



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe

HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORKS & THEIR USE OF ICTS EXAMPLE OF UNICA

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UNICA:

a network of universities from the capitals of Europe



43 universities

32 capital cities

1.800,000 students

150,000 staff



UNICA clusters of activities



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Internationalisation & Mobility:

- International Relations Officers meetings
- Student Conferences
- International PR & Communication



Education :

- Bologna Lab
- Joint Programmes
- European Campus platform
- Admission & Recognition

Research & Development :

- EU Research Liaison Officers' network
- PhD Master Class
- Youth Entrepreneurship & Innovation



Policy & Strategy :

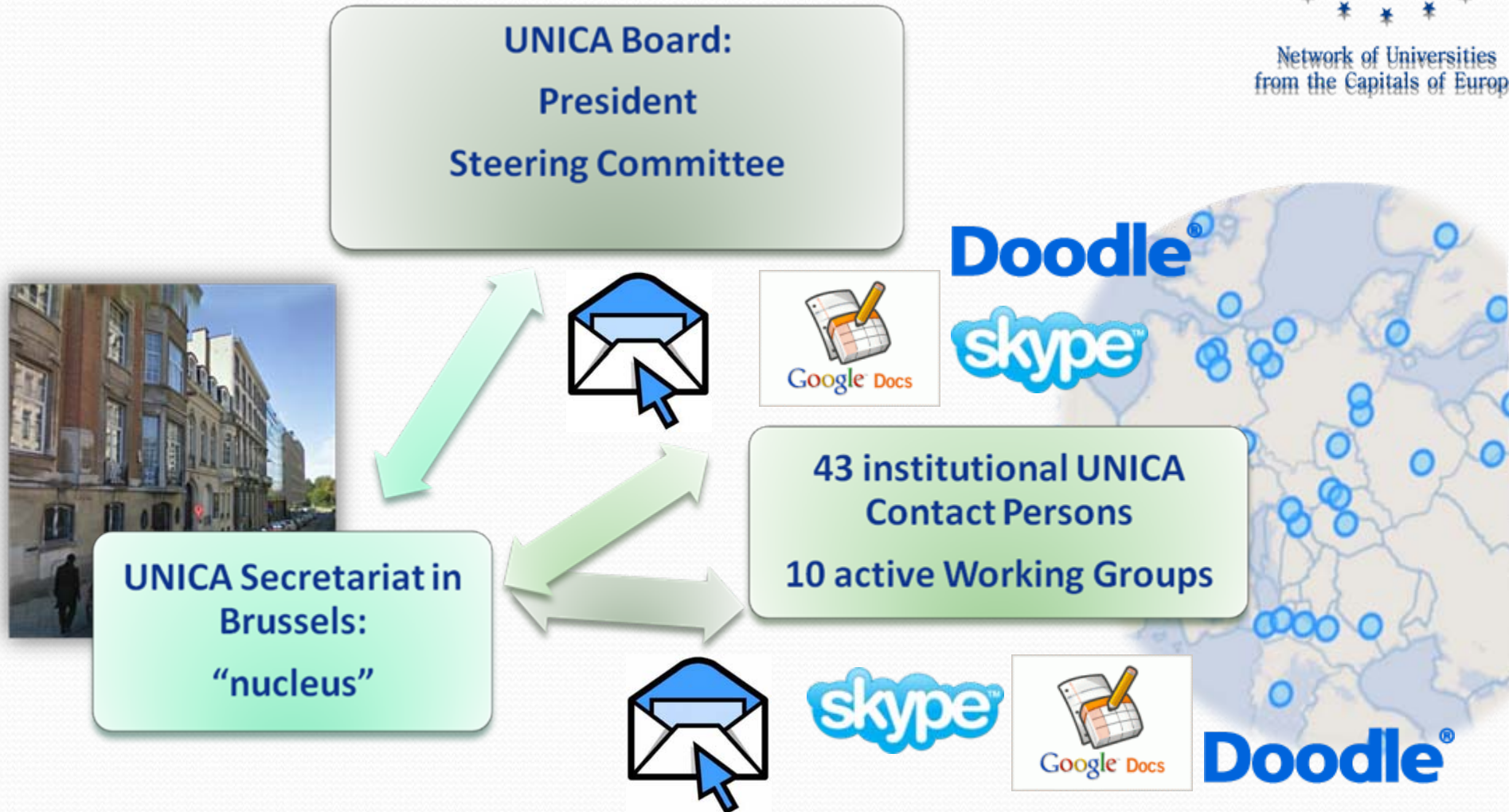
- Contact with the EC & Decision-makers
- Rectors Seminars
- Evaluation in Research Higher Education
- Scholarly Communication

