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TEACHING AND LEARNING: FLEXIBLE AND STUDENT-CENTERED

TEACHING & LEARNING

TEACHING AND LEARNING: "FLEXIBLE AND STUDENT-CENTERED"

UNITA “Teaching and Learning: flexible and student-centered” group is preparing personalized study paths through internationalization.

This second year has been focused on the preparation of **models of internationalized curricula**, the exchange of **best practices** of pedagogical approaches in our European context, and the implementation of a survey aiming to assess the learning experience in UNITA from the **students' point of view.**

Our strengthened community of **staff** involved in the **academic formation** purposes works jointly towards a UNITA identity of education.

BUILDING THE UNITA EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK

A first stage has consisted in gathering the set of study offers related to the three strategic themes at both bachelor and master degree level:

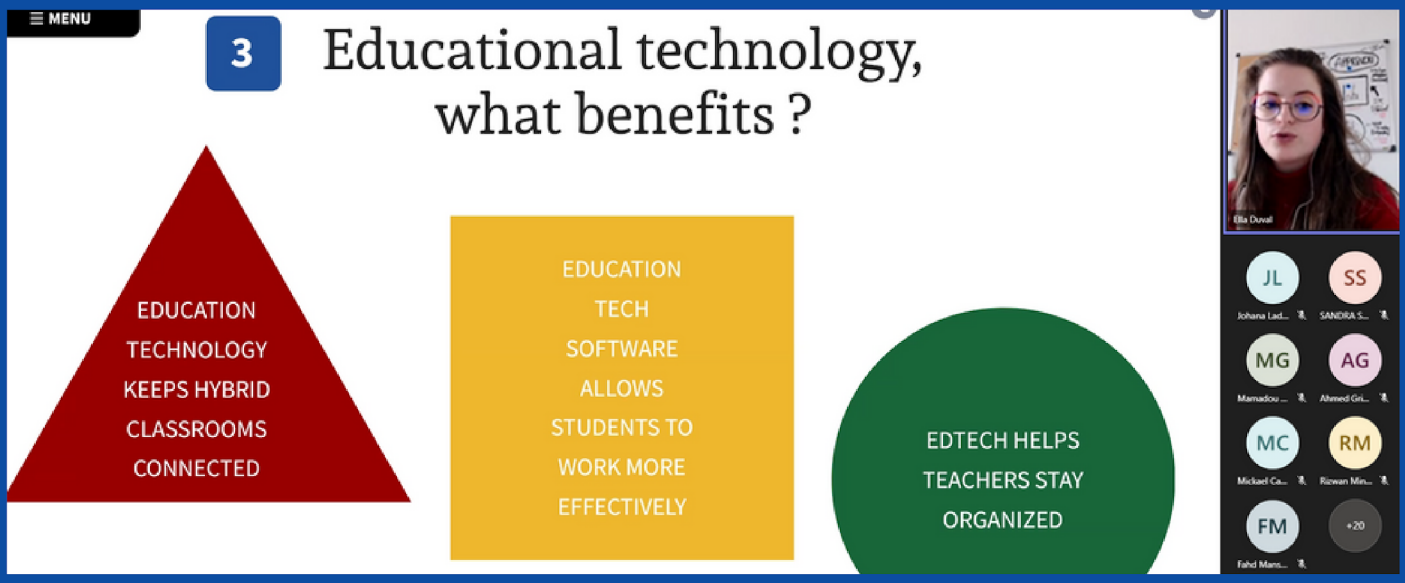
- **circular economy**
- **renewable energies**
- **cultural heritage**

This offer has been also **implemented digitally** to facilitate the identification of relevant internationalized study paths. Digital cartography has been also used aiming to make the options of internationalization of learning paths within UNITA as well as to identify the academic research laboratories or groups in which a student could spend a period of internship.

TEACHING & LEARNING

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Community of around **30 staff members** sharing their best practices on digital learning and student-centered pedagogies.
- **Workshops** related to skills' acquistion open to the whole academic staff of the Alliance:
  - “counseling & student well-being services”
  - “inclusiveness”
  - “needs for teachers in terms of pedagogical tools”



THE IPC PLAN

The assessment of the acquisition of such skills has been experimented on a cohort of students during their long term mobility.

