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# University of Ljubljana Alumni Clubs

*Session 3 | Alumni Relations in Practice*

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# 1. About University of Ljubljana

Established in 1919.

- 23 faculties and 3 academies
- 37.472 students
- 7.138 employees
- 8.315 graduates







65 alumni clubs

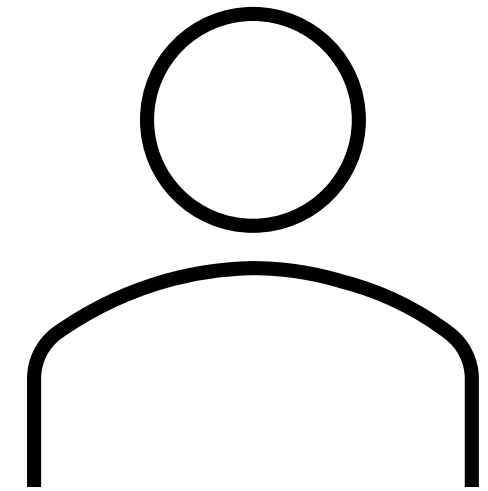


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## 2. Why maintain contact with alumni?

**Opportunities for growth, collaboration and lifelong learning.**

-  Ambassadors with global connections
-  Mentors and career support for students
-  Lifelong learning programs
-  Feedback about study programs etc
-  Knowledge transfer
-  Donors and supporters



Alumni are Graduates  
from all faculties and  
academies

## 3. Alumni in Spotlight



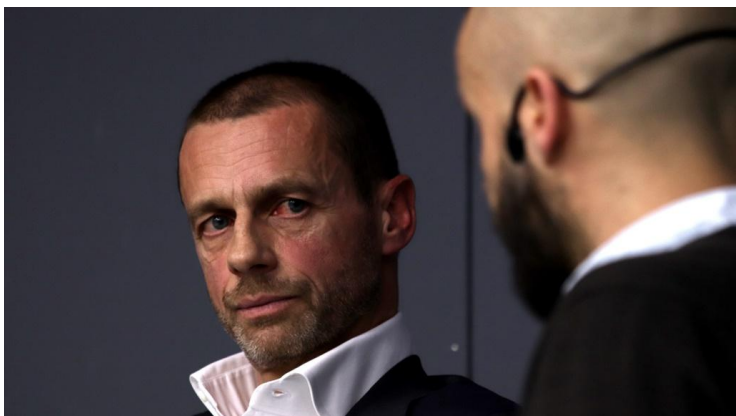
Dr Marko Bošnjak, former President of the European Court of Human Rights



Dr Lučka Kajfež Bogataj, climatologist and Nobel prize winner



Dr Uroš Seljak, cosmologist



Aleksander Čeferin, President of the UEFA



Dr Slavoj Žižek, philosopher  
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Dr Marinka Žitnik, Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics at Harvard



