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EGAI - UNITA AS A MODEL FOR
INSTITUTIONALIZED UNIVERSITY
COOPERATION: FROM THE EUROPEAN
GROUPING OF ECONOMIC INTEREST TO
THE EUROPEAN GROUPING OF
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Abstract

The Impact and Dissemination work package of the EGAI project - UNITA AS A MODEL FOR INSTITUTIONALIZED UNIVERSITY COOPERATION: FROM THE EUROPEAN GROUPING OF ECONOMIC INTEREST TO THE EUROPEAN GROUPING OF ACADEMIC INTEREST aims to disseminate results and lessons learned to contribute to the European debate on inter-university cooperation and intensification of joint activities, towards the European university. Throughout the project, various activities have been conducted to achieve this objective, including webinars, workshops, conferences, and a Spring School.

This document outlines the communication activities that have been carried out and refers to the dedicated website where the recordings of these activities are collected.

Summary

1. Introduction
2. Conferences and activities
3. Conclusions

1. Introduction

The project “EGAI - Unita as a Model for Institutionalized University Cooperation: from the European Grouping of Economic Interest to the European Grouping of Academic Interest” intended to examine, test and facilitate the use of a European Grouping of Economic Interest (EEIG) as an instrument of institutionalized university cooperation.

One of the project's objectives was to contribute to the European debate on the institutionalization of academic cooperation through the organization of dissemination activities, which were directed towards both the scientific community and university staff. All the activities have been published in the project-specific section within the alliance's website, managed by the University of Beira Interior (https://univ-unita.eu/Sites/unita/en/Pagina/unita#egai_project).

Several activities have been organised to achieve the goal: the kickoff of the project, two webinars, one workshop, one scientific conference, and a Spring School.

The webinars provided platforms for knowledge exchange and discussion among stakeholders from academia, industry, and policy-making bodies. They covered topics such as the role of universities in regional development, strategies for enhancing international collaboration, and best practices in project management. The second webinar addressed specific issues regarding the functioning of a university EEIG, focusing on:

- The topic of copyright: what rules apply to intellectual property in the context of the EEIG's activities? by A. Petcu and A. Cenan (UVT)
- Competition law and EEIGs by F. Gaillard (UPPA)
- Employment law and EEIGs by B. Gagliardi (UNITO)

The workshop “Interpersonal Skills and Sustainability was an opportunity to experiment with the EEIG, through which teachers were recruited and information was disseminated. It has offered opportunities for in-depth exploration of specific themes, facilitating hands-on learning experiences and fostering networking among participants.

The scientific conference served as a platform for presenting project findings, engaging with experts in relevant fields, and disseminating research outputs to a wider audience.

The Spring School provided a unique opportunity for intensive learning and networking, bringing together students, researchers, and administrative staff to delve deeper into project themes through lectures, group activities, and interactive sessions. Participants gained valuable insights

into the challenges and opportunities of inter-university cooperation and developed skills to enhance their contributions to collaborative initiatives.

The final event in Brussels will top off the project activities, providing an overview of key achievements, highlighting successful collaborations, and outlining future directions for European university cooperation. It will bring together project partners, stakeholders, and policymakers to reflect on lessons learned and chart a course for continued collaboration and innovation in the European higher education landscape.

To ensure broader dissemination of initiatives and achieved outcomes, dedicated social media channels (Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook) for the UNITA project were utilized, effectively amplifying its audience reach. Leveraging these platforms facilitated increased visibility and engagement, fostering greater awareness and understanding of EGAI-UNITA's endeavors and accomplishments among diverse audiences.

The following section collects the conferences and activities organized within the scope of the project.

2. Conferences and activities

In the project section of the EGAI website, videos of the conferences have been uploaded to make them accessible to everyone. Similarly, the core project deliverables have been uploaded: T2.2 “Toolkit of legal instrument” and T2.3 “Proposal of a new regulation framework”.