The activity, called **International Personal Career Plan**, constitutes an international version of the classical personal and professional plan that a learner produces to better identify relevant academic study path.

SURVEYS DEVELOPED

In consistency with the **student-centered approach** of the UNITA’s activities (but from a general aspect of the quality assessment approach), a fine tuned survey has been realized in order to assess the students’ learning experience within UNITA.

The deployment of this survey should be done for all UNITA activities, in particular the ones related to new forms of mobility, that constitute a set of options for a student to get an international experience of study in the alliance.

MULTILINGUALISM

MULTILINGUALISM

2ND YEAR'S OBJECTIVES

UNITA has been active in promoting multilingualism and enhancing linguistic diversity with the implementation of courses and activities based on intercomprehension (IC) between Romance languages in an English friendly environment.

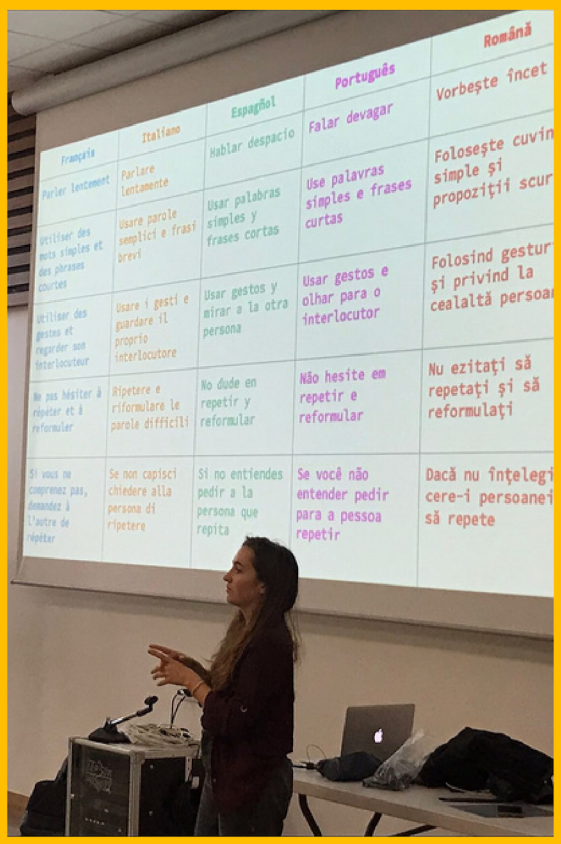
During the second year of the project the initial issue with the lack of IC experts has been solved with the **1st year trainings** and **IC courses** have been implemented at almost all the universities of the Consortium and have consolidated with a steady increase in participants.

IC SYLLABUS AND UCIL

The focus of the 2nd year has been the creation of an IC syllabus for university teachers. The **15-hour pilot course** took place in January and after that a second, improved, edition was proposed in May.

As it has met the interest and enthusiasm of academic staff, it will become a regular course, which will be offered twice a year (early spring – autumn) to all UNITA teachers in the form of **blended UCIL**, in order to create a plurilingual classroom environment where participants can experiment the actual IC gist.

UCILs have been one of the most innovative aspects of 2nd year IC teaching and learning: in order to allow students interact with each other and prove their skill in both receptive and interproductive IC, teachers have organized their schedules so that their students can meet once a week in online Ateliers.



IC OFFER

- **Curricular courses** have been given for language students (UNITO, UPPA, UVT and USMB)
- **IC courses for Erasmus** have remained active for a second year
- UVT has opened its **IC cafés** to all partners and has offered courses to non-philological students.
- USMB has introduced IC in **LSP contexts**
- UNITO has created a fully **online course freely available.**

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MULTILINGUALISM

BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES, IC AND LSP

The Elementi di intercomprensione online course has also been used as online part for the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) IC for LSP, scaffolded by three plurilingual online meetings with tutors.

