

UNICA Activity Report 2015-2016

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An Excellent Network



- **Excellent universities from the capital cities of Europe**
- **Many different activities (meetings, projects, etc.)**
- **High committment of the Members**
- **Very good financial situation**

A VERY RICH CALENDAR WITH A VARIETY OF MEETINGS/WORKING GROUPS/PLATFORMS



Rectors & Vice-Rectors

International Relations Officers

PhD Master Class

Student Conferences

EU Research Officers

UNICA Green

Scholarly Communication Officers

UNICA-MED

Scholars at Risk

PR & Communication Officers

NEW: University, Culture and the City

Edu Lab

UNICA PROJECTS



- ❖ **Cooperation** between UNICA Members
- ❖ Impact on the **quality** of education, research and organization of UNICA Members
- ❖ Increased **visibility and reputation** of UNICA Members
- ❖ **Capacity-building**: offering the expertise of members externally and within the network
- ❖ **Face-to-face relations** with the European Commission and opportunities to advocate opinions of UNICA members
- ❖ **Funding**

Further improving



B. MORE PROJECTS COORDINATED BY UNICA MEMBERS IN COOPERATION WITH TWO OTHER MEMBERS OR MORE (the Secretariat can help providing information, guidance and assistance for the organization of the first meeting, preparation of the project, etc.)

Further improving



A. MORE COMMUNICATION

1. **Between the Steering Committee and the Members** (Rectors, Vice-Rectors, IROs, Contact persons, Students) to listen to the wishes and expectations of everyone.
2. **Between the Steering Committee and the working groups** (participation of the President and/or SC Members in their meetings)
3. **Between the Secretariat and the Members** (information about international events, opportunities for collaborative projects, etc.)
4. **Between working groups** (e.g. EU Research Officers and UNICA Green, Edu-Lab, etc.)

