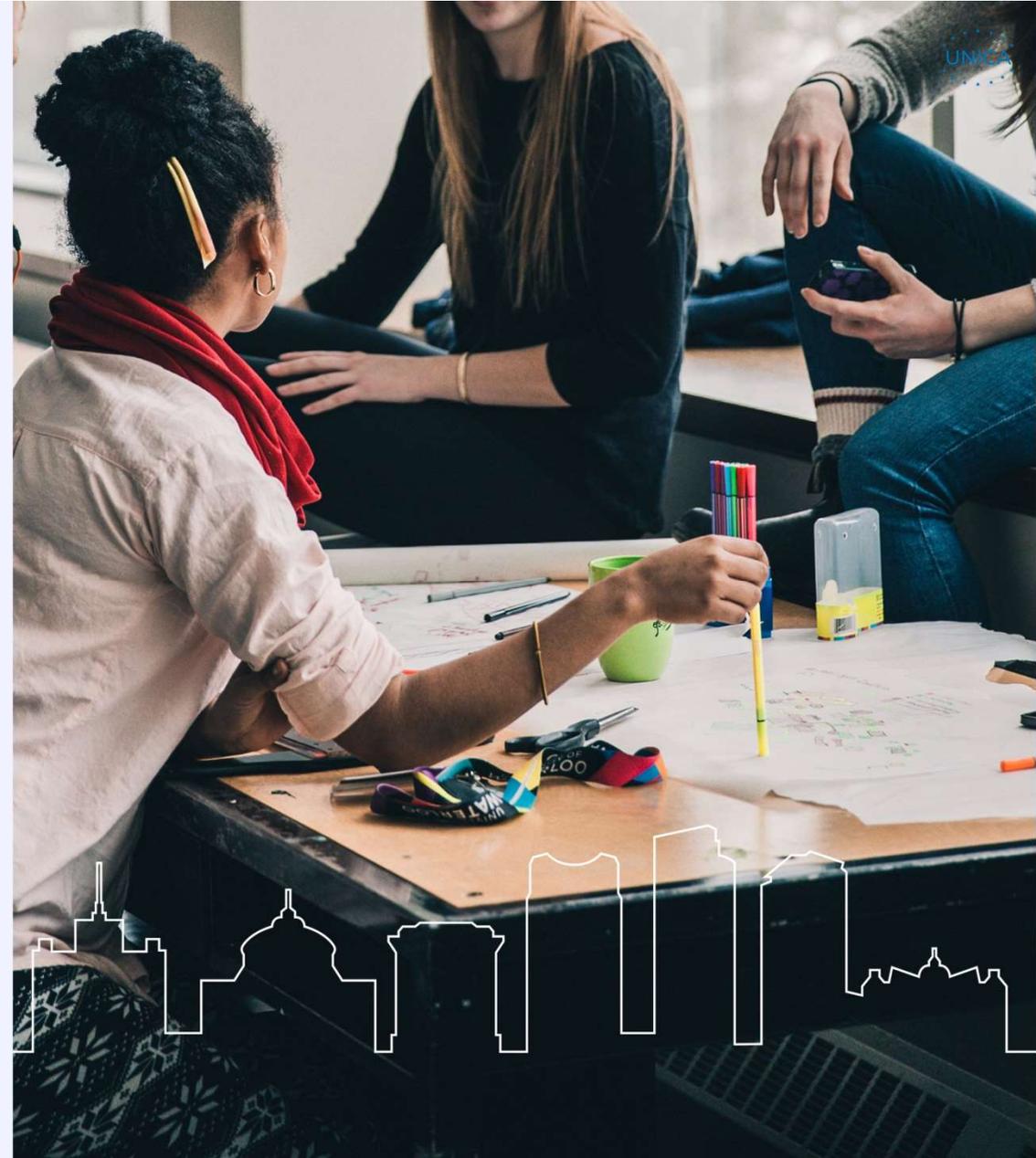




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WRAP-UP: WHAT DOES THE IDEAL IRO LOOK LIKE?