As for the BIP, UNITO and UPPA organized theirs in July 2022, USMB and UVT are having it in February-March 2023, UNIZAR and UBI will follow and UNITO is offering a new edition in July 2023.

IC workshops have been proposed to university staff and other targets as short dissemination events, also in the frame of bigger events (eg. Semaine des langues, with tandem, language speed dating, games…).

PARTICIPATION IN U*NIGHT AND BADGES CONNECTED TO IC

The intercomprehension team has also participated in U*NIGHT, UNITA's European researchers night, with **activities** and **two escape games** (one digital, one physical) created collaboratively by various UNITA teams to implement an IC activity for primary schools.

As for the badges, after the second year these are the badges connected to IC:

- IC for mobility students
- IC for trainers
- IC full (9 ECTS)
- IC base (6 ECTS)
- IC for teachers
- BIP IC for LSP

COURSES

- **UNIZAR** offered UNITA ELE courses
- **USMB** organized courses in FLs during the Semaine des Langues
- **UBI** opened Portuguese as Foreign language A2 and B1 courses
- **UPPA** had a FLE course,
- **UNITO** shared with UNITA the Foundation Program Italian as FL course.

RESEARCH

RESEARCH AT UNITA

HUBS AND CARTOGRAPHY

UNITA has connected researchers from the consortium through knowledge exchange activities between researchers from the alliance in the fields of Renewable Energies, Circular Economy and Cultural Heritage. The number of research and innovation projects devoted to the three core thematic (Cultural Heritage, Circular Economy, Renewable Energy) recorded in the cartography has grown to more than 650 (with contributions of Unita Associated Partners, IPG, UPNA, UNIBS and UNITBV). Regularly, actions promote the emergence of collaborative projects: calls for joint supervision of doctoral theses, Workshops, design and implementation of research hubs, weekly seminars to present projects and areas of research.

RENOWAGRO INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Renowagro International Meeting brought together in Zaragoza more than 600 professionals, company representatives, policymakers, researchers and students to talk about the challenges of the agri-food sector in the use of organic resources and their contributions to the circular economy and sustainable rural development.

The UNITA **Research and Innovation cartography** is a public access database that maps the R&I activities at UNITA universities.
The cartography is now open to project submissions on a permanent basis.

You can access the cartography in:
https://enquetes.u-bordeaux.fr/UPPA-SOFT/UNITA_RI_Carto/Carto.htm?Pwd=UNITA.

Co-working spaces are implemented in the UNITA universities to help students, companies, institutions, and researchers connect and work together on proposals aiming to develop rural and mountain territories.

You can follow all our activities in:
https://univ-unita.eu/Sites/unita/en/Eventos/

RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

UNITA WEEKLY TALKS

Since May, every Wednesday at 12:00 CET UNITA researcher present their avances on their weekly talks. More than 26 Talks done with a participation of almost 1000 persons.

SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOLS

Blended intensive programs have been created for undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as researchers in the field of renewable energies, circular economy and cultural heritage. Almost 10 took place in 2022 (with support of E+ Blended Intensive Program funding) in UNITA's core thematic and around 10 are scheduled for year 2023.

DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Our six rectors agreed in June 2022 in Timisoara in the creation of a network of doctoral schools. This network is designing common doctoral itineraries for UNITA PhD students. The 2023 MSCA Cofund (doctoral) call applications was done with the Project Cultural Heritage Outreach in RomAnce Languages : CHORAL.

COTUTELLE CALLS

After the first call for PhD Cotutelles within the alliance in 2021 (with 8 grants offered by UPPA and USMB) and conversion of grants obtained by UNITO researchers into cotutelles projects, 2022 gave the opportunity to UBI, UVT and UNIZAR to launch their calls for cotutelles.

This strong support from the Universities of the alliance to research activities now represents more than **30 PhD students** daily working in UNITA core thematic.

MICRO CREDENTIALS

Research driven learning was also implemented (micro credentials). The three hubs have proposed training programs devoted to Bachelor students in the form of this new training tool.

