UNICA-MED activities

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UNICA is an institutional network of 46 universities from 35 capital cities of Europe, combining over 150,000 staff and 1.800,000 students since 1990.
CLUSTERS OF ACTIVITIES

POLICY & STRATEGY:
- Contact with European institutions and decision-makers
- Rectors Seminars
- Scholarly Communication

INTERNATIONALISATION & MOBILITY:
- International Relations Officers meetings
- Student Conferences
- University PR & Communication
- Summer & Winter Schools

EDUCATION:
- UNICA EDULAB (former Bologna Lab)
- Student-Centered Learning

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT:
- EU Research Liaison Officers
- UNICA PhD MASTER CLASS on doctoral supervision

MISSION & LINK WITH SOCIETY:
- City – University Cooperation
- UNICA GREEN (formerly UGAF)

UNICA ACTIVITIES
10 Working Groups
up to 15 UNICA seminars & meetings per year gathering over 300 participants
UNICA EC PROJECTS 2014-2016

UNICA as Partner
(selected projects)

• **LEAD** - Governance and Academic Leadership of Chinese and European Universities in the Context of Innovation and Internationalisation (Erasmus+) - UNICA develops training courses for university leadership

• **CALOHEE** - Measuring and Comparing Achievements of Learning Outcomes in Higher Education in Europe (Erasmus+) - UNICA is Member of Advisory Board

• **HousErasmus+** - Improving Mobility and Accommodation (Erasmus+) - UNICA coordinates study visits

• **PRIDE** - Professionals in Doctoral Education: Supporting skills development to better contribute to an European knowledge society (LLP) - UNICA leads Dissemination

• **PASCL** - Peer Assessment in Student-Centred Learning (LLP) - UNICA coordinates study visits

UNICA as Coordinator

• **UZDOC** - Enhancing quality of doctoral education at Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan (TEMPUS IV – Structural Measures)

• **RUMI** - Réseau des Universités Marocaines pour l’Enseignement Inclusif (Network of Moroccan Universities for Inclusive Education) (TEMPUS IV - Structural Measures)
UNICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ROME (2013) DEDICATED TO THE MED REGION
MAIN AREAS FOR POSSIBLE COLLABORATIONS IN THE MED REGION

• INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY (NORTH-SOUTH ISSUE)
• CAPACITY BUILDING (PROFESSIONALISATION OF STAFF, etc.)
• INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
• E-LEARNING
• DOCTORAL EDUCATION
• QUALITY ASSURANCE
• Etc.
UMEI : "Universités du Maghreb: Enseignement Inclusif" (Maghreb Universities: Inclusive Education) (Tempus IV)

UMEI was a project funded by the European Commission with the objective of improving the access to universities in the Maghreb for students with special needs (related to economic insecurity, geographical origin or disability).

UMEI aimed at creating, within universities, of an Assistance Unit of Awareness, Support and Mediation (CASAM), which will support students with special needs (related to economic insecurity, geographical origin or disability) so they get to go to college and/or continue their studies.
RUMI: Réseau des Universités Marocaines pour l’Enseignement Inclusif (Network of Moroccan Universities for Inclusive Education) (TEMPUS IV)

The project aimed to achieving the following specific objectives:

- Anchoring the sustainability of the CASAM (Assistance Units of Awareness, Support and Mediation) within the partner Moroccan universities. The CASAM are the interfaces that will ensure the effective promotion of inclusive policies and create lasting conditions for equal opportunities at universities in Morocco.

The following four groups have been targeted:

1. Students with disabilities and special needs;
2. Female students facing unequal opportunities and discrimination.
3. Students from remote geographical areas and suffering constraints of poverty and socio-economic insecurity;
4. Foreign students and students with immigrant backgrounds;
SHORT TERM MOBILITY:
THE UNICA STUDENT CONFERENCE MODEL
SHORT TERM MOBILITY: THE UNICA SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOL PLATFORM (http://unicasummerschools.eu)
How to increase North-South Mobility?

Short term mobility
Teaching Staff exchanges
PROFESSIONALISATION OF STAFF: THE IMOTION PLATFORM FOR STAFF TRAININGS

http://staffmobility.eu/

- Search your staff week: Explore by country, language, or target group.
- Search your job shadowing: Follow and watch another worker for training or research.
- Apply for a job shadowing or as an expert: Register to participate as a trainer or speaker or for job shadowing.
- Create your own staff week: Advertise the staff weeks you organize and collect registrations.
Staff trainings for

A. International relation officers

B. Research officers

C. Librarians (bibliometric evaluation of research, etc.)

D. PR & Communication officers

E. etc.
UNICA EduLab

* Bologna Process
* Learning and Teaching
* Education in the Digital Era
AECHE TOPIC “Towards an Arab Mobility Programme”
Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus (27 October[^1] 1466 - 12 July 1536), known as Erasmus of Rotterdam, or simply Erasmus, a Dutch Renaissance humanist who worked and studied in several European universities.

1987: European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students
* Erasmus (1987-1994)
* Socrates/Erasmus I (1995-2001)
* Socrates/Erasmus II (2002-2006)
* LLP/Erasmus (2007-2013)
* Erasmus Mundus (2004-2013)

ERASMUS+ (2014-2020)
ERASMUS (1987-) as goal and a tool of the BOLOGNA PROCESS (1999-)
* The European Community in 1987 (12 Member States)
The European Union in 2016 (28 Member States, 5 Candidate Countries, 3 Potential Candidates)
Number of Erasmus Students by Nationality (2011-2012)
Languages used in Erasmus exchanges
(2011-2012)
Towards an Arab Mobility Programme

Well known procedures after more than 25 years of Erasmus (inter-institutional agreements, application forms, learning agreements, transcript of records, etc.)

Language
South- North and South-South Mobility
Other Issues

Visas
High quality teaching and administrative Staff Exchanges
Recognition of the credits
Conversion of the grades
Thank you for your attention

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