# How are we doing it?

## 4. Why do alumni stay connected?

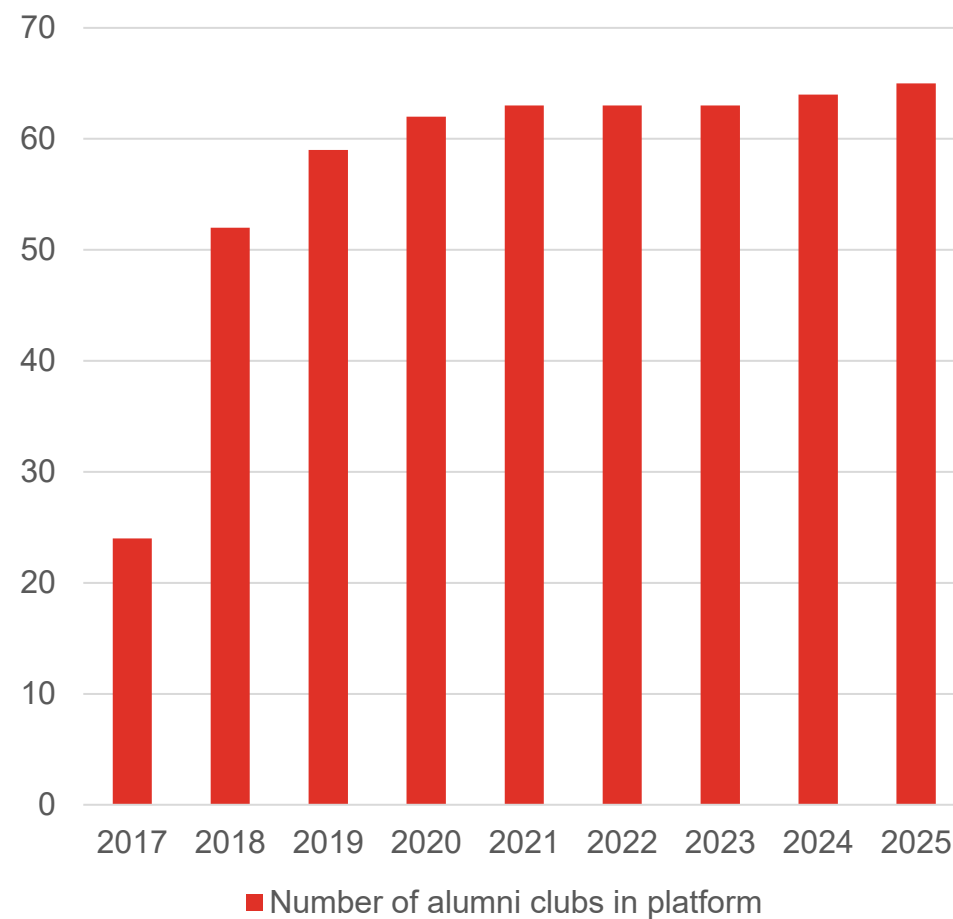
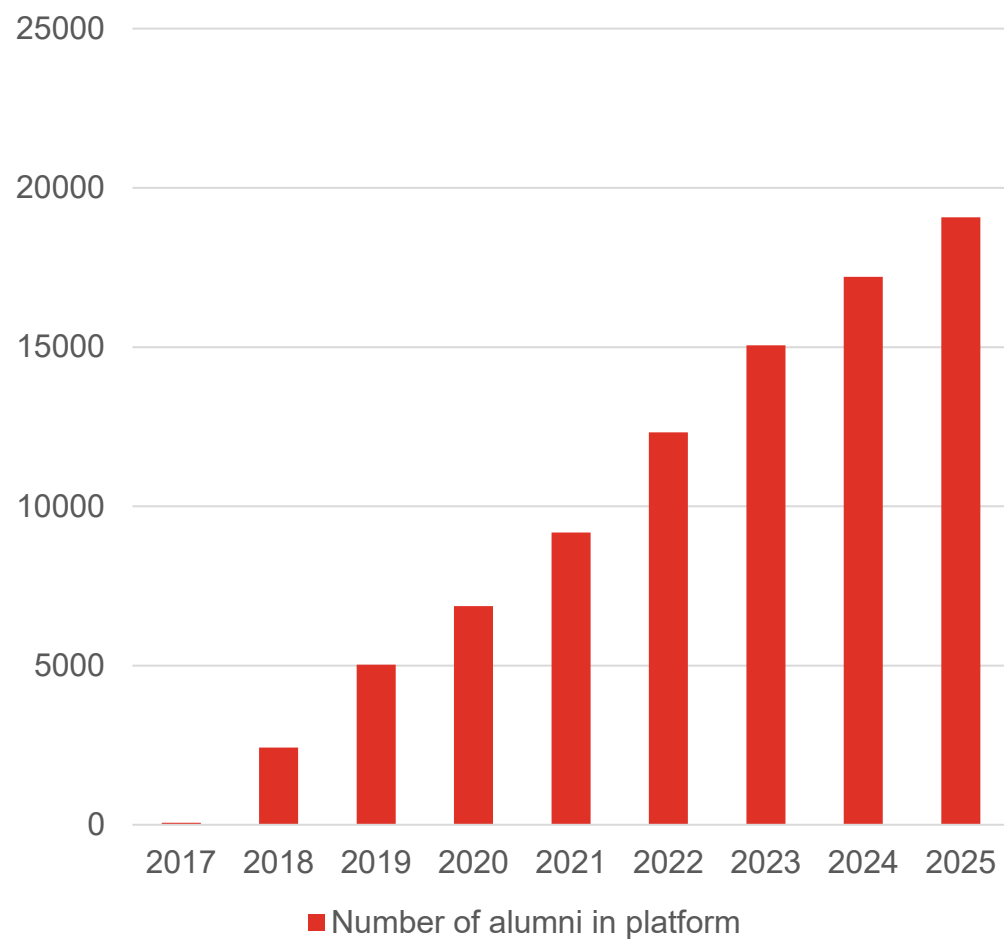
-  Staying connected with the university and former classmates
-  Access to the latest developments in the field
-  Career opportunities
-  Lifelong learning opportunities
-  Personal branding through mentoring and career path presentations
-  Access to talent and collaboration opportunities
-  Influence on broader societal change

**Understanding who alumni are and what challenges they face is key to creating relevant opportunities.**

## 5. Milestones & Launch of activities

- 2017 **Establishment of alumni community**
- 2018 **Alumni UL strategy & Launch of a alumniUL platform & Alumni under one „umbrella“**
- 2019 **First student campaign** (1000 Members in One Month), 30+ benefits introduced
- 2021 **Start of a Faculty of Active Wisdom**
- 2022 **Start of Alumni talks** (Alumniteka)  
**Start of Mentoring programme**