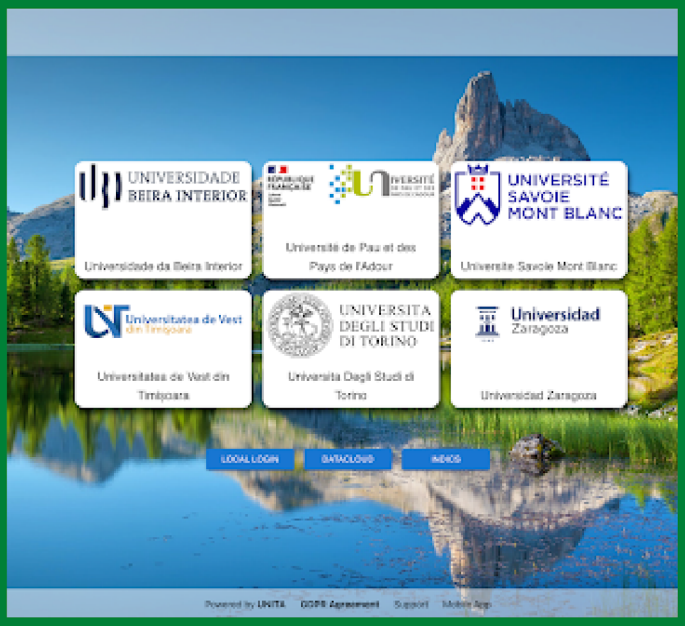
VIRTUAL CAMPUS

UNITA VIRTUAL CAMPUS

THE #UVC CONCEPT

The UNITA Virtual Campus, **#UVC**, will be a large scale educational, research and management information system, designed to accommodate federated services for a diverse and dynamic academic community.

Based exclusively on **open-source technologies**, #UVC persuades the development of new features to overcome potential limitations, share solutions and invite new collaborators in solving existing or potential issues with the product. Its functional prototype will focus on emphasis on its security, flexibility and scalability aspects both on the applications side and the number of users.



THE OBJECTIVES

The UNITA alliance's objective was to **build a virtual campus** as part of its sustainable development, using internal staff and self hosted solutions. The campus user base is split up into two main categories:

- **Internal** (students, professor, researchers, and administrative staff)
- **External** (interested parties. contractors, life long learners, etc.).

A major component for digitalization is represented by a **mobile application** which enables mobile access to the UNITA Virtual Campus.

THE GUIDES

In order to encourage the mobility of students, teachers and non-teachers, increase the social dimension of the campus and support the community, services were identified and Welcome Guides were created.

The Guides are designed in three formats:

1. A **web page**, as a place to access in cyberspace;
2. **Document**, organized as a print-friendly flyer, but primarily as an electronically shareable document, with structured text and images; and
3. A **Welcome video**, aimed at a more agile and fast dissemination of information.

UNITA common **collaborative digital platform** is now accessible online at this link: https://unitassotest.uvt.ro.

The **software** is also put in a repository to be downloadable as open source software at this link: https://github.com/UNITA-Project/virtual-campus-appsvirtual-campus-apps

UNITA VIRTUAL CAMPUS

ADVANCES ON CARTOGRAPHY

Another important milestone for WP5 was the Cartography of a few selected UNITA courses, which is a software **developed in-house** and **available for general use**. The Cartography is in its pre-production phase and will be the subject of further developments to ensure the viability of its widespread use, as well as the ease of updating data relevant to each of the universities; at this time the features are presented only in English but the other UNITA languages will be included in the near future.

The common cartography of UNITA centralized data regarding the three privileged areas: **Circular Economy, Renewable Energy and Cultural Heritage.** The main goal of the cartography is to provide means for exploring the different degrees available in the three domains in the partner universities.

EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD AND SERVICES

The objective of task 5.3 of UNITA is to deploy the European student card in all the universities of the alliance, and to progressively implement services.

Up to this moment, an overview of the services offered to students in UNITA partner universities has been made available.

MEETING IN TIMIȘOARA

Last but not least, the members of WP5 had the pleasure to meet physically at the first WP5 Staff Week in May 2022, in Timișoara, Romania.

The meeting was a productive one and most of its outcomes can be seen also in the development of the aforementioned deliverables and tasks.