FROM THE LAST 2 DAYS...

1. Strategic Vision
2. Foundational Programs
3. Stability and Support from the EU
4. Personalized Student Experience
5. Diverse Partnerships
6. Adaptability and Innovation
7. Dedicated Support Staff (and enough staff!)
8. Sustainability Focus
9. Inclusive Community Engagement
10. Holistic well-being



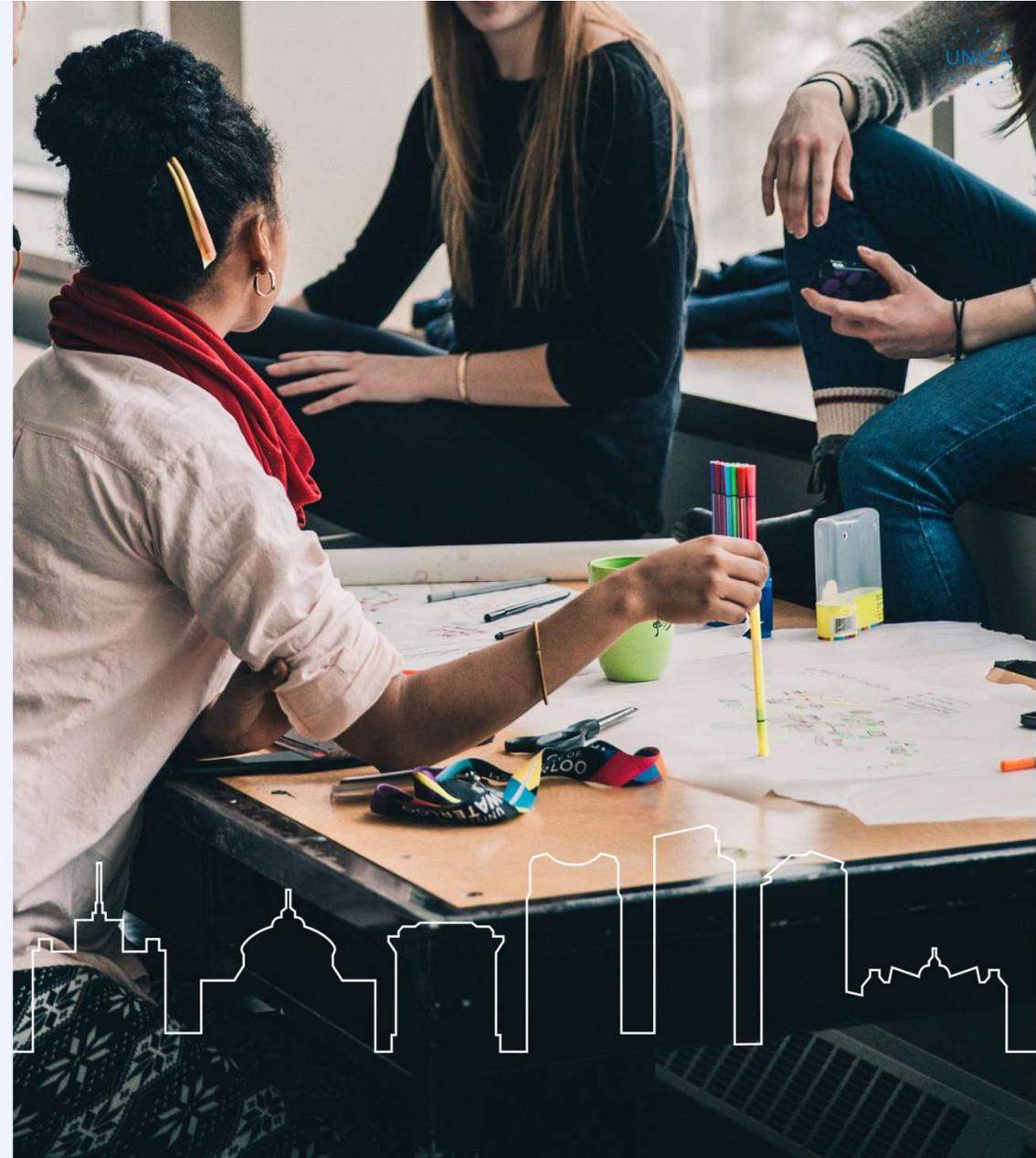


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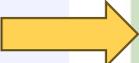
THE EWP UNIVERSITY AND STUDENT FORUM