Kick off program

[Presentation of the EGAI Project](#)

Barbara Gagliardi, EGAI project coordinator, Università di Torino

[The EEIG as an Instrument of Academic Cooperation](#)

Arnaud Lecourt, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

[Testing the EEIG for Academic Cooperation: The Legal Tools](#)

Ana Gascon Marcén, Universidad de Zaragoza

[Testing the EEIG for Academic Cooperation: the Training Activities](#)

Claudia Martins and Tatiana do Adro, Universidade da Beira Interior

[The Contribution to the European Debate: The EGAI Winter School](#)

Sorina Doroga and Raluca Bercea, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara

[Final Remarks and Perspectives: from the European Grouping of Economic Interest to the European Grouping of Academic Interest](#)

Alexandre Guigue, Université Savoie Mont Blanc

Documents

[EGAI - T 2.2 Toolkit of legal instrument](#)

[EGAI - T 2.3 Proposal of a new regulation framework](#)

Events

[EGAI UNITA Webinar](#) (14 September 2023)

GEIE universitaire et services d'intérêt économique général: quelques problématiques

[Workshop on "Interpersonal Skills and Sustainability"](#) (20-24 November 2023)

[UNITA EGAI Project Spring School - A Journey Towards Enhanced University Collaboration](#) (18-19 March 2024)

Figure 1 - UNITA-EGAI website

The first activity carried out and shared was the kick-off meeting, a project presentation event held online that involved all interested stakeholders.

EGAI Project

In april 2023 the project "EGAI – Unita as a Model for Institutionalized University Cooperation: from the European Grouping of Economic Interest to the European Grouping of Academic Interest" was launched. EGAI is funded through the ERASMUS+ program, within the call "Pilot institutionalised EU cooperation instruments to explore the feasibility for a possible European legal status for alliances of higher education institutions".

EGAI Project intends to **examine, test and facilitate** the use of a European Grouping of Economic Interest (EEIG) as an instrument of **institutionalized university cooperation**, with the final goal of designing a new grouping, the **European Grouping of Academic Interest (EGAI)**.

EGAI includes the members of UNITA-Universitas Montium alliance, supported by national authorities in the field of **higher education**, the other Universities associated to Unita, the Italian authority competent for the registration of the EEIG (CCIAA of Turin) and other alliances or entities interested. Moreover, the project intends to achieve beneficial results for the entire European Academic Community, and notably those alliances wishing to test the EEIG.

A team composed by 15 legal and/or economic experts from all the partners will conduct an **in-depth analysis** to define the activities to be entrusted to the EEIG, the **legal tools** to ensure the sharing of personnel, data and material resources within the EEIG, and its **economic and financial needs**. The testing will be completed through the organization of a **lifelong learning activity** to be carried out by the EEIG. These analyses will lead to a proposal for the improvement of the existing institutionalised cooperation EU instruments. Results will be presented in a scientific conference and in a winter school at the conclusion of the project.



[EGAI Project Kick off meeting video](#)

Figure 2 - Kick off meeting



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UNITA - Universitas Montium

18 apr 2023 ·

The EGAI project kicks off in Università degli Studi di Torino the 19 April 2023 11-13 CET

EGAI is a project funded by @ERASMUS+, Call "Pilot institutionalised EU cooperation instruments to explore the feasibility for a possible European legal status for alliances of higher education institutions".

The project aims to analyse and promote the use of the European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) as an instrument of institutionalised university cooperation, with the ultimate goal of designing a new type of grouping, specifically designed for academic purposes.

Discover more about it: <https://univ-unita.eu/Ficheiros/Sites/86/Paginas/1255/8315-Article%20Text-24986-1-10-20230331.pdf>

Join online : <https://unito.webex.com/unito/j.php?MTID=m586af1b757caa1ed02a5d5edf3231804>

Look at the programme: https://www.unito.it/sites/default/files/programma_egai.pdf

#EGAI #Erasmus #EuropeanAlliances #ClimbYourFuture
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 Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) 🇫🇷
 Université Savoie Mont Blanc 🇫🇷
 Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara 🇷🇴
 Università degli Studi di Torino 🇮🇹
 Universidad de Zaragoza 🇪🇸

Figure 3 - Kick off meeting: on social media

Following, the webinar titled “GEIE universitaire et services d'intérêt économique général: quelques problématiques” was organized. The webinar focused on issues related to university EEIGs and services of general economic interest, and it was hosted and facilitated by the University of Pau et des Pays de L'adour.