MOBILITY FOR ALL

MOBILITY 4 ALL

PURPOSE

The UNITA “Mobility4All” aims to support and promote the development of new and innovative forms of mobility for students, while increasing the traditional ones:

- virtual mobility
- mobility based on Erasmus + blended intensive programs
- rural mobility
- student events

For academic staff members, the support is focused on the creation of collaborative international learning.

NEW FORMS OF MOBILITY: STEPS FORWARD

Since November 2020, the six UNITA universities have implemented pedagogical activities at the international scale. In most cases, these activities result of a strong cooperation among the academic staff members of the alliance, supported by the administrative staff members. The activities promote new forms of mobility, such as the **short mobilities** and **internationalization at home.**

The **UNITA rural mobility** is based on a physical mobility corresponding to an immersive experience into a rural zone abroad, linking the activity to the needs of a local rural organism.

UNITA also promotes a hybrid mode of mobility: the Erasmus + Blended Intensive Programs (E+ BIP) used by UNITA to support its thematic schools. It constitutes an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students, who are generally not used to participate to such thematic schools, as the integration of the later into the study program is not common. More than ten BIP have been scheduled during the second year of the alliance.

MOBILITY 4 ALL

POSITIVE EFFECTS OF UNITA'S INNOVATIVE MOBILITY

Some E+ BIP are also used for internationalizing a part of a course from a regular study program. Such internationalized courses have been promoted through a **webinar** opened to all teachers of the alliance, yielding a starting group of almost a hundred teachers having expressed their interest for experimenting this initiative. Beside this, the teachers of the alliance get also involved in providing their online teaching through the UNITA Virtual Mobility (VM) initiative.

With this internationalization at home, a student has the opportunity to attend a course given by a university partner, in the same classroom as the local students on site. For the spring and the autumn editions of the second year, the catalog of virtual mobility was composed of around 100 subjects. Around the same number of students have participated in this initiative.

Also students are encouraged to work together through events based on **ideathon/hackathon** model. In the first edition of such event, groups of inter-disciplinary students of different study level, and coming from different institutions, have met through a challenge based contest on “Green mobility”.

Up to now, most of the UNITA activities are provided to the students as optional activities. Even associated with ECTS, these ones in general do not contribute to the degree. Fortunately, the diploma supplement, as an official document provided by the new Europass platform, can be used in all institutions of UNITA as a first formal institutional valorization of successful international experience.

A model of UNITA diploma supplement has been designed to provide specific information related to all academic experiences that are not described in the syllabus of regular study programs. The alliance also works on the promotion of the other tools and services proposed by the new Europass platform.

EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

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ONE DAY CONFERENCE

On **December 10, 2021**, the First One-day Conference was organized within the framework of UNITA, with the title of "Perspectives of European Citizenship". Due to the pandemic, the activity was carried out both in person and via streaming.

The activity had **177 attendees**, mainly students and teaching staff from UNITA Universities. Speakers were European parliamentarians and government representatives as well as members of teaching staff from the UNITA Universities.

At the One-day Conference, European Citizenship was approached from different perspectives, from the rights included in the treaties to its condition as a central tool for the formation of a European Identity.

DISSERTATION AWARDS

UNITA UNIVERSITAS MONTIUM PRIZES FOR BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE DISSERTATIONS

EverY year UNITA launches the Bachelor`s and Masters`s awards about European citizenship. This awards are part of UNITA strategy of streghtening the role of European citizenship among its students and staff.
In 2021, the awards were:
Master awards:

- **"Parlamento dos Jovens: programas, processos e experiências cívicas juvenis"** (Vinícius Barbosa Albernaz from UBI).
- **"L'accès à une mort digne au prisme de la cour européenne des droits de l'homme"** (Laura Cascino from USMB).
- **"Disparities at European level on decision-making in the field of e-health adoption"** (Țăran Alexandra- UVT).
- **"Lo sviluppo territoriale montano. Cooperare per competere nel caso JardinAlp"** (Giulia Rossi - UNITO).

