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UNICA EU RESEARCH MEETING

in the framework of the
12th UNICA EU Research Liaison Officers meeting

Brussels, 7 November, 09:00-16:00

**Venue: Vrije Universiteit Brussel, U-Residence, Boulevard Général
Jacques 271, Green Room & Red Room**

**Meeting Chair: Diana PUSTUŁA, Chair of the UNICA EU Research Liaison
Officers Working Group**

09:00 – 09:15	WELCOME ADDRESS <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Welcome by Karen VANDERKERKEN, Vice-Rector for Research Policy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel▪ Welcome by Luciano SASO, UNICA President▪ Welcome by Diana PUSTUŁA, Chair of the UNICA EU Research Liaison Officers Working Group
09:15 – 10:00	SESSION 1: STRATEGIC COOPERATION IN EUROPEAN RESEARCH <p>Joint session with the participation of Vice-Rectors for Research from UNICA Member Universities</p> <p>Session Chair: Luciano SASO, UNICA President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflection on the Conference "Shaping the future of European research: policies, strategies, funding": What do you take home?• How can UNICA serve both EU Research Liaison Officers and Vice-Rectors for Research?
10:00 – 11:00	SESSION 2: SPREADING EXCELLENCE, WIDENING PARTICIPATION <p>The Session will address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Widening Participation, Teaming and Twinning, ERA-Chairs Actions: The concept, rules, pitfalls and potential benefits from the perspective of widening and scientifically advanced partners.</i>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skype call with Greg AMBROZIEWICZ, Teaming Call Coordinator, DG RTD, European Commission • <i>Teaming - stage 1</i> by Diana PUSTUŁA, Chair of the UNICA EU Research Liaison Officers Working Group, Deputy Head of Research Services Office, University of Warsaw • <i>Twinning</i> by Magdalena KLESZCZEWSKA, Senior Research Administrator, Research Services Office, University of Warsaw • Questions & Answers, open discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break & networking
11:30 – 12:30	<p>SESSION 3: EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY AND KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KICS)</p> <p>The Session will address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Practical approach - KICs preparations from the perspective of applicants/beneficiaries (national level, international level)</i> • <i>Joining existing KICs by new beneficiaries - opportunities, rules, procedures</i> • <i>KICs management - challenges, best practices and benchmarking</i> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena BILLI-RIZZA, Head of European Affairs Office, Research and Technology Transfer Department, Université Pierre et Marie Curie • Inmaculada LOPEZ, Head of European & International Financial Affairs, Université Pierre et Marie Curie • Questions & Answers, open discussion
12:30 – 13:15	'Grab a sandwich' lunch
13:15 – 15:15	<p>SESSION 4: AUDIT PROCESS IN H2020</p> <p><u>H2020 audits: Experience sharing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study presentation by Francesca DOMINICI, Head of International Research and International Relations, University of Rome "Tor Vergata" • Panel discussion with the participation of Doroteya PETROVA – Head of Sector Audit Process and Contact point for Common Audit Services
15:15 – 16:00	<p>CLOSING SESSION: WRAP-UP & FUTURE OUTLOOK</p> <p><u>To be addressed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential links and synergies with other EU funding programmes • Topics to be addressed at the next meeting (University of Belgrade, autumn 2018): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early preparations to FP9 at the institutional level (perspective of UNICA Member Universities), potential challenges and opportunities ○ Identification of potential risks: financial, legal, technical, administrative