitious goals.

In order to do so, we need to change something. I think that the role of the IRO group needs further discussion within the network and that more attention has to be paid to its needs. I am also convinced that enhancing the interaction and joint actions with other groups in and outside the UNICA network is a priority. Furthermore, the proposal of training programmes with institutional experts (on international mobility, strategies, leadership) and a deep discussion on topics of common interest could be an added value to pursue.

I am available to discuss with you any aspect and proposal that you think are important for the future.

With this idea, I hope to receive your support to my candidature to the position of UNICA IRO Observer on next May 8th in Tallinn.

Thanks a lot in advance for your attention.

All my best,
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