Bachelor awards:

- **"La política exterior de Polonia. Las relaciones con estados unidos, la unión europea y el este de Europa"** (Marcos Raufast García- UNIZAR)
- "**The influence of the ERASMUS + program on European identity**" (Safta Andrada-Maria- UVT)
- **"La fracture Nord-Sud dans l'UEM"** (Tom Tahitoa Eckenschwiller- UPPA)

UNITA PHOTO & VIDEO CONTEST ABOUT THE CONCEPTS OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND CITIZENSHIP

The first UNITA photo and video competition was launched in March 2022. It offered UNITA's members and associated universities the possibility to share experiences and visions of European identity and citizenship.
The goal was to find visual expressions of a European key concept "cooperation". The visuals reflected the concepts of European Identity and Citizenship.
The winners were:

Universidade Beira Interior
- Photo: Lia MOTA
- Video: Solange RACHADO

Université de Pau et des Pays de L'Adour:
- Photo: Ambre DARPHEUIL
- Video: Lola GRANDVUINET

Université Savoie Mont Blanc:
- Photo: Morgane MAZERON
- Video: Frammenti CHAGNARD

Università degli Studi di Torino:
- Photo: Annalisa RACCA
- Video: Zoe SCHUSTER

Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara
- Ioana ONICIU
- Video: Darius Gabriel DORONBATU

Universidad de Zaragoza:
- Photo: Izarbe RÍOS ASÍN
- Video: Uxue CALDERÓN

SPREADING UNITA

SPREADING THE ALLIANCE

18 SIGNATORIES OF THE GEMINAE PROGRAM

- First conference in **Barcelona** (Sept 2022)
- **Research workshop** online (Feb 2022)
- Call for **Best practices Award**
- **Future workshops** on COIL, Intercomprehension...

ENSURING THE CONTINUITY AND UPTAKE OF THE UNITA APPROACH

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SPREADING THE ALLIANCE

6 NEW UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

- Transilvania University of Brasov
- Università degli Studi di Brescia
- Politecnico Guarda
- Universidad Pública de Navarra
- Haute École spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale (HES-SO)
- Chernivtsi National University

LAUNCH OF THE UNITA JUNIOR ACADEMY 30TH OF SEPTEMBER

- Intercomprehension Escape Room
- Experiments of Renewable Energies and Cultural Heritage
- International games with primary school students on Intercomprehension.

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The UJA is a space for discussion, reflection, experimentation, questioning and learning of science and its applications. It works annually at each UNITA university, with the participation of lecturers, researchers and professors from all UNITA universities and partners. The activities carried out in some of our campus can be explored below, practicing a little bit intercomprehension.

COMMUNICATION

UNITA MAGAZINE

The UNITA magazine and the UNITA newsletter reflect all the activities that have been carried out during this year, as well as our way to communicate most of our future activities.

Don´t miss out the opportunity and register to receive them (link).

Last edition of the UNITA magazine was opened by the European Commissioner, Mariya Gabriel. UNITA aims continuously to spread intercomprehension so, in the magazine and newsletters you will find an abstract in English and the text in the different languages of the alliance. Do not miss the opportunity to practice intercomprehension!

UNITA DAYS

In October 2022 the first UNITA days were held in Chambery (France) and Torino (Italy) for the #ErasmusDays during the Erasmus international week and in Covilha (Portugal) the 17th and 18th October, and in early November they were held in Zaragoza, Huesca and Teruel (UNIZAR).

Showing students the **opportunities** of our campuses

- UNITO in October
- USMB in October
- UBI in October
- UNIZAR in November
- more coming soon in 2023

UNITA COMMUNITY

TWO YEARS OF UNITA
Climb your future!

