

Dear Participants of the 2nd UNICA EduLab Seminar,

I would like to personally welcome you to the 2nd UNICA EduLab Seminar. It is an exciting time for all our universities as we continue to face the challenges of how to remain always adaptable, motivated and open to new ideas. The higher education sector is continually facing and confronting a time of socio-economic and political changes and we are to meet current grave changes while preserving the traditional values of universities. The world of education is an exciting area in which we should continue to meet and bring inspired people together in forums like this, to ensure our universities remain at the cutting edge.

The UNICA EduLab Working Group offers a platform for cooperation for our education experts, concentrating on key issues of the Bologna process, like student-centred learning, new methods to enhance quality and relevance of teaching and learning and to improve the employability of our graduates, sound application of digital technologies, as well as teacher training & research on education. Being Hungary's oldest and largest university, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) considers the issues addressed by this working group of utmost importance in the 21st century. The Future of the Bologna Process, New ways of teaching and learning and Higher Education in the digital era are the main topics you will be exploring in order to find good practices and identify problems and obstacles. I am convinced that you will identify good practices that we all could share with each other and which will help us to tackle obstacles and burdens on our shoulders.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for attending this workshop and bringing your expertise to our gathering. I am convinced that both you and ELTE will profit a lot from this event and we are committed to contributing to the future of this working group and UNICA as a whole. My personal respect and thanks goes out to all of you.

All in all, it is a great honour for us to host this workshop and I wish you success in your meeting and a pleasant stay in Budapest.

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