

19th Edition

# UNITA NEWS & VIEWS

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## Stories from UNITA



### **European Commission approves the continuity of UNITA**

The European Alliance UNITA has been granted funding for four years to contribute to the strategy for the transformation of higher education in the European Union. The continuity of the Alliance UNITA - Universitas Montium is guaranteed until 2027, following the approval of the proposal submitted by the Alliance to the European Commission (EC). UNITA - Universitas Montium, made up of twelve higher education institutions from seven countries, will thus remain an important player in the "European Universities" initiative and contribute to revolutionising the quality and competitiveness of European higher education.

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### "My PhD thesis in 3 minutes"

For the first time this year, UNITA is organising "My PhD thesis in 3 minutes", a competition for doctoral students to present their research to a jury. Joyce De Sousa and Hervé Di Domenico won the local selection at the University of Savoie Mont Blanc (USMB) on 15 June. They will represent the USMB at the final of the competition, to be held on 22 September at the Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA).

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### My PhD thesis in 3 minutes : Kirti Tiwari and Valeria Vasciaveo, the two doctoral students from the UNITO selection

Following the presentations of 12 doctoral students, Kirti Tiwari and Valeria Vasciaveo have been selected by the local preselection jury to represent the University of Turin (UNITO) at the international final of the competition " My PhD thesis in 3 minutes". The final of this competition, organized by the UNITA Alliance, will be held on September 22 at the University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour (UPPA).

This doctoral school competition, after a course of 7-hour training course, was open to the 12 best PhD students of the second year at UNITO - "It was an interesting initiative that we will repeat now that we have the experience", said Prof. Eleonora Bonifacio, director of the UNITO School.

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## **GEMINAE NETWORK Announces Best Practices Awards on Higher Education outstanding practices**

In a momentous celebration of excellence and innovation, the GEMINAE network, a ground-breaking project dedicated to fostering collaboration between the European Alliance UNITA and universities outside the EU, has announced the winners of its Best Practices Awards. The awards recognize the remarkable achievements and outstanding quality of the initiative's participants, reflecting their unwavering commitment to transforming higher education and societies worldwide.

Launched by UNITA in 2021, the GEMINAE network has quickly become a symbol of progress and collaboration, bringing together visionary leaders, forward-thinking organisations and passionate individuals. The initiative's ultimate goal is to promote sustainable solutions, encourage knowledge sharing and drive positive change in higher education institutions around the world.

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## **“Developing UNITA Communities”: the future begins now**

Two days of meetings and working groups at the University of Turin between representatives of the 11 UNITA partner universities to shape the Alliance of the future.

150 lecturers, researchers, administrative staff and student representatives from the 11 universities of the UNITA Alliance animated the event "Developing UNITA Communities" held at the University of Turin on 26 and 27 June.

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## Roland takes over the Randopats, to the Pyrenees.

From Banat to the Pyrenees, from anthropology and ethnobotany to literature, history, art & design - the series of summer/winter schools 'Randopat-Heritrails' (Randonnées du Patrimoine-Heritage Trails) continues: After the launch of 'Mushrooms, herbs and raw food: practices and beliefs', UVT, 7-11 November 2022, it will be followed by "Sur les Chemins de Roland" UPPA, 12-16 June 2023.

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## UNITA meets high school students

During the month of May, the UNITA team from the Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour met with two high school classes to discuss European citizenship from the sustainable development perspective.

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