

8-9 February | Brussels UNICA Research Meeting

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

About the Seminar

As the first post-pandemic in person meeting for UNICA research, the team wishes to use the meeting as an opportunity to address how can we use policy and EU funding to advance our work on Academic Research. Therefore, the two-days-long UNICA Research Seminar will be covering:

Day 1 – The role of Academia and Universities on

- **Accessing funding and developing Research projects** which contribute to the European Strategy and objectives on Research and Innovation (2020-2024),
- **Building partnerships with institutions and bodies** like the European Research Council and the European Innovation Council, to increase funding and better address innovation and cross-sectorial cooperation in academic research.

Day 2 – Sharing Good Practices on:

- Grant Writing
- Post-Award practices

JOIN AND GET INVOLVED! WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPEAKERS

<p>CASE STUDIES Share your experience(s) from your university</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process • Impact • Lessons Learned • Recommendations 	<p>Good Practices Share your expertise</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions or • Steps to follow • DOs and DONTs • Recommendations to relevant Stakeholders 	<p>Grant Writing & Post-Award Practices</p>  <p>Share your expertise and/or Good Practices</p>
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UNICA MEMBERS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE AS SPEAKERS

Day 1 – 8th of February 2023

Topic I – Addressing the European DG Research and Innovation Strategy and General Objectives

This session will be addressing the role and impact on Higher Education Institutions in regards to the EU strategy. Members who wish to contribute in the following session, **scheduled to take place at 10:30 to 12:00, will be joining speakers from the European Commission, Lifelong Learning Platform and the European University Association.**

We are looking for 1 speaker to share with us a **Case Study**:

The speaker has 10-15 min and should share a case/example from their respective university that either **a) have been engaged in policy process at local or national level** or **b) have applied and granted funding**, related to the EU Strategy on Research and Innovation or to its General Objectives.

The presentation could cover the following:

- How did the University receive the details and what were the steps to engage/apply?
- How meaningful was that process in terms of engagement/application and awarding process?
- What type of other stakeholders were engaged/if applicable, was the funding sufficient?
- What was the impact within and beyond the institution?
- Any lessons learned through your engagement?

Topic II – Universities integrating EU strategies in their work, while being engaged in EU policy making

This session, building on the previous one, will be addressing actions by Universities to better link EU Strategies/process within their academic work. Additionally, what do Universities do or need from their side when engaging in policy making. The following session is **scheduled to take place at 12:00 to 13:00. Along the Working Group members, speakers from the European Commission, Lifelong Learning Platform and the European University Association will also be present and will be encouraged to react to the presentation.**

We are looking for 2 or 3 speaker to share with us:

- **Case Studies:**

The speaker has 10-15 min and should share a case/example from their respective university that either **a) have addressed any EU strategy as part of a project (i.e. Horizon)** or **b) organised a University-led process ([Quo Vadis, Europa](#)).**

The presentation could cover the following:

- Preparation – What were the steps that helped identifying the strategies or policies that the project or activity would cover?
- Integration – How were these strategies or policies integrated in the application or activity, matching or shaping the interest or targets of the University?
- Results - What was the outcome of the project/activity?
- Lessons Learned – Was there a replication of this experience? How does that shape the University's approach when looking and applying for funding/organising similar activities?

- **Good Practices:**

The speaker has 10-15 min and should share good practices in terms of integrating EU strategies **a) within the Universities work (annual plans, activities, focus on funding etc)** or **b) when developing proposals for funding.**

The presentation could cover the following:

- What should be the steps that help identifying and integrating EU strategies or policies withing the Universities work or development of proposals for funding?
- What would help applicants perform such practices – Recommendations for funding authorities or schemes.

Day 2 – 9th of February 2023

Depending on the number of participants, we are planning to **either have 2 parallel sessions or cover each topic with all participants within the given timeslots.**

First round/session will take place **from 11:15 to 12:15** and the **Second Round/session** will take place **from 12:15 to 13:15.**

Topic I – How to support Grant-Writing

Learning to write successful grant applications takes significant time and effort. We are looking **up to 4 speakers (10-15 minutes of presentation each)** that wish **share their expertise and experiences** through either **a case study or by sharing good practices** in relation to **Grant Writing.**

Topic II – Post-Award Good Practices

Learning to write successful grant applications takes significant time and effort. We are looking **up to 4 speakers (10-15 minutes of presentation each)** that wish **share their expertise and experiences** through either **a case study or by sharing good practices** in relation to **Post-Award Practices.**

If you are interested in contributing to the Seminar, please send an email to

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including **the topic(s) and type of contribution(s)** - Case Study or Good Practices, followed by a **preliminary title and a short (10-line) outline of your contribution.**

Please share this information no later than the **2nd of December 2022.**