New UNICA NEWSLETTER



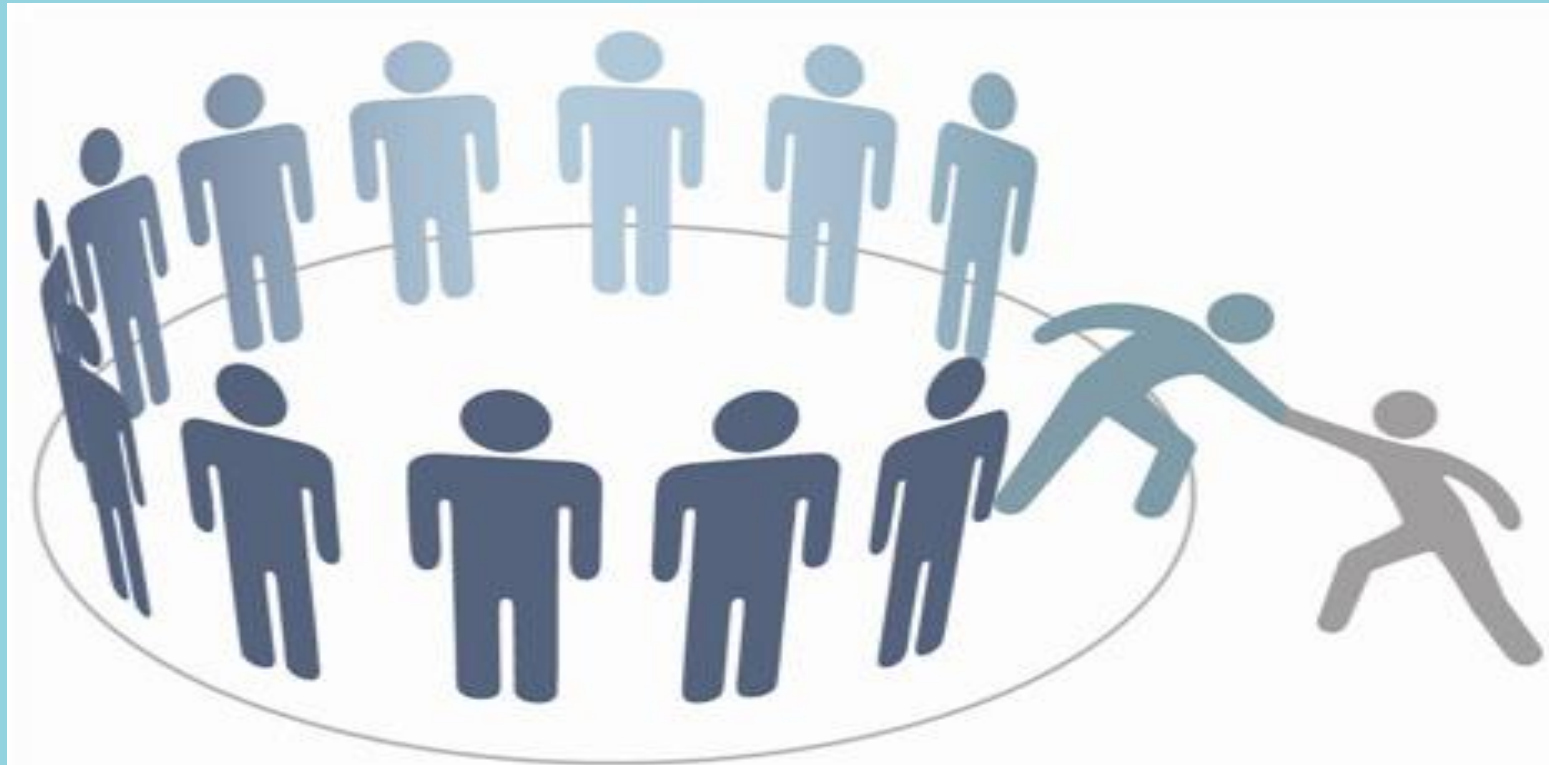
More information

More frequent

New Sections (Info from the SC, Members in the Spotlight, etc)

Further improving

C. MORE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FEW NOT VERY ACTIVE UNIVERSITIES



UNICA CALENDAR: planning in advance



**SPRING and AUTUMN CALLS for applications
to ORGANIZE UNICA EVENTS**

New cooperation with EWORA



New Cooperation with IAU



- A. LEADERSHIP
- B. DOCTORAL EDUCATION
- C. PROFESSIONALIZATION OF STAFF
- D. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITIES

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES BUREAU

JOINED-UP THINKING FOR JOINT SUCCESSES: UNICA MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

**in the last year, 12 UNICA seminars, meetings
and workshops brought together
630+ participants.**



Internationalisation & Mobility



- **UNICA IRO meeting 2016** at Centre for Advanced Academic Studies of the University of Zagreb in Dubrovnik
- **6th UNICA PR & Communication Workshop** at University of Iceland
- **UNICA at 28th EAIE Conference** in Liverpool





Education



- **2nd EduLAB meeting** at Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest





Research & Development



- **10th UNICA EU Research Liaison Officers meeting** at Charles University
- **1st Coimbra Group-UNICA joint PhD training workshop for doctoral candidates “Navigating your career”** at the Centre for Advanced Academic Studies of the University of Zagreb in Dubrovnik
- **7th UNICA PhD MASTER CLASS & PRIDE training course: Professionalisation in Practice: Practicing Professionalisation in doctoral education** at Centre for Advanced Academic Studies of the University of Zagreb in Dubrovnik





Policy & Strategy



- **Coimbra Group-UNICA-EUROPAEUM Rectors Conference “Legacy of Charles IV, Education and Academic Freedoms, Innovation and Open Society” at Charles University**
- **Informal UNICA Rectors Meeting at EUA Annual Conference 2016**





Mission & Link with Society



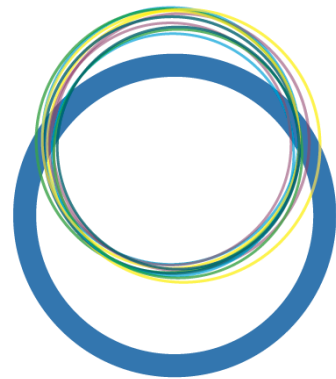
- **6th UNICA-SGROUP-Compostela Group joint Workshop: “Rethinking competence development for students’ employability: practical solutions for Europe”** at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- **6th UNICA GREEN Workshop: Towards Carbon-Neutral Universities** at University of Rome “Tor Vergata”
- **1st “University, Culture and the City” Conference** at Universidade NOVA de Lisboa



