

# Upcoming UNICA activities for the Leadership of UNICA universities

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***Rectors Seminar: Networking of university networks: synergy of  
partnership, University of Belgrade, 24-25 May 2018***

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# UNICA at a glance

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## UNICA LEAFLET

## UNICA CALENDAR

**CALENDAR OF UNICA MEETINGS**  
as of 9 April 2018  
latest version at: <http://www.unica-network.eu/page/calendar-pdf>

**2018**

When	Where	What	For Whom*
4 April	Zurich, exact venue to be confirmed	<b>Informal UNICA Rectors meeting in the framework of the EUA Annual Conference,</b>	Rectors/Presidents, Vice-Rectors/Vice-Presidents, other representatives of academic leadership
17-18 April	King's College London	<b>UNICA IRO meeting 2018</b>	Heads of International Relations, Erasmus Coordinators, International Relations & Mobility Officers
24-25 May	University of Belgrade	<b>UNICA RECTORS SEMINAR: Networking of university networks: Synergy of Partnership</b> in the framework of the University of Belgrade's 210 <sup>th</sup> founding anniversary	Rectors/Presidents, Vice-Rectors/Vice-Presidents, other representatives of academic leadership



**SAVE THE DATE!**



**UNICA Rectors Seminar:**  
**Academic Leadership for Open Science**  
Université libre de Bruxelles, 14 September 2018



Online registration  
opening next week!

**Target audience:**  
Rectors/Presidents, Vice-  
Rectors/Vice-Presidents,  
Deans, other  
representatives of  
Academic Leadership

**Rectors Seminar, Brussels**

# Informal dinner on the occasion of the Magna Charta 30th Anniversary in Salamanca



The Magna Charta Universitatum will celebrate its 30th Anniversary in **Salamanca, Spain**, at the occasion of the celebrations of the 800th Anniversary of the University of Salamanca on **17 and 18 September 2018**. Both events will be a great opportunity to show that Universities still play a major role in the development of our society.

## Rectors Seminar "Legacy of Democracy, Humanism and Responsibility"

📍 Charles University (Prague)

📅 24-25 October 2018



as part of the **centennial anniversary celebrations** of the establishment of the Czechoslovak state

**In cooperation with** the Coimbra Group, EUA, the Europaeum, LERU and UNICA.

**Online registration open!**

### **Confirmed speakers:**

- José Manuel Barroso, Former President of the European Commission
- Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality
- Prof. Petr Pithart, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Charles University

# Rectors Seminar, Prague

# 28<sup>th</sup> UNICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY And Rectors Seminar: UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE: FROM A HUNDRED YEARS BACK TO A HUNDRED YEARS FORWARD

📍 Comenius University (Bratislava)

📅 15-16 November 2018

as part of the **centennial anniversary  
celebrations** of the establishment of  
Comenius University in Bratislava



## 28<sup>th</sup> UNICA GA & Seminar, Bratislava

# Events for the leadership of UNICA universities in 2019



**Madrid (Complutense) : Spring 2019 (Rectors seminar on the theme «Restructuring universities»)**

**Zagreb, Spring 2019: Rectors seminar**

**Paris: April 2019 (informal dinner on the occasion of the EUA conference)**

**Riga (U Latvia), Fall 2019: Rectors seminar**

**London (King's College), November 2019: General Assembly**

## 9<sup>th</sup> UNICA PhD MASTER CLASS:

### The role of doctoral schools to enhance quality in doctoral education

Centre for Advanced Academic Studies of the University of Zagreb in Dubrovnik  
Sunday 2 September - Wednesday 5 September 2018

**Target group:** Vice-Rectors/Heads/Deans of Doctoral Schools/Programmes, doctoral supervisors, academics, senior managers and professionals from UNICA/PRIDE and outside the UNICA/PRIDE Networks working in the area of doctoral education

UNICA introduced the PhD MASTER CLASS in 2009. At that time, **doctoral schools** were recently or barely introduced in many European universities. Ten years later, the landscape of doctoral education has changed significantly. While numerous universities have developed doctoral programmes, the **scope and focus of doctoral education** have evolved. Apart from its **initial objectives**, namely increasing the completion rate for PhD degrees, boosting the research output, shortening the time-to-degree, monitoring closer the PhD trajectories and enhancing the quality of doctoral education, **additional aims** have been set, such as the development of transferable skills of doctoral candidates and providing guidance for career planning of doctorate holders. Increasingly, this requires considering **perspectives outside academia** in a context in which **employability of doctorate holders** becomes a critical issue. A recent study undertaken by the EUA-CDE also shows that issues such as adequate funding, research ethics, international recruitment or well-being of candidates are currently considered as strategic priorities at many institutions. Many of these topics are actually closely linked to tasks associated with doctoral schools.

The UNICA Doctoral Education Group believes it is useful to take a step back and address questions such as:

- What have we learned about Doctoral Schools over the last 10 years?
- Which failures did we encounter along the way?
- What are the relevant components of a Doctoral School depending on the specific context of an institution?

Through a **3,5-day programme** combining keynote talks and interactive group exercises, the 9<sup>th</sup> UNICA PhD MASTER CLASS will aim to identify the pros & cons of and drivers for establishing a Doctoral School. The participants will look at what is (and what is not) the role of a Doctoral School, discuss the advantages of particular models according to different (institutional & strategic) goals, and try to find a model



📍 CAAS U. of Zagreb in Dubrovnik

📅 2-5 September 2018

Open to non-UNICA members

**Important:**

Application period extended until  
13 June!

# 9<sup>th</sup> UNICA PhD MASTER CLASS



Thank you!

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