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UNICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SEMINAR

**THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND
THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF UNIVERSITIES:
EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES**



EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY BUDAPEST (ELTE)

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Wednesday, 15 November 2017

14:00-17:30

Meeting of the UNICA Steering Committee (for UNICA SC members only)

Venue: Faculty Council Room (Faculty of Law), Egyetem square 1-3, 1053 Budapest

Thursday, 16 November 2017

08:00-09:00

Registration, morning coffee and tea

Venue: Foyer of the Faculty of Law

09:00-11:00

Administrative General Assembly of UNICA - part 1

Venue: Aula Magna, 1st floor

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-12:50

Administrative General Assembly of UNICA - part 2

Venue: Aula Magna, 1st floor

12:50-13:00

Time for a group picture

13:00-14:30

Lunch & networking

14:30-16:00

Parallel meetings

- Rectors meeting (*Venue: Aula Magna, 1st floor*)
- CP/IRO meeting (*Venue: Faculty Council Room*)

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-18:00

Social programme:

University tours

Meeting of Chairs & Core Group Members of

Working Groups

18:00-19:00

Free time

19:00-21:00

UNICA General Assembly dinner

Venue: Hungarian National Academy of Sciences, Széchenyi I. Square 9., 1051 Budapest



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Friday, 17 November 2017- Rectors Seminar

Venue: Aula Magna, 1st floor

Overall Chair: Luciano SASO, UNICA President

08:30-09:00

Registration

Venue: Foyer of the Faculty of Law

09:00-09:30

Welcome

- **László BORHY**, Rector of Eötvös Loránd University Budapest
- **Gábor BAGDY**, Deputy Mayor of Budapest
- **Luciano SASO**, UNICA President

09:30-10:00

Social dimension of higher education in Europe: challenges and policies

Sophia ERIKSSON-WATERSCHOOT, Acting Director for Youth, Education and ERASMUS+ Department in the Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

- Questions & Answers

SESSION I: SOCIAL DIMENSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION: NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

Chaired by: **Serge JAUMAIN**, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee, former Vice-Rector for International Relations and Communication Strategies, Université libre de Bruxelles

10:00-10:20

Experiences and challenges in addressing inequitable access to HE in Europe: What universities can do to attract and retain students from disadvantaged backgrounds?

Caroline PAUWELS, Rector, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

10:20-10:40

Obstacles that disadvantaged social groups face in access to Higher Education: What are the key issues to address by national and institutional policies?

Júlia SZALAI, Professor Emerita at Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences & Lecturer at Eötvös Loránd University Budapest and Central European University

10:40-11:00	<i>Ireland National Access Plan 2015-2019 from a university perspective</i> Andrew DEEKS , President, University College Dublin
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	Panel discussion with the participation of the audience Panellists: Speakers of Session I and Peter SZALAY , Vice-Rector for Research, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest
12:30-13:30	Lunch

SESSION II: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES

Chaired by: **Antonio RENDAS**, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee, former Rector of Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

13:30-14:00	<i>Role of universities in strengthening values of freedom of thought, democracy and human rights</i> Zoltán FLECK , Professor, Head of the Centre for Theory of Law and Society, Faculty of Law, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest
14:00-15:45	New initiatives in strengthening the social responsibility of HE in Europe
14:00-15:00	Introductory remarks by panel speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlos ANDRADAS, Rector, Universidad Complutense de Madrid • Tania LIMA, Director, Global Engagement – King’s Worldwide, King’s College London • Michael IGNATIEFF, President and Rector of Central European University (CEU)
15:00-15:45	Panel discussion (with questions from the audience)
15:45-16:00	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • László BORHY, Rector of Eötvös Loránd University Budapest • Luciano SASO, UNICA President
16:15-17:30	UNICA Steering Committee meeting (both outgoing and incoming members) <i>Venue: Faculty Council Room</i>