UNICA

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

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43 universities
32 capital cities
1,800,000 students
150,000 staff

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UNICA clusters of activities

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

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ICTs assuring the smooth flow of information within the Network

**UNICA Board:**
- President
- Steering Committee

**UNICA Secretariat in Brussels:**
- “nucleus”

**43 institutional UNICA Contact Persons**

**10 active Working Groups**

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E- Communication: spreading news of UNICA members

UNICA Website

UNICA Newsletters - one of them green

UGAF Website

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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)

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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
Your questions and comments are welcome!