

International Relations Officers Working Group

WORKING GROUP FOUNDATION YEAR: 1995

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CORE GROUP: Ad-hoc Core Group to prepare the next IRO meeting, composed of the IRO Observer to the Steering Committee, a representative of the host university, and two volunteers from the IRO Group.

ACTIVITIES

Since 1995, the Group meets at the **annual UNICA IRO Meeting:**

Year	Topics
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit Project: Enhancing student mobility in a digital world: Sharing experiences in an enlarged Europe • Diversity and Equality, Equal Opportunities • Role of IRO and Contact Person, open discussion • Presentation of LLP program • European Student Network (ESN): presentation and discussion • Mobility Opportunities
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICA “fresh-up”: projects and initiatives (SUMIT, HE Reform II project and HE Reform in TEMPUS countries, career centers, European Campus, PRIUM, 4 Cities, Student Conference 2008) • LANGUAGE & MOBILITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Language preparation for students ✓ Results of language questionnaire ✓ Discussion on language policies • TEMPUS PROGRAMME
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICA “fresh-up”: projects and initiatives • How to reshape International Relations Offices • Internationalization at home: “Mobility without travelling?” • Teaching mobility and Student Placements, an opportunity to enhance cooperation
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICA Bologna Lab and the state of the art at the UNICA member universities • Transnational education • International Offices • Looking for partners?
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICA Policy for projects • Challenging cooperations & mobility: examples and opportunities • “Putting the squeeze” on international offices: options on how to deal with too much to do and too few people to do it with • Youth on the move: mobility without funding? • Learning from Norway: obligatory stays abroad and national databases
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University rankings: a transparency tool or “smoke and mirrors”? • Quality and internationalisation • IRO open space

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evaluation in Higher Education and Research: Vade-mecum ✓ Network of UNICA Summer and Winter Schools ✓ Student Mobility & Intercultural Issues: Case Study of Indian Students, Freie Universität zu Berlin ✓ UGAF and World Student Environmental Summit Update ✓ State of the art of the UNICA Student Conference 2012 • UNICA-MED • UNICA and community engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Scholars at Risk: Universities Engaging in Promoting Academic Freedom • Erasmus – the future
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Erasmus for All and the EU strategy for the internationalisation of higher education • Innovative ways of international cooperation • Internationalisation Strategies • Centralisation vs. decentralisation processes of International Relations Offices in a SWOT analysis • News from the EC: Horizon 2020 and ERA, cooperation with EU neighbouring countries
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Higher Education policy of Turkey • Collaboration with universities outside European higher education area • Ethics in university international collaboration • Measuring and evaluating internationalization: criteria, tools, outcomes
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International mobility in erasmus+: challenges and opportunities • Quality management of internationalisation • Language issues in internationalisation: institutional strategies, policies and support towards mobile and nonmobile students, teachers, and staff • Ethics in international partnerships
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by New Member: Higher School of Economics • Efficiency in internationalisation (1): Mobility of non-European students in Erasmus+ • Efficiency in internationalisation (2): Strategies for Internationalisation at home and their implementation • Making the most of Erasmus+ KA2 and KA3: Innovative projects that support the work of IROs • What's going on in other UNICA Working Groups? Links with the IRO Group & how can we work together
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis management at international relations offices • Supporting student refugees and threatened academics • Quality of mobility
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perspectives on future cooperation with the UK • Digital tools for internationalisation • Strategic partnerships: how can their strengthen our international strategies? • Widening participation in student mobility • Open space : New tools and approaches for increasing the outgoing mobility; European Universities': What do we know so far?; UNICA IRO Group's voice in policy discussions on Erasmus+ 2021-2027 and the new "European Universities" initiative ; Report on the 1st meeting for Chairs of UNICA Working Groups (February 2018); UNICA IRO Crisis management toolkit: next steps

PARTICIPATION IN UNICA IRO MEETINGS


only 4 UNICA Member Universities never participated

COUNTRY	UNICA MEMBER UNIVERSITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	N° attendances per univ
Czech Republic	Charles University in Prague	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
Slovakia	Comenius University in Bratislava	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
Germany	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
France	Sorbonne University (former UPMC)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
Estonia	Tallinn University	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
Austria	Universität Wien	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
Denmark	University of Copenhagen	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
Norway	University of Oslo	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
Germany	Freie Universität Berlin	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	11
Italy	Sapienza University of Rome	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	11
Bulgaria	Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	11
Estonia	Tallinn University of Technology	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	11
Switzerland	Université de Lausanne	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	11
Belgium	Université libre de Bruxelles	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	11
Cyprus	University of Cyprus	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	11
Finland	University of Helsinki	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	11
Poland	University of Warsaw	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	11
Croatia	University of Zagreb	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		11
Lithuania	Vilnius University	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	11
Sweden	Stockholm University	yes	yes	yes	yes			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	10
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	10
Italy	University of Rome Tor Vergata		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	10
Greece	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes			9
United Kingdom	King's College London					yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	8
Latvia	University of Latvia	yes	yes		yes		yes	yes		yes	yes		yes	8
Belgium	Vrije Universiteit Brussel			yes			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	8
Romania	University of Bucharest		yes	yes	yes		yes			yes		yes	yes	7
Hungary	Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest					yes	yes			yes	yes	yes	yes	6
Republic of Macedonia	Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje	yes	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			6
Luxembourg	University of Luxembourg							yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	6
Turkey	Ankara University					yes	yes	yes	yes				yes	5
Ireland	University College Dublin	yes	yes								yes	yes	yes	5
Italy	Roma Tre University			yes	yes	yes	yes							4
Portugal	Universidade NOVA de Lisboa			yes		yes	yes		yes					4

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Russian Federation	Higher School of Economics Moscow										yes	yes	yes	3
Turkey	Middle East Technical University								yes			yes	yes	3
Spain	Universidad Complutense de Madrid	yes	yes			yes								3
France	Université Paris-Dauphine	yes				yes						yes		3
Iceland	University of Iceland									yes	yes	yes		3
Russian Federation	Lomonosov Moscow State University		yes			yes								2
Portugal	Universidade de Lisboa					yes						yes		2
Netherlands	Universiteit van Amsterdam	yes		yes										2
Serbia	University of Belgrade											yes	yes	2
United Kingdom	University of Edinburgh												yes	1
Albania	Polytechnic University of Tirana													0
Albania	Tirana University													0
Ukraine	Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute													0
Spain	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid													0

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UNICA Member universities per Meeting	27	28	28	27	29	30	28	26	29	30	32	33
Number of participants per Meeting	39	30	41	46	46	55	54	36	48	52	54	49