EGAI UNITA Webinar

📅 14 of september of 2023 📍 UNITA

EGAI UNITA WEBINAR

📅 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 10-12am

GEIE universitaire et services d'intérêt économique général : quelques problématiques

Eugenia JONA, Ph.D. Candidate in Administrative Law, Ph.D. in Law and Institutions
Università degli Studi di Torino
"Services d'intérêt économique général et activités universitaires"

Dan CARAMIDARIU, Lecteur universitar
Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara
"Comment le GEIE peut attirer des financements privés et quelles conséquences juridiques en tirer?"

Riccardo RUSSO, Ricercatore L.d. A in Diritto commerciale
Università degli Studi di Torino
"Coopération institutionnalisée entre universités entreprises privées"

François-Vivien GUIOT, Maître de conférences
Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour
"Quel serait le régime juridique d'un GEIE composé uniquement de personnes morales de droit public?"

Who is the moderator?
Arnaud LECOURT
Professeur de droit privé et sciences administratives à l'Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour
Directeur de l'Institut d'Etudes Juridiques

Join us on Teams

A webinar on issues related to university EEIGs and services of general economic interest hosted and facilitated by Professor Arnaud Lecourt of Université Savoie Mont-Blanc.

Experts from the Universities of Turin, Timisoara, and Pau discuss various topics related to EEIGs. These include the relationship between services of general economic interest and university activities, the legal consequences of attracting private funding, institutional cooperation between universities and private companies, and possible legal regimes of an EEIG composed of legal entities under public law.

Watch the [video](#) to learn more.

Figure 4 - Webinar: records with flyer

Within the framework of WP3, the workshop ' Interpersonal Skills and Sustainability' was organized by University of Beira Interior. The workshop was directed to workers of small and medium enterprises of the respective regions, providing knowledge and tools for better choice and management of work teams and in leadership, in order to create a good work environment and awaken interest in the theme of sustainable development and organizational sustainability.

Workshop on "Interpersonal Skills and Sustainability",

📅 From 20 to 24 of november of 2023 📍UNITA

Do you want to develop Interpersonal Skills such as team work and leadership?

Do you wish to know more about Sustainability?

The **European Economic Interest Group UNITA-Universitas Montium (EEIG)**, an alliance of six European universities (University of Beira Interior, University of Zaragoza, University of Pau et des Pays de L'adour, University of Savoie Mont Blanc, University of Torino and the University of Vest din Timisoara), organizes the **workshop on "Interpersonal Skills and Sustainability"**, directed to workers of small and medium enterprizes of the respective regions, with the main goal of the development and/or consolidation of social and interpersonal skills, providing knowledge and tools for better choice and management of work teams and in leadership, in order to create a good work environment and awaken their interest in the theme of sustainable development and organizational sustainability.

Public: Workers of small and medium-sized companies

Duration: 10 hours of work

Modality: Online, after work -6:30 pm / 8:30 pm CET

Language : English

Free attendance with certificate

[Poster](#) 📄

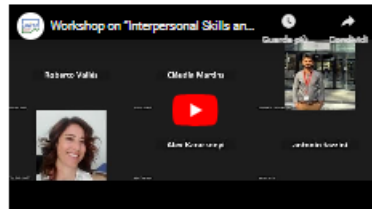
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More info: egai.unita@ubi.pt

Video Session 02



Video Session 03



Video Session 04

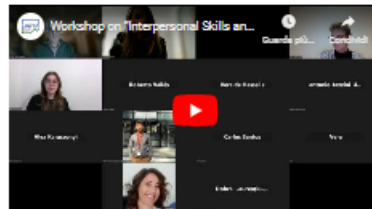


Figure 5 - Workshop: records

Conference "Paving the way for European Universities", University Savoie Mont Blanc

UNIVA 13 of march of 2024



The European Conference « Paving the Way for European Universities » took place on the Jacob-Bellerembello campus of the University of Savoie Mont Blanc and also online on 7/8 March 2024. It was an important step in the EUGAI-UNIVA project which is funded via the Erasmus+ programme and involves six universities from the UNIVA Alliance.

This conference was organised by the **Centre de recherche en Droit Antoine Favre, the Faculty of Law of Savoie Mont Blanc University, the Savoie Mont Blanc University. It gathered 30 attendees in person and 70 online.** The participants and attendees explored the legal challenges posed by the sustainability of the European university Alliances.



