MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA FOR THE UNICA NETWORK

1. UNICA is a network of universities from the capital cities of Europe. It is clear, therefore, that all capital cities are eligible for inclusion and it has been accepted in recent years that this means capital cities of countries rather than regions. Several of the larger cities (Rome, Madrid, Berlin, Paris) have more than one university as members.

2. Members must be committed to high quality teaching and research and strive for excellence in both areas at the European and international level. This is crucial to the network and it is central to our membership criteria.

3. The universities must be publicly funded and comprehensive providing degrees at Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level. This excludes private universities, and it also excludes purely business, science, or engineering universities. However, this does not mean that universities lacking the full range of Faculties are completely ineligible, as there may be valid national reasons for the restricted range. Judgement is required on each application.

4. The General Assembly is of the view that more emphasis should be put on co-operation and integration within the network than on expansion for its own sake.