



UNICA Policy

UNICA is a network of [41 universities](#) from the capital cities of Europe, with a combined strength of over 120,000 staff and 1,500,000 students. Its role is to promote academic excellence, integration and co-operation between member universities throughout Europe. To achieve its aims UNICA, among its other activities, provides members with information on European initiatives and programmes, and supports them in co-operative projects. At the same time it undertakes initiatives that promote collaboration among its member Universities, to share experiences and to contribute to each other’s pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and service to society. Given their special role as Universities located in the European capitals, and given that our members represent some of the historic and stronger European Universities, UNICA aspires to play a significant role in shaping academic policy within EUA and contribute to the EUA mission of “Strong Universities for Europe”.

In order to achieve its objectives the Steering Committee and the General Assembly will debate a policy statement to supplement the existing broad activities of the UNICA network. The objective should be to put an overarching umbrella on the initiatives we undertake, so that the major overall goals outlined above are pursued through our concerted efforts. In particular we propose the following actions:

- Promote collaboration in research, and the promotion of innovation and knowledge regions for the capital cities.
- Use the network to brand and promote our programs at the Masters level in order to attract international students to study in Europe, encourage the development of joint degrees by member Universities within ERASMUS Mundus, and undertake the development of UNICA Masters in European History or European Studies, in the spirit of the degree in Human Rights offered by the University of Venice as a joint venture of several Universities.
- Develop a policy for collaboration with the non-EU regions adjacent to our member Universities in the periphery (north Africa, middle east, CIS). This collaboration will promote internationalization and attract students from the region promoting EUA policy, and contribute to EU policies of development aid by offering scholarships to students from the region.
- Develop horizontal actions that promote the UNICA network and develop further ties among our members such as: UNICA Chairs, UNICA Entrepreneurship Competition for Students and Young Researchers, and UNICA Scholarships for student exchange among member Universities.

Furthermore, we should consider that staff mobility can be used to help our members share experiences on topics of strategic interest to all of us. Such areas could be:

• Quality culture in administration	• Multilingualism
• Diversity in student body	• Employability
• Research and innovation	• Joint programs
• Fundraising	• Student support
• Innovation	• Internationalization