This symposium brought together academics involved in European university alliances and legal researchers to reflect together on the legal challenges posed by the institutionalisation of the alliances and to propose innovative legal solutions to help them establish themselves over the long term.

The « Paving the way for European Universities » symposium is a high point in the European EUGAI-UNIVA project, which has given rise to a number of scientific events over the past year and will end with the submission of conclusions to the European Commission. The work carried out will help lay the foundations of future leading European academic institutions.



Figure 7 - Conference: records




UNITA EGAI conference - Chambéry 7/8 March 2024

Paving the way for European Universities

Thursday, 7 March 2024

Welcoming Address - 9.00 AM
Philippe Galez, President, University Savoie Mont Blanc

Introduction - 9.15 AM
Barbara Gagliardi, Associate Professor, University of Torino
Alexandre Guigue, Professor of Public Law, University Savoie Mont Blanc
Damien Bouvier, Associate Professor, University Savoie Mont Blanc
Louis-Marie Chauvel, Post Doctoral Researcher, University Savoie Mont Blanc

Opening remarks: Defining the role of the EU in higher education - 9.30 AM
Louis-Marie Chauvel, Post Doctoral Researcher, University Savoie Mont Blanc

I. The map

A. A legal entity for university alliances: what for? - 9.45 AM
Chair: Alexandre Guigue, Professor of Public Law, University Savoie Mont Blanc
Roundtable with Rectors, Vice-Rectors and Representatives of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture and National Ministries for Higher Education

Break

B. National higher education legal frameworks - 11.30 AM
Chair: Ana Gascón Marcén, Professor of Public International Law and EU Law, University of Zaragoza
Roundtable
Louis-Marie Chauvel, Post Doctoral Researcher, University Savoie Mont Blanc
Elena Cisneros, PhD Candidate, University of Zaragoza
Lorenzo Dello Iacovo, PhD Candidate, University of Torino
Cristina Nicotri, Post Doctoral Researcher, West University of Timisoara

II. The Challenges

A. The legal instruments available. Roundtable - 1.30 PM
Chair: Barbara Gagliardi, Associate Professor, University of Torino

- 1. *Using National Instruments*
 - The association under Belgian law (ASBL): the experience of Una Europa
 - Fabienne Péraldi-Leneuf, Vice-President, for European Affairs, Professor, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Member of the Board of Directors, Una Europa
- 2. *From a National Instrument to an EGTC*
 - Going towards an EGTC: Eut+ Experience in STYX
 - Janina Fengel, Deputy Secretary General, European University of Technology
 - A pillar in the foundation of European Universities, moving from an existing Dutch foundation to an EGTC - The ECU University perspective
 - Fred de Vries, Strategic liaison European Higher Education, University of Twente
 - The UniGR future legal entity: myth or reality?
 - Eric Tschiersch, Professor, University of Luxembourg and Project coordinator, Leg-UniGR
- 3. *Using an EGTC*
 - The Eucor Experience
 - Bernd Finger, Director ad Interim, Eucor - The European Campus

Thursday, 7 March 2024

• 4. *Using an EEIG for academic purposes*
Arnaud Lecourt, Professor, University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour
Florian Gaillard, Post-doctoral researcher, University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour

• 5. *What about a merger? - Exploring radical alternatives to the legal conundrum*
Sebastian Stride, SIRIS Academic

Break

B. Legal issues. Roundtable - 4.00 PM
Chair: Motahareh Bollen, Associate Professor, University Savoie Mont Blanc

- 1. *European Universities: the challenge of accreditation*
Dario Elia Tosi, Associate Professor, University of Torino
- 2. *Staff: private employees or public servants?*
Alexander de Becker, Professor, Ghent University
- 3. *Procurement and economic activities*
Paolo Patrino, Associate Professor, University of Torino
- 4. *Academic activities, Funding, and competition*
Sorina Doroga, Lecturer, West University of Timisoara
- 5. *Sharing data between universities within an Alliance*
Ana Gascón Marcén, Professor of Public International Law and EU Law, University of Zaragoza
- 6. *Data sharing and security*
Ingrid Dumont, CEO, Angerone