## 6. Growth of alumni clubs and members





**65**  
**alumni clubs**

**19.124**  
**members**

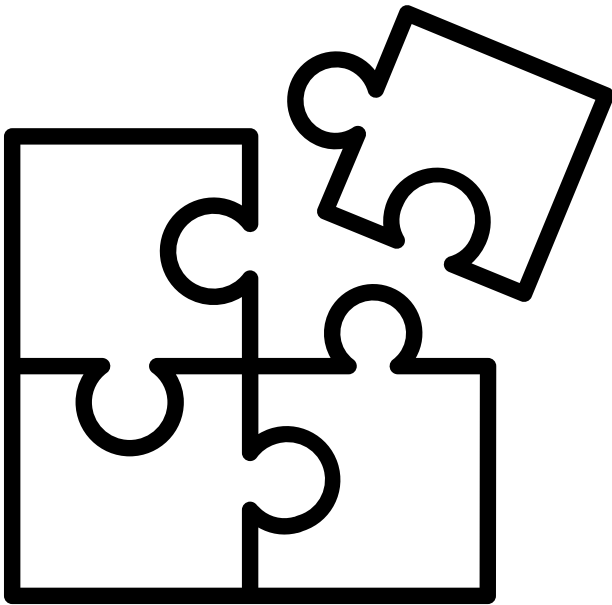
**5.500+**  
**available**  
**mentors**

**1.168**  
**events**

**2.906**  
**jobs**

**36**  
**benefits**

## 7. Organisational structure



### **Rectorate – central coordination and support**

- Coordinates alumni network
- Manages platform & data
- Organizes monthly meetings & trainings
- Supports faculties & users
- Oversees promotion, mentoring programme, e-newsletters

### **Faculties & Academies – decentralized execution**

- 80+ employees who run clubs in addition to regulars work responsibilities
- Communicate with alumni on-line & on campus
- Organize events & mentoring programme

## 8. Alumni Engagement: Key Principles

Alumni = graduates from all faculties and academies

Engagement built on **digital + personal** approach

Roles: **Ambassadors, mentors, donors, community builders**

Proven tools:

- alumniUL.online platform
- Mentoring program (507 pairs)
- Alumni Talks (knowledge exchange)

## 8.1 *alumniul.online platform*

**Web platform as the primary tool for communication with alumni.**

- Closed and direct communication with and among alumni
- Organization of events
- Posting of job vacancies
- Mentoring
- Newsletter
- Overview of positions held by our alumni and insight into the countries where they are employed
- A unified database of our graduates



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## *8.2 From Digital to Personal*

- **Career Path Presentations**  
At faculties and academies  
Through visits to real work environments  
On social media, website, television
- **Mentoring**  
Job shadowing and sharing expertise



# Programs in Practice: Alumni–Student Mentoring



- Enable students to access new forms of informal mentoring, primarily through **job shadowing** and support during the transition to the workplace. Enable alumni to share their experience and knowledge with younger colleagues.
- Mentoring is carried out via an **online platform** and **supported by guidelines** available to every mentor and mentee.
- Implementation by members (networking event, alumni picks), support by rectorate.
- **507 mentorship pairs, 759 mentoring connections on the platform.**

## 8.3 Alumni benefits & Professional development

### Benefits

#### **Benefits within UL:**

- Lifelong learning programs
- Access to e-resources and libraries
- Publications

#### **External Partners:**

- Discounts for museums, galleries, theatres, cultural landmarks

### Professional Development & Knowledge Exchange

- Workshops, seminars, and lectures
- Conferences, courses, and symposia
- Career counseling (up to 2 years after graduation)
- **Alumni talks (Alumniteka):** interactive sessions for sharing insights and fostering dialogue

# Alumni talks - Alumniteka



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1. How can we eat sensibly?
2. Is e-mobility the future?
3. How do people and animals sleep and dream?
4. Shades of life: What are the challenges of longevity?
5. Why do all things grow?
6. Why is donating blood so important as a form of volunteering?
7. How is science adapting and responding to societal needs and challenges?
8. The path to an inclusive society: equality as a shared responsibility
9. Meeting of language and technology
10. What impact will climate change have on agriculture, forests and timber?
11. History within the walls: What about our concern for cultural heritage?
12. At the interface between research and art
13. Our planet on a plate: Critical reflections on sustainable food systems

## 9. Alumni giving back – some of best practices

- **Microdonations** – [Heart UL](#): small but impactful contributions to help students in financial distress.
- [Global Alumni and Associates Network \(SMUL\)](#) – our global network of 250 Slovenian experts abroad, fostering research collaboration and international visibility.
- [Dr Uroš Seljak Prize](#) – A world-leading cosmologist and UL alumnus created a fund to reward top student research. Each year, \$10,000 goes to the best scientific papers, encouraging excellence.



# 10. Alumni: Partners for Life



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