



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe

EU Research Liaison Officers Working Group

UNICA General Assembly 2016

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Who are we? Facts and figures

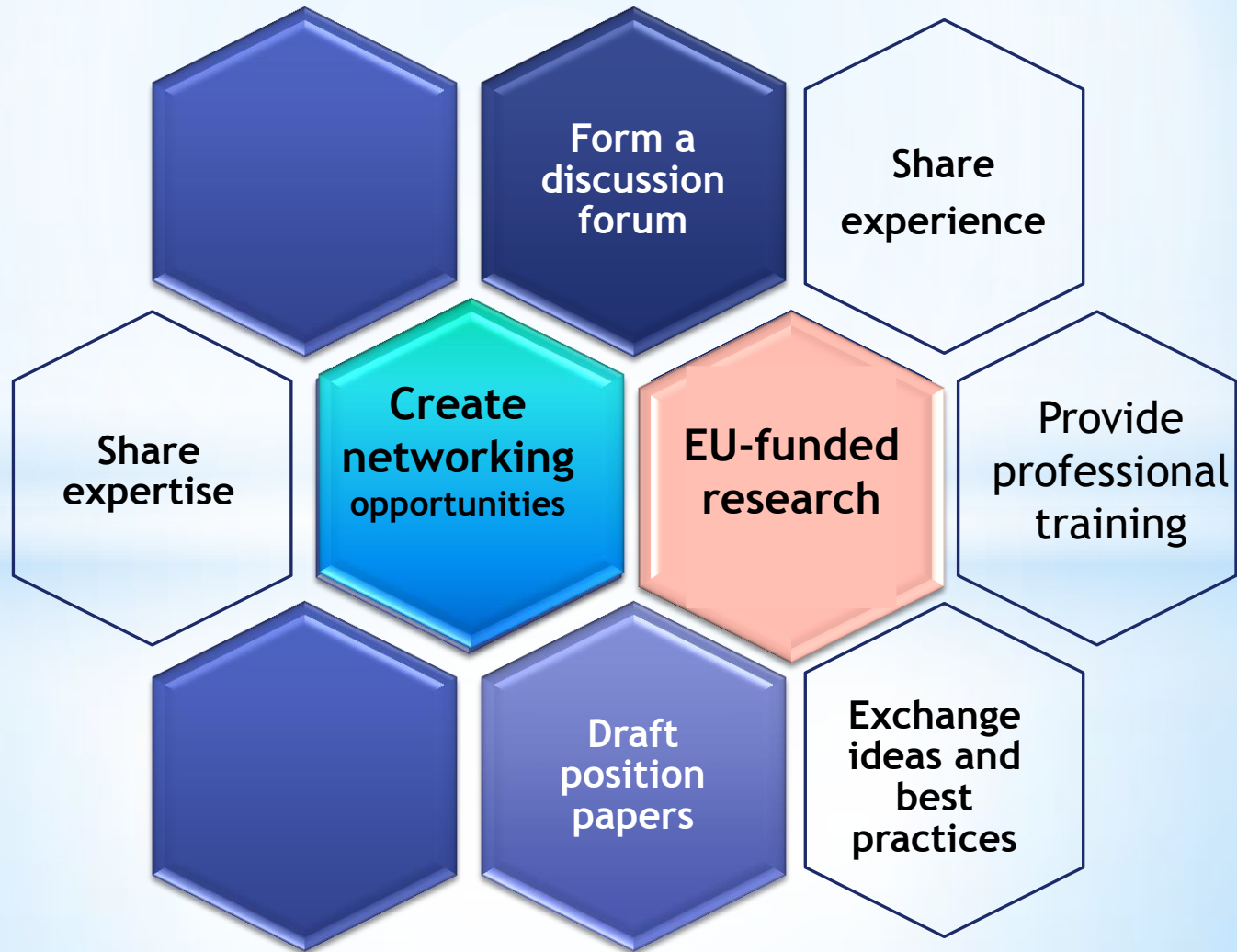
EU Research Liaison Officers Working Group

- **1 of 10 UNICA working groups**
 - **Founded in 2006**
- **Research Liaison Officers from 46 universities across Europe supporting researches through the whole project life cycle**
 - **From the proposal to the final report**
 - **10 Annual meetings**

10 Annual Meetings

Year	Event
2016	University of Vienna in cooperation with IST Austria
2017 ?	
Call for the Institution hosting the next EU Research Liaison Officers Working Group annual meeting 2017	

What we do?



What for?

Professional Discussion forum

- Looking for joint solutions to overcome common difficulties resulting from the rigid EU research funding rules & schemes
 - Administrative, financial & legal aspects

Networking

- Looking for professional development opportunities via „office-to-office” staff exchange (job shadowing)
- Providing professional training by the invited experts

Position papers

- Advocating changes of the EU research funding rules & schemes
- Looking for recognition of the profession of the EU Research Liaison Officers

Position papers 2011-2014

1. Response to the EU Green Paper: *From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation funding* (2011)
2. Recommendations regarding the six-monthly financial reporting sent to the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU (2011)
3. Recommendations to the EC on the Participants Portal (2011)
4. UNICA universities' letters on simplification measures in H2020 sent to the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU (2013)
5. Recommendations for the improvement of the EU FPs Grants Management System (submitted to SyGma Advisory Group for the new Research and Innovation Grant Management Services for Horizon 2020 accessed through the Participant Portal) (2014)

2015 Annual Meeting main focus

1. Evaluation of the first two years of participation in H2020:

- case studies (UPMC, UW) -> How successful are we so far?
- bottle necks in MSCA financial management and reporting



2. Promotion of the principles of the European Charter and Code and the „HR Excellence in Research” logo

3. Synergy of funds – a tool of support the research strategy

- case study (UPMC)

2016 Annual Meeting main focus

1. Financial issues in H2020:

- Durable equipment depreciation in the context of the new GA terminology
- Internal invoicing – changes in H2020

2. Meet the evaluator!

Panel discussion with evaluators of MSCA, ERC grants and Collaborative projects

3. Ethics in European and innovation programmes

Responsible research

What is an ethical issue?

How to support scientists and manage ethics issues effectively?

YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS!

Thank you for your attention!

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