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JOINT EVENT:
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PREPARING UNIVERSITIES OF THE
FUTURE: (RE)BUILDING INCLUSIVE
AND SUSTAINABLE CAMPUSES

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
Submit your proposal by 27 February 2023

Preparing universities of the future: (Re)building inclusive and sustainable campuses

University of Sarajevo, 25 – 26 April 2023

Register [here](#)

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1. About the Conference

On 25-26 April 2023, the UNICA & the City and UNICA Green & SDGs Working Groups will join forces to organize the first in-person meeting after more than 2 years, which will be kindly hosted by the University of Sarajevo.

Learn more and register [here.](#)

Universities are confronted with deep transformations to address a number of issues, including the COVID-19 consequences, the climate crisis, virtual and in-person involvement, and the growing demand for collaboration with civil society and citizens. The concept and the design of sustainable university campuses has even more incentives to implement principles of inclusivity, community, wellbeing, flexibility and connectivity.

Using as a starting point the example of the re-building of the campus at the University of Sarajevo, this event aims at discussing and presenting academic snapshots from the future – numerous case studies regarding practices of viable designs of a multi-modal campus implemented across UNICA member universities as a response to these challenges. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the **collaboration among different actors to successfully engage in these transformations**, how to respond to different expectations toward the campus, the strategies introducing interdisciplinary research facilities, multifunctional public and dining spaces, libraries, hybrid and flexible classrooms and offices, innovation ecosystems, inclusive residential solutions and campus service one-stop-shops.

Speakers at the conference will discuss issues like:

➢ How can students be involved in campus transformation?

➢ How can we respond to the energy crisis, the global e-learning competition, and blended work and learning by combining ancient buildings and new technologies?

➢ How to improve the utilisation and accessibility of the existing academic commons by creating living labs to develop and test research and innovation?

➢ How can universities and cities interact to engage in sustainable transformations?

JOIN AND GET INVOLVED! WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPEAKERS!

2. About your contribution

We are looking for speakers willing to share **10-15 min** case studies regarding: a) experiences and strategies of university engagement in sustainable transformation of the campus or b) Initiatives or strategies to open the campus to the city, to local communities, and to civil society.

The case studies will be followed by a panel discussion.

TOPICS

Day 1 – Session 1 "How universities and cities interact to harmonise transformations of each other" | 25 April 2023, 12:00 - 13:30 CET

Countries are requested to adapt their strategies to the 17 sustainable development goals by 2030, and Universities have a primary role in supporting society to achieve these objectives. The session will start with the presentation of the project of campus rebuilding of the University of Sarajevo, partially funded by the European Investment Bank. This will allow participants to learn more about the role of the University of Sarajevo in its city, but also how the campus has changed to respond to the SDGs.

Following this example, UNICA member universities are invited to present their own experiences of cooperation between the university and the city to achieve sustainable transformation.

Find below **possible topics** your presentation can cover:

● University campus engaging with the cities;

● Harmonising transformations: the interaction between the university and the city;

- Rebuilding and development of campus from perspective of climate change and sustainability;
- Applying research and innovation on campus for climate change and sustainability;
- Connecting the development of the campus with the community (funding, cooperation with the region, public infrastructure etc.);
- Improving the utilisation and accessibility of the existing academic commons by creating living labs to develop and test research and innovation.

Day 2 – Session 2 "Stakeholders' and university community's expectations from the campus" | 26 April 2023, 11:00 - 12:30 CET

The first part of this session will give space to representatives of students, staff, civil society and local communities to learn more about their expectations from the campus. Speakers from UNICA member universities are invited to share with the audience how the needs of students and other stakeholders are addressed and initiatives to open the campus to the community.

Find below **possible topics** your presentation can cover:
- Role and impact of universities on civil society, local communities etc;
- Involving students in the transformation;
- Universities responding to citizens' and students' expectations;
- Hybrid working academic and administrative staff as well as students: hybrid programmes for students to respond to the issues of sustainability, infrastructures etc;
- The role of digitalisation in the well-being of students and citizens;
- Student accommodation: universities responding to the "housing problem";
- Rebuilding the campus having in mind the wellbeing of the university community.

Interested in contributing to the Seminar?

Please send an email to Laura Colò (laura.colo@unica-network.eu), with a preliminary title and a short (10-line) outline of your contribution **no later than 27 February 2022.**