- Consultative role on defining the priorities and timeline of the digitisation roadmap;
 - 7 university networks (AEC, Coimbra Group, Compostela Group, EURASHE, The Guild, UNICA, Utrecht Network)
 - 2 student organisations (ESN and ESU)
 - 2 European University Alliances workgroups (FOREU 1 and FOREU 2)
- **Last meeting: 7 November 2024**



Objectives academic year 2024-2025

 All HEIs use new inter-institutional agreement API (v7)

  95% of all Learning agreements concluded via the EWP network for academic year 2024-2025

 Wide adoption of the European Student Identifier (ESI)

 Continuous collaboration and consultation with stakeholders

 ToR and Nominations remain as early release and not ready to be fully implemented yet

REPORTING FROM 7 NOV MEETING



Evolution and not revolution!

- 2024-2025: Community consultations on workflow design with the involvement of EWP and ESC champions – started at the annual champions meeting
- First quarter 2025: Development work starts
- 2025 transition year: continuing exchanges in current system, training material and support prepared for the migration stage
- End 2025: Migration of all systems to enhanced infrastructure
- 2026-2027: Further simplification and new features implemented for future Erasmus+



REWIND TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING...

IN JUNE YOU SAID:

- WE WANT... **broader topics** to involve everyone: not all IROs do the same.
- WE WANT... sharing of **experiences**, not good practices.
- WE WANT... **other formats** in the IRO Meetings.
- WE WANT... **longer deadlines** for surveys.
- WE WANT... to keep the **EC involved**.
- WE WANT... alternatives to **knowledge transfer**.
- WE WANT... short, **fast paced** online sessions.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE IRO GROUP?

POWER HOUR: HIGHER EDUCATION IN MY COLLEAGUE'S COUNTRY

- ❖ **Series of 1-hour online sessions with representation of a few countries each time to present an overview of their respective Higher Education systems**
 - Some of the questions to address:
 - How do students transit from high school to the university?
 - How is the funding scheme (tuition fees/ no tuition fees)? Is it the same for international students in the EU/ outside the EU?
 - Are PhD a paid job or a degree that needs to be paid for?
 - What's the "higher education" culture in the country: do students start working after the bachelor or tend to follow up with a master immediately? Are there post-work degrees?
 - How is adult education?



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE IRO GROUP?

UNICA'S FLAGSHIP EVENT!

UNICA DAYS 2025

Brussels, 26-28 Feb 2025

“The role of university networks in the context of the European University alliances”

AGENDA

**DAY 1 | Wednesday,
26 February**

UNICA internal
meetings (full day)

DAY 2 | Thursday, 27 February
Sessions (full day)

DAY 3 | Friday, 28 February
Sessions (half-day)





WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE IRO GROUP?

UNICA'S 35th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

UNICA 35th GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RECTORS SEMINAR

National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens (NKUA)
18-20 June 2025

**“The key role of the Humanities in our
universities”**





WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE IRO GROUP?

ELECTIONS 2025

- ❖ **IRO Coordinator (and SC Observer)**
- ❖ **Core Group (+2 to 3 people)**





WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE IRO GROUP?

CALL FOR HOST!

**IRO MEETING 2025:
30 YEARS OF UNICA IRO GROUP!**

NOVEMBER 2025





IRO RAVE!

**(DIS)ORGANISED MOMENT FOR IDEAS,
SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**





IT'S NEARLY LUNCH TIME!

**BUT FIRST... PLEASE COMPLETE THE IRO MEETING
2024 EVALUATION SURVEY**

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