



Network of Universities  
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**UNICA IRO meeting 2022**  
**Brussels, 4-6 May**

**Conclusions and wrap-up of the  
meeting**

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# UNICA IRO activities 2021-2022

April 2022

UNICA IRO Group online workshop with DG EAC “Digital Erasmus+” - IROs meet ITs

Participants:

74

Objectives:

- find a common ground between **EWP** and **universities** from the **technical perspective**, considering that institutions are in very different stages of implementation and differ in the way they interact with their IT departments;
- discuss how the EC can further support HEIs and facilitate the **translation of the IROs’ needs into the IT language** (and vice-versa).



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**Digital Erasmus+:**

**IROs meet ITs**

# UNICA IRO activities 2021-2022

February 2022

UNICA IRO Group online meeting on strategies and procedures that universities are developing for the “post-Covid” scenario

Participants:

46

## Objectives:

- Share experiences on the impact of the pandemic on the perspectives and strategies of internationalisation at HEIs, and practical measures and services that HEIs have put in place for student’s health-care during the pandemic.
- Discover the Erasmus+ European Universities call 2022: policy objectives, award criteria and general



With the participation of Ioana Dewandeler  
Policy Officer Higher Education at European Commission

# UNICA IRO activities 2021-2022

November 2021

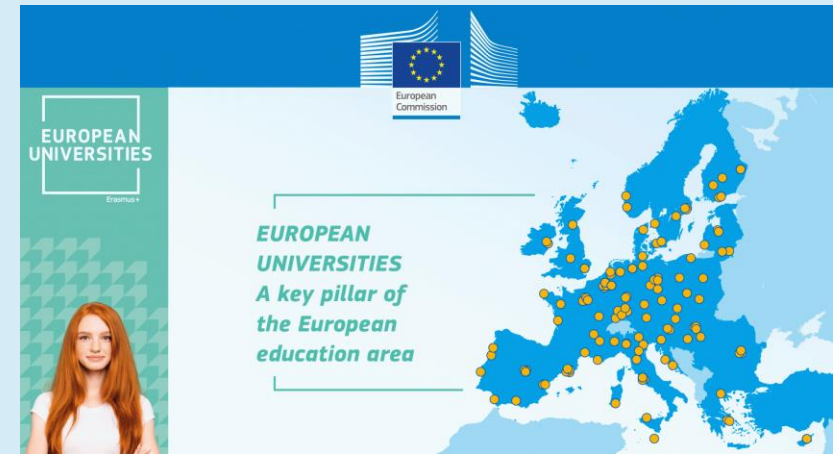
IRO Group workshop “European University Alliances and IROs role”

Participants:

40

**Presentations & discussions in break out rooms on:**

- Forms of educational cooperation
- Virtual exchanges
- Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs)



# UNICA IRO activities 2021-2022

September 2021

Digitalisation of the Erasmus+ programme: strategies and tools

UNICA EduLAB - IRO Group Workshop organised with the support of DG EAC, Higher Education Unit

Participants:

106

## Objectives:

- gain insights into the European Student Card initiative in its multifold aspects;
- get clarifications on how the European Commission will support HEIs in this transition
- share experiences and challenges with colleagues from the UNICA network relating to the topics of Erasmus Without Paper, European Student Identifier & European Student Card, Erasmus+ App & student centered approach to digitalisation



**Keynote speech: European Student Card Initiative: way forwards**, by **Nadia Manzoni**, Team Leader, DG EAC, HE Unit / Erasmus+



**Erasmus Without Paper and ESC: update and novelties**, by **Alexandra Licht**, Policy Assistant, DG EAC, HE Unit / Erasmus+



**E+ App: update and novelties**, by **Oana Dumitrescu**, Policy Officer, DG EAC, HE Unit / Erasmus+

# UNICA IRO Group upcoming meetings



**32<sup>nd</sup> UNICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
& RECTORS' SEMINAR 2022**

UNICA 

**29 JUN - 1 JUL**  
**UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE DUBLIN**

**"LEADING UNIVERSITIES IN  
TIMES OF CRISIS AND CHANGE"**

Dublin, 29 June - 1 July 2022

Both onsite and remote attendance allowed

**Parallel IRO/Contact Persons  
meeting on 30 June**

**Registration deadlines:**

- 31 May (onsite attendance)
- 15 June (remote attendance)

<https://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-general-assembly-2022/>

# UNICA IRO Group upcoming meetings

**UNICA @**



**EAIE | BARCELONA**  
2022 | 13-16 SEPTEMBER

UNICA informal reception in the framework of the EAIE Conference, Barcelona, 13-16 Sep 2022  
(precise date TBC - further details will follow in due time!)



**ERASMUS**  
— *Going* —  
**DIGITAL**

**FALL 2022 (precise date TBC)**

**Follow-up / update workshop with DG EAC on Erasmus Without Paper and the European Student Card**

**UNICA IRO Group upcoming activities**



# UNICA IRO Group meeting 2023

When? Spring 2023 (preferably in May)

Where?



# UNICA IRO Group communication channels

Share initiatives, calls for action, events, articles & other information with colleagues all over the network:



<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9062231/>

**NEWS FROM MEMBERS ON THE  
UNICA WEBSITE**

A screenshot of the UNICA website homepage. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT US, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, EU UNIVERSITIES, PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS, and NEWS. Below the navigation bar is a large blue banner with a white star icon and the text "UNICA in a nutshell". To the right of the banner are four blue buttons with white icons: "Working Groups" (calendar icon), "UNICA calendar" (calendar icon with the number 31), and "Announce at UNICA (members)" (megaphone icon). Below these buttons are two columns of content. The "Upcoming events" column features two event cards: one for a "UNICA IRO MEETING" on 4-6 MAY in Brussels, and another for a meeting on 12 MAY 2022 online. The "Latest news" column features two news cards: one from Vilnius University dated 04 MAY 2022, and another from Inspireurope dated 27 APR 2022.

**Thank you!**

**Keep calm & carry IRO!**

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