- UNICA in the **CIDIC Diplomatic, Economic and Academic (DEA) Missions**



- **UNICA IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF AECHE**



AECHE

Arab-Euro Conference on Higher Education

المؤتمر العربي-الأوروبي للتعليم العالي

Amman 2014

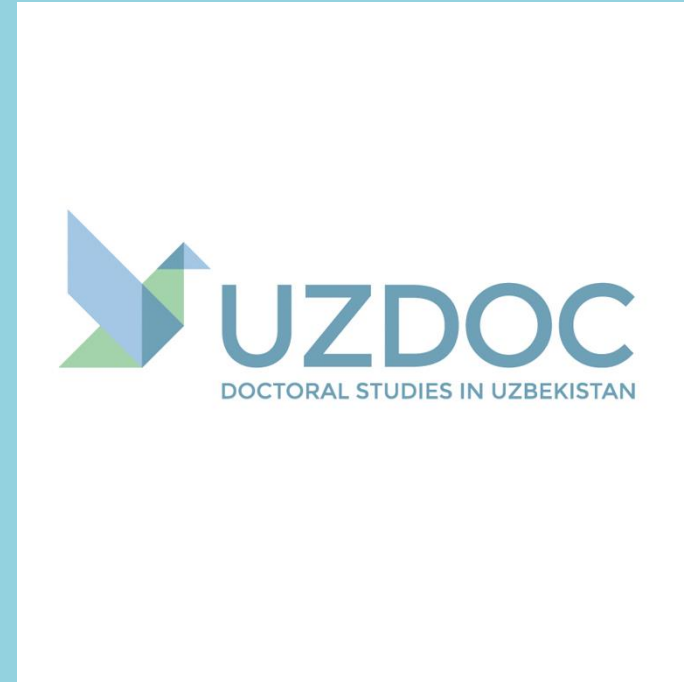


PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN PROJECTS

UNICA as Coordinator



RUMI: Network of Moroccan Universities for Inclusive Education



UZDOC: Enhancing the Quality of Doctoral Education at Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan

UNICA as Partner



LEAD: Governance and Academic Leadership of Chinese and European Universities in the Context of Innovation and Internationalisation

HousErasmus+: Improving Mobility and Accommodation

SAVES: Students Achieving Valuable Energy Savings

MappED!: Inclusive Mobility

GENOVATE: Transforming Organisational Culture for Gender Equality in Research and Innovation

CALOHEE: Measuring and Comparing Achievements of Learning Outcomes in Higher Education in Europe

Completed Projects



PRIDE: Professionals in Doctoral Education: Supporting Skills Development to Better Contribute to a European Knowledge Society

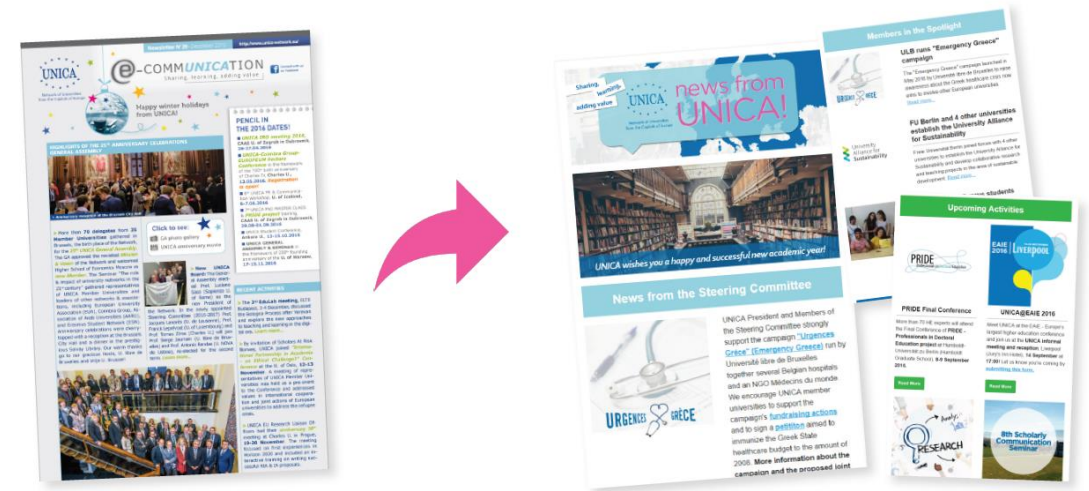
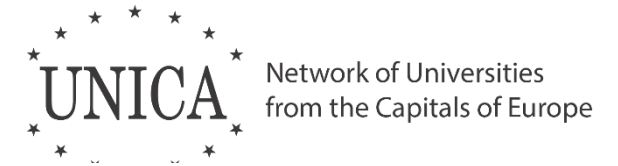
EU-CHINA DOC: Enhancing the visibility of European Higher Education and Strengthening the Dialogue and Cooperation with Chinese Stakeholders in the Field of Doctoral Education

PASCL: Peer Assessment of Student-Centred Learning

GETTING THE MESSAGE THROUGH

Our platforms & tools

- UNICA website
- UNICA newsletter – **new look!**
- UNICA social media channels
- **Staffmobiity.eu** platform
- **UNICA Summer & Winter Schools** portal



About the platform

The Integration and Promotion of Staff Training Courses at Universities across Europe (IMOTION) project was a one year initiative co-funded within the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus Accompanying Measures) which started in October 2013.

