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UNITA Green Mobilities Ideathon

Do you want to make a difference in future sustainable mobilities and work alongside with students from Romania, Spain, Italy, France and Portugal? Participate in an international challenge, accompanied by numerous experts !

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“UNITA will be a federal university capable of

influencing the territory. We are inventing the future”

The top representatives of the 12 universities that make up UNITA met between 1 and 4 February at the University of Zaragoza during the Governance Board and Connected Events to lay the foundations for the new stage of the alliance. It will involve increasing cooperation in training, research and transfer of knowledge.

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New forms of cooperation in UNITA: the signing of the EEIG and the EGAI Project

The six universities belonging to the UNITA Alliance (University of Turin, University of Savoie-Mont Blanc, University of Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, University of Zaragoza, University of Beira Interior, University of Vest din Timișoara), among the first in Europe, signed the founding act of the UNITA-Universitas Montium European Grouping of Economic Interest (EEIG) on 13 January in Turin. The main objective is to support the operation of the Alliance in the institutional missions of the universities, serving an audience of more than 165,000 students and more than 15,000 teaching and technical-administrative staff. The EEIG will provide students and staff with excellent training and research staff with enhanced and transdisciplinary partnerships capable of promoting innovation in the territories concerned and with a European dimension.

Meanwhile, in October 2022, UNITA also submitted an application to the pilot call 'Institutionalised EU cooperation instruments' with the EGAI Project, which resulted in January 2023 as one of the four selected by the European Commission for funding. The EGAI (European Grouping of Academic Interest) Project, one of four selected by the pilot call's evaluation committee to be eligible for funding, aims to examine, test and facilitate the use of a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) as an instrument of institutionalized university cooperation, with the ultimate aim of designing a new type of grouping specifically designed for academic purposes.

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Languages Week at UBI

Between the 13th and 17th of February, the UBI hosted the 1st edition of the Week of Languages, jointly organized by the UNITA Office, the Letters Department and the Internationalization and Cooperation Office, in which 26 people, of eight nationalities, were able to learn three languages : English, Portuguese and Romanian. The school term was completed by social activities such as: a visit to the museums of UBI – Wool Museum; an Urban Art tour of the Historic Center of Covilhã; the visit to the museums and the Castle of Belmonte and also the visit to Quinta dos Termos with wine tasting and regional gastronomic products.

Passing through the Mural dos Cadeados/“Leave your mark”, next to the Rotunda da Ponte do Rato, with a sentence alluding to their passage through UBI, allowed participants to leave a record of their stay in Covilhã.



Blended Intensive Programme dedicated to mobilities at Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara

Between the 13th to the 17th of February 2023, West University of Timișoara hosted the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) dedicated to mobilities in UNITA. This programme is the first organized at WUT and in UNITA in which learners are administrative and academic staff colleagues working in the area of mobility.

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UNITA social impact: case study presented at the international symposium on sustainability reporting in universities in the context of social impact assessment

On 2 and 3 February 2023, Prof. Laura Corazza from the Department of Management (UNITO), together with her collaborator Francesco Marengo, presented the results of their study on the social impact assessment of UNITA at the international symposium "Sustainability Reporting in Higher Education: Perspectives from Universities and Enterprises".

The study focuses on the development of a methodology to assess UNITA's social impact through the identification of quantitative and qualitative indicators. Starting from the activities carried out by the Alliance, the method proposes indicators to assess its outputs, which are intended as the direct results of the activities, outcome indicators to assess the indirect effects, and impact indicators to identify the transformative and long-term effects of the activities promoted by the Alliance.

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Blended Intensive Program dedicated to intercomprehension organised at the Université Savoie Mont Blanc

From February 20 to 24, the Blended Intensive Program dedicated to intercomprehension brought together 20 students from member universities of the UNITA alliance. Romance language speakers, they have discovered and practiced intercomprehension to understand and be understood in common root languages without speaking them fluently.

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