13 Universities

6 founding Universities
7 University Associated Partners

People

248.000 students
21.300 staff

Partners

30 Geminae partners
19 associated partners
13 representatives of the socio-economic world

Mobilities

816 mobilities inside UNITA
172 students participating in UNITA E+ Blended Intensive Programmes
194 Internships offered in UNITA Rural Mobility
107 students participating in Virtual Mobility
+ 34000 UNITA students with a European student card
+ 1400 students consulting the Hubs of Success

Intercomprehension

+ 1700 participants in workshops, courses and IC cafes

European Citizenship and Values

7 winners of the 1st UNITA Bachelor and Master degree dissertation Prize in 2021
12 winners of the UNITA Photo and Video Contest

Research

607 professors participating in workshops
600 projects in the research cartography
665 downloads of the research papers, guidelines and models
32 Doctoral co-tutelles

4 Constellation Projects

Re-UNITA (Swafs H2020)
INNOUNITA (EIT - HEIs Initative)
CONNECT-UNITA (Erasmus +)
U*Night (European Researchers Night)

Communicating UNITA

61000 website visualizations
20000 newsletter subscribers
+ 450 podcast downloads
+ 3000 number of followers on social media
50 high level meetings invitations
+ 350 universities and stakeholders present at UNITA presentations

Buon compleanno UNITA!

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La mulți ani UNITA!

Feliz aniversário UNITA!

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UNITA
PROJECTS

Re-UNITA

Research for UNITA

A YEAR OF ACTION

24 September 2021

RE-UNITA KICK-OFF

Re-UNITA vice-rectors for research met in Pau on the 24/09/2021 to launch officially the Re-UNITA project, with the presence of various stakeholders involved in the project.

Across the year

LAUNCHING ALL THE WORK PACKAGES WORKING GROUP

The 7 Work packages working groups have been launched in September and October 2021, in order to start working on the tasks and deliverables planned in the project.

Every month

RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

A monthly newsletter presents a research project in each research theme, as well as interviews with doctoral students and female researchers. This is a key tool to enhance mutual knowledge within research UNITA community!

30 May – 02 June

COORDINATING AND MANAGEMENT MEETINGS IN TIMISOARA

These fruitful on-site meetings enabled the participants to have dynamic discussions, with the creation of subgroups dedicated to some perspective reflections on the research in the future UNITA European university

June 2022

AGREEMENT ON SHARED INFRASTRUCTURES

EVENTS DEDICATED TO INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

UNITA
PROJECTS

U*NIGHT

UNITA Researchers' Night

FIRST EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS' NIGHT

The first European Researchers' Night organized by the UNITA Consortium was held on September 30th 2022 and took place at the same time in the main cities of the Consortium (Turin, Covilha, Timișoara, Pau, Chambery) as well as in the rural, semi-rural, and mountain areas

RESEARCH MARATHON

Universities:

- TURIN
- TIMIȘOARA
- COVILHA

From fake news and false myths to disrupt them

OTHER INITIATIVES

Conferences: Gender imbalances in European Universities,

Walk with researchers around the historic center of Covilha

Hearts & Hands project: designed by Fashion Design teachers at UBI

Laboratories, exhibitions, workshops, games

Promote the role of **citizens** as key stakeholders in the debate on societal challenges and activate constructive interaction with policymakers and scientist

UNITA JUNIOR ACADEMY

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UNITA PROJECTS

InnoUNITA

INNOUNITA aims to assist universities to develop their ability to innovate and teach innovation and entrepreneurship. The initiative seeks to encourage the institutions to look at their own experiences and to develop concrete actions to improve the impact on their ecosystems. INNOUNITA represents the opportunity to develop a global and coherent strategy based on the UNITA alliance.

A YEAR OF ACTION

START-UPS

Two panels were perform, financial experts and/or investors to engaged in conversation and discussion in the area of food and health to interested student entrepreneurs and start-ups. INNOUNITA has created an interactive database with all start-ups/spin-offs supported and/or connected by the UNITA university environment; and has developed a digital environment dedicated to facilitating communication between all actors in the entrepreneurial field.

KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KIC)

Cross-KIC event and EIT KICs central open day to spread the opportunities offered by the EIT KICs to interested parties (students, emerging entrepreneurs, start-ups).

TRAINING PROGRAMS

INNOUNITA developed a common training programme within the consortium (November 2022), targeted to PhD students and young researchers within the consortium, with special emphasis on the Health and Food areas. The training programme would allow a standardised training within the consortium by incorporating the best practices of each university framework and addressing the existing gap.