The IMOTION **staffmobiity.eu** online platform created in the framework of the project centralises information about training activities organised for university administrative and technical staff organised in Europe. It aims to support Higher Education Institutions in the promotion of their staff training events and to help university administrative staff to find the appropriate training or job shadowing they are looking for.

[Learn more](#)

Promotional Video IMOTION

Job-shadowing
Expert willing to

- Search your staff week
Explore by country, language, or target group.
- Search your job shadowing
Follow and watch another worker for training or research.
- Apply for a job shadowing or as an expert
Register to participate as a trainer or speaker or for job shadowing.
- Create your own staff week
Advertise the staff weeks you organize and collect registrations.

Topic or Location

Latest school programmes

- Pre-University - Law** Summer school
University: King's College London
Topic area: Multidisciplinary
Course dates: 24 July, 2017 to 4 August, 2017
Application deadline: 31 May, 2017
- Pre-University - Business** Summer school
University: King's College London
Topic area: Economics, Multidisciplinary
Course dates: 24 July, 2017 to 4 August, 2017
Application deadline: 31 May, 2017
- Pre-University - Politics** Summer school
University: King's College London
Topic area: Economics, Multidisciplinary
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Facts & Figures

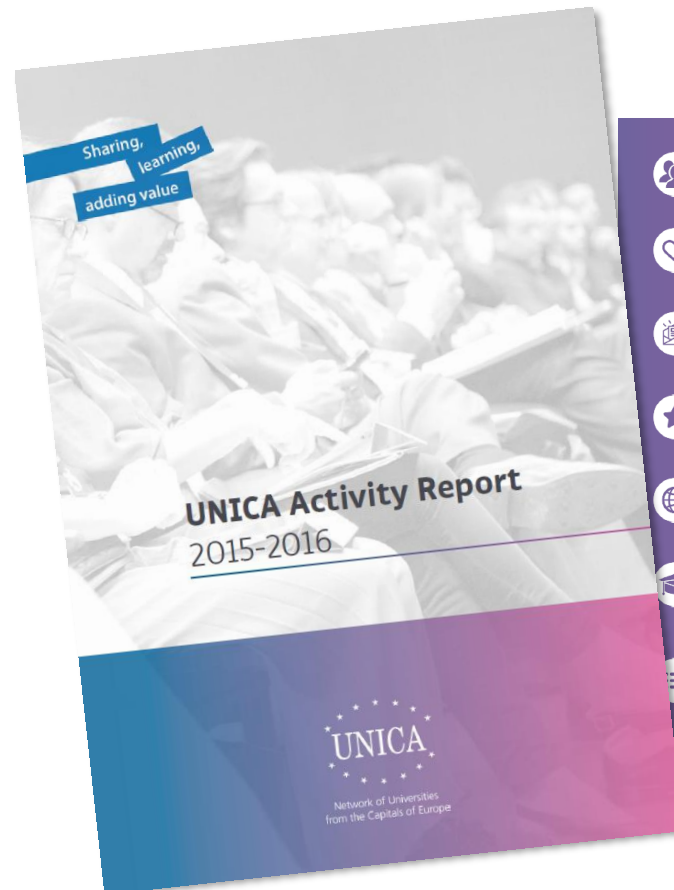









- **UNICA website** attracts on average **16,500 unique visitors** per month.
- “Members in the Spotlight” and “Upcoming Activities” are the **most popular columns** of our new Newsletter.
- **UNICA Summer & Winter Schools Portal** lists more than **200 programmes** from **28 UNICA member universities** and their partners.

Detailed information in...



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe



-  **12 UNICA seminars, meetings and workshops** brought together more than **630 participants**.
-  **The average evaluation** of UNICA meetings was **4.48** on a scale from **1 to 5**, with the 6th UNICA PR & Communication Workshop at the University of Iceland **being rated highest (5)**.
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-  The **www.staffmobility.eu platform** offers more than **150 training opportunities** for university administrative and technical staff and has nearly **600 unique visitors** per month. The platform is **linked to the official website of European Commission**.

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Thank you for your attention



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