Mission & Link with Society :

- Cooperation with the Union of the Capitals of the European Union
- City – University issues
- Development Aid Cooperation
- UNICA Green Academic Footprint



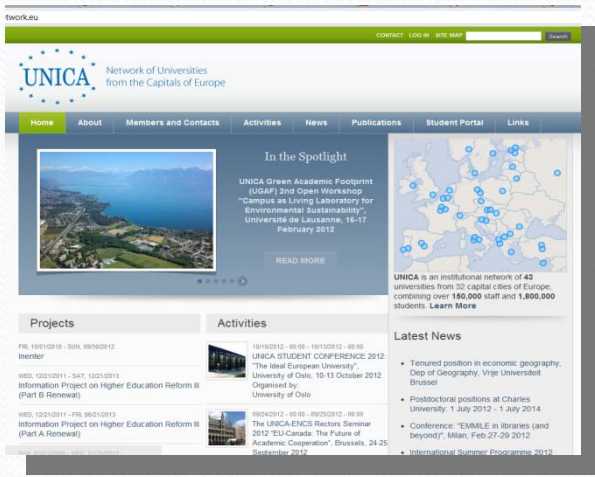
ICTs assuring the smooth flow of information within the Network



E- Communic@tion: spreading news of UNICA members

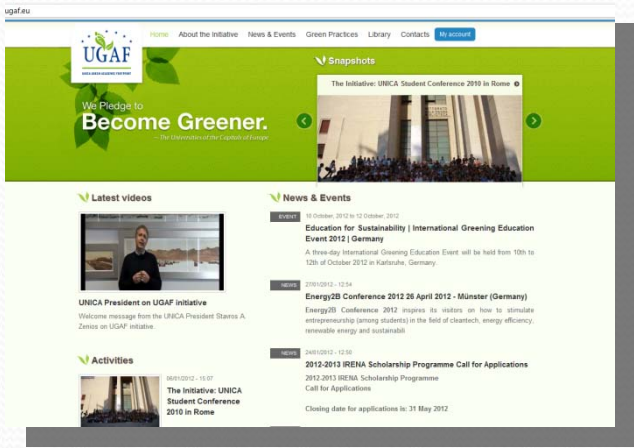


UNICA Website



UNICA Newsletters – one of them green

UGAF Website



Virtual Educa Caribbean, Paramaribo, 1 March 2012

UGAF initiative: ICTs in service of universities' environmental sustainability

- website presenting the **green practices** of UNICA universities
- a forum for sharing interesting documents, news & events, know-how and project proposals on **environmental sustainability**
- **greening meetings**



ICTs and learning: open access, libraries & learning centres

UNICA Scholarly Communication Group

(established in 2002)

- brings together **heads of libraries & learning centres**
- provides a platform for exchange of ideas related to **open access, electronic publishing & scholarly communication**
- promotes the role of libraries & learning centres **as driving forces in the elimination of scientific gaps**
- advocates **information literacy**
- sends **recommendations** to the European institutions, and scientific authorities



UNICA Bologna Lab

- Forum for reflection on Bologna Process and Modernisation Agenda of the European Higher Education Area
- Annual meetings since 2004
- New initiatives on **modernisation of teaching and student-centred learning**
developing universities' potential as a creative and flexible learning/teaching environment (with ICT support)

The Voice of Students: UNICA Student Conference

Open Access and Student-Centred Learning as key issues of UNICA Student Conference 2010

- *Are knowledge without borders? – How do we ensure openness and availability of research and knowledge?*
- *Why is publication and dissemination important?*
- *Do we have Open Access?*
- *How to change the vision on learning at the Universities? Is creativity and innovation nurtured and learned at the universities?*
- *How to get the education more green?*



Initiatives and toolboxes

- Stimulating the Internationalisation of University Education through the Use of Video-Conference Media (VC Project)
- Master Class Seminars and Toolbox for Supervision in Doctoral Education
- Be-Twin, Be-Twin 2: Bridging ECVET and ECTS (toolbox)
- EGRACONS project: ECTS grade conversion tables

Thank you for your attention!

**Your questions and comments
are welcome!**