INNOUNITA PITCH

The pitch competition is a good event particularly for young researchers and PhD students to showcase their business idea and develop it into business pitches. A winter school is planned to target the administrative staff of the consortium partners.

UNITA
PROJECTS

Connect UNITA

Time-Spatial-Linguistic Teaching and Learning Travel Machine (TSL-TL Travel Machine)

How to deal with the **geographic, linguistic**, and **temporal** barriers necessary to enable **international collaboration** within **UNITA and beyond?**

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this project is the development of a collaborative platform and methodology framework for innovation in teaching and learning that not only aims to achieve success in the acquisition of knowledge and competencies but also to break down barriers of geographical linguistic, temporal, and social distances, thus fostering inclusion and international cooperation. More specifically, Connect UNITA project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Meet the needs for integration of learning management systems and learning spaces for students and teachers of UNITA alliance institutions and future associated partners, to **break down** geographical, linguistic, and temporal **barriers** and support collaborative digital learning spaces.

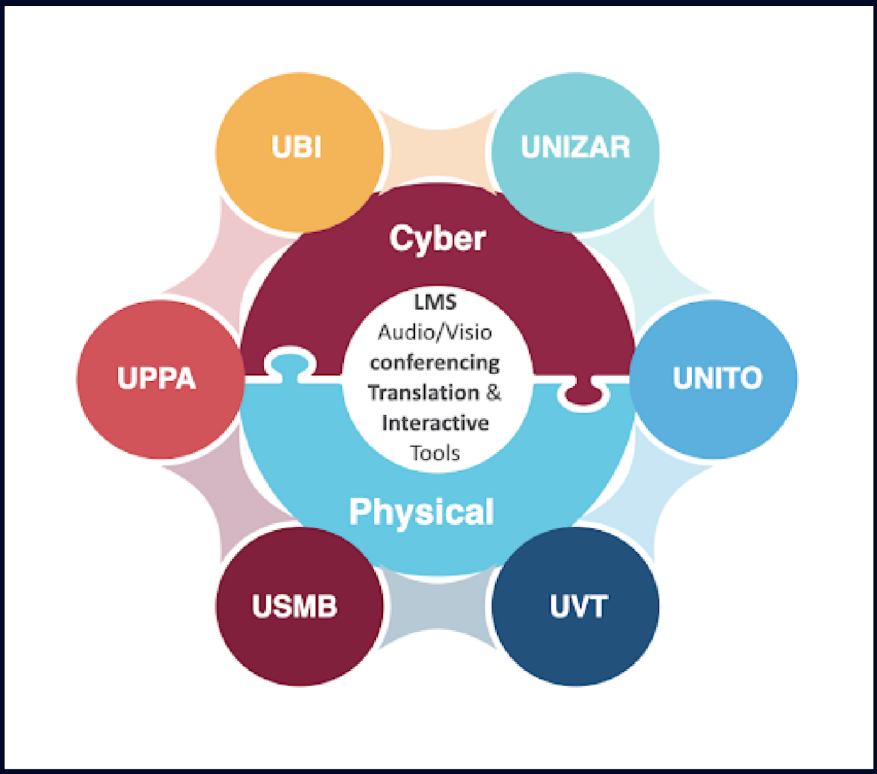
- Provide a **unified framework** to guide teachers through a digital and pedagogical transformation in the creation or adaptation of learning resources and activities to remove barriers that limit international collaboration in teaching and learning.

- Create an international teaching and learning **living lab for teachers and students of the UNITA alliance**, as well as for the international community, thanks to the co-design and co-production of courses, oriented both to the transfer and multiplication of competencies in technical and pedagogical innovation and in priority subjects of the UNITA alliance (such as cultural heritage, renewable energies, circular economy, among others).

A YEAR OF ACTION

Progression during the 1st year of the project- Design of a collaborative integration platform:

- The UNITA **cyber-physical connection machine** to travel in space, time and cultures.
- Design of a methodology to **support** teachers and students in the pedagogical and **digital transformation.**
- Construction of the **Living UNITA International Teaching and Learning Lab**
  - Based on the Bip4Bips instrument



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