Friday, 8 March 2024

III. The Path - 9.30 AM
Chair: Sorina Doroga, Lecturer, West University of Timisoara

- 1. *Including academic members from non-EU countries in European universities*
Damien Bouvier, Associate Professor, University Savoie Mont Blanc
- 2. *The governance of European university alliance: decision-making and strategy*
Enora Bennetot Pruvot, Deputy Director, Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development, European University Association
- 3. *Conditionality and academic freedom*
Raluca Bercea, Professor, West University of Timisoara
- 4. *From the EEIG to the EGAI*
Barbara Gagliardi, Associate Professor, University of Torino

Conclusion - The long road towards European Universities
Fabienne Péraldi-Leneuf, Vice-President, for European Affairs, Professor, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Member of the Board of Directors, Una Europa

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Figure 8 - Conference: flyer

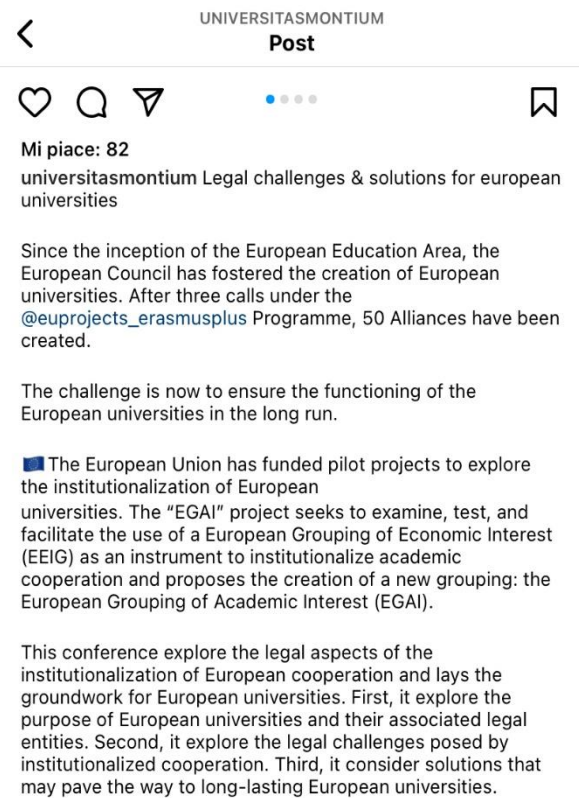


Figure 9 - Conference: Social media post (both Facebook and Instagram)

A second webinar titled "University EEIGs and Services of General Economic Interest: Addressing Some Issues" was organized. Speakers included Alexandra PETCU, Head of Innovation and Tech Transfer at the Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara, Andra CENAN, Lawyer and Intellectual

Property Specialist at the Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer, Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara. Topics covered included copyright regulations concerning intellectual property within the context of EEIG activities, competition law, and EEIGs, and employment law considerations for EEIGs.

EGAI UNITA Webinar - University EEIGs and services of general economic interest: some issues

📅 15 of march of 2024 📍 UNITA

The conference "University EEIGs and services of general economic interest: some issues," was hosted by Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) as part of the EGAI project.

The event features experts like Alexandra Petcu and Andra Cenana from Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara, discussing copyright and intellectual property in EEIG activities.

Florian Gaillard explores competition law, while Barbara Gagliardi delves into employment law within EEIGs.

Join us for insightful discussions on the legal frameworks and challenges faced by University EEIGs in providing general economic interest services.

Engage with our speakers and fellow participants to deepen your understanding and contribute to the discourse.

Here is the link to the audio recording of the webinar and the photos taken: <https://nuage.univ-pau.fr/s/q377GcC835f4ZtC>

[Program »](#)

Figure 10 - Webinar: audio and photos

EGAI UNITA WEBINAR

📅 15 MARCH 2024 10-12am

"University EEIGs and services of general economic interest : some issues"

Alexandra PETCU, Head of Innovation and Tech Transfer
Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara

Andra CENAN, Lawyer and Intellectual Property Specialist,
Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer,
Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara

"The topic of copyright: what rules apply to intellectual property in the context of the EEIG's activities?"

Florian GAILLARD, Post-doc Researcher
Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

"Competition law and EEIGs"

Barbara GAGLIARDI, Associate Professor
Università di Torino

"Employment law and EEIGs"

Join us on Teams

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Arnaud LECOURT
Professeur de droit privé et sciences criminelles à l'Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour
Directeur de l'Institut d'Études Judiciaires

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Figure 11 - Webinar: flyer

Finally, the Spring School was held in March, organized by the West University of Timișoara and held in Romania. A two-day educational expedition with insightful discussions, expert-led presentations, and engaging networking opportunities.

 **UNITA - Universitas Montium** 15 feb · 

!! We are getting ready for the UNITA-EEIG Spring School of the Erasmus + project EGAI- UNITA as a Model for Institutionalized University Cooperation: from the E... Altro...

Vedi traduzione




UNITA-EEIG SPRING SCHOOL

UNITA as a model for institutionalized university cooperation: from the European Grouping of Economic Interest to the European Grouping of Academic Interest

15 March online
2 PM-5 PM EET: presentation of the UNITA European Universities Alliance and the UNITA constellation; presentation of the EGAI project; *tour de table:* presentation of the alliances represented at the event

17 March, Timisoara, Romania
7 PM EET: Welcome dinner and networking

18 March, Timisoara, Romania
10 AM - 1 PM EET: legal instruments that can serve the purpose of inter-institutional cooperation among European universities; challenges of the EEG as a tool for collaboration between universities
3 PM - 6 PM EET: challenges of turning the EEG into an EAIG; presentation of the legal toolkit

19 March, Timisoara
10 AM - 1 PM EET: assessment of the legal toolkit; panel discussion with a view to evaluating the learning outcomes for the purpose of certification
3 PM - 6 PM EET: Timisoara treasure hunt and cultural activities
7 PM EET: Farewell dinner and networking

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 egai@e-uvt.ro

REGISTER HERE: 

The spring school aims to disseminate the results of the project "UNITA as a model for institutionalized university cooperation: from the European Grouping of Economic Interest to the European Grouping of Academic Interest", by focusing on the inter-institutional university cooperation and the legal instruments thereof and by assessing the possibility to use the European Grouping of Economic Interest as a tool for collaboration between universities.

 *The spring school is **free of charge** and will take place at the **West University of Timisoara (Romania)**.*

 *The **registration is open by February 29** and is **limited to 30 participants**.*

 *Participants will be offered **free accommodation, certificates of attendance** and specific support materials*








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 #EuropeanEducationArea #universitasmontium
 #europeanuniversity

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UNITA EGAI Project Spring School: A Journey Towards Enhanced University Collaboration Exciting times ahead!

The UNITA EGAI project embarks on a significant leap this spring, marking a pivotal moment in the enhancement of collaboration among European universities: EGAI Spring School.

Event Highlights:

Start Date: Online sessions began on 15th March, moving to an engaging in-person experience on 18th & 19th March.

Location: West University of Timișoara, 4 Vasile Pârvan Blvd., Auditorium A01, Timișoara, Romania.

This two-day educational journey is designed for academicians, researchers, and administrative professionals, offering insightful discussions, expert-led presentations, and unparalleled networking opportunities. Join us in exploring the dynamics of university collaborations within Europe, as we look towards UNITA as a beacon of institutionalized cooperation, transitioning from the European Grouping of Economic Interest to the European Grouping of Academic Interest.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to be part of an evolving landscape in academic collaboration. See you in Timișoara!

- Università degli Studi di Torino
- Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara
- Universidade da Beira Interior - UBI
- Université Savoie Mont Blanc
- Universidad de Zaragoza
- Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA)

Figure 12 - Spring School: on social media

UNITA EGAI Project Spring School - A Journey Towards Enhanced University Collaboration

From 08 to 09 of March of 2024 • Geneva

The UNITA EGAI project takes a significant leap forward this spring, marking an essential phase in fostering collaboration among European universities. The UNITA EGAI Spring School commenced online on Friday, 15th of March, and transitioned to a compelling in-person session in Timisoara on the 08th and 09th of March.

Event Overview

Location: Timisoara, Romania

Venue: West University of Timisoara, 4 Vasile Parvan Blvd., Auditorium A01

Participants will embark on a two-day educational expedition that promises meaningful discussions, expert-led presentations, and engaging networking opportunities.

We are looking at UNITA AS A MODEL FOR INSTITUTIONALIZED UNIVERSITY COOPERATION, FROM THE EUROPEAN GROUPING OF ECONOMIC INTEREST TO THE EUROPEAN GROUPING OF ACADEMIC INTEREST.

[Programme](#)



Figure 13 - Spring School: records



The flyer for the EGAI-UNITA Spring School features a blue and white color scheme with a decorative blue zigzag pattern at the top. It includes logos for UNITA, EGAI, and the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. A QR code is provided for the online meeting. The text details the schedule for 15, 17, 18, and 19 March, including registration, presentations, and networking events. At the bottom, logos of participating universities are displayed.

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EGAI-UNITA SPRING SCHOOL

15 March online

Google Meet connection link:
<https://meet.google.com/jnn-mouf-qtz>

2 PM – 5 PM EET:

- Andra-Miruna Stan-Dragotescu (Director of the UNITA Department UVVT) – Presentation of the UNITA European Universities Alliance and the UNITA constellation
- Barbara Gagliardi, PhD (Associate Professor, University of Torino) – Presentation of the EGAI project
- Tour de table: Presentation of the alliances represented at the event

17 March, Timișoara, Romania
7 PM EET: Welcome dinner and networking at Zaza Restopub (9 Vasile Pârvan Blvd., Timișoara)

18 March, Timișoara, Romania (4 Vasile Pârvan Blvd., Auditorium A01)
09:45 AM EET: Registration of the participants

10 AM – 1 PM EET:

- Raluca Bercea (Professor, West University of Timișoara) – The EEIG as a tool for collaboration between universities
- Florian Gaillard (Post-doctoral researcher, University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour) – Academic activities and EEIGs
- Janina Fengel (Deputy Secretary General, European University of Technology – Eut+) – The STYX alliance and the move towards an EUTC (online)

11:30 AM EET: Coffee break

- Emanuela Barbera (Head of International Relations, Administrative Coordinator of UNITA - University of Torino) – The governance structure of the UNITA-EEIG
- Sorina Dorogă (Senior Lecturer, West University of Timișoara) – Other legal instruments that may serve the purpose of inter-institutional cooperation among European universities

3 PM – 6 PM EET:

- Barbara Gagliardi (Associate Professor, University of Torino) – Challenges of turning the EEIG into an EAIG
- Eric Tschirhart (Professor, University of Luxembourg and Project coordinator, Leg-UniGR) – The UniGR future legal entity
- Ana Gascon Marcén (Professor of Public International Law and EU Law, University of Zaragoza) – Presentation of the legal toolkit
- Cristina Nicolici (Assistant Professor, West University of Timișoara) – The sharing of staff and resources – legal challenges and opportunities

19 March, Timișoara, Romania (4 Vasile Pârvan Blvd., Auditorium A01)
10 AM – 1 PM EET:

- Nadia Topal (Head of the Legal Office, West University of Timișoara) – The collection, processing and use of data by universities
- Andra Cenan-Gălván (PhD candidate and IP specialist, CITT - West University of Timișoara) – IP and IPR in the context of university alliances
- Louis-Marie Chauvel, Post-doctoral researcher, Université Savoie Mont Blanc, "Proposals for a new legal status for European University Alliances".

11:30 AM EET: Coffee break

- Roundtable discussion: Assessment of the legal toolkit
- Panel discussion with a view to evaluating the learning outcomes for the purpose of certification

3 PM – 6 PM EET: Timișoara treasure hunt and cultural activities (meeting at UVVT, 4 Vasile Pârvan Blvd.)

7 PM EET: Farewell dinner and networking - Zaza Restopub (9 Vasile Pârvan Blvd., Timișoara)



Figure 14 - Spring School: flyer

3. Conclusions

In conclusion, the Project EGAI - Unita as a Model for Institutionalized University Cooperation: from the European Grouping of Economic Interest to the European Grouping of Academic Interest has successfully implemented a range of activities to promote its objectives. From webinars to conferences and workshops, these initiatives have engaged stakeholders across European cities, facilitating collaboration among students, university staff, and SME employees.

Overall, the EGAI project has made significant strides in advancing the goals of institutionalized university cooperation, contributing to the development of the European university concept and fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation across borders. Through its diverse range of activities and engagement with stakeholders, the project has demonstrated the value of inter-university cooperation in addressing complex societal challenges and driving forward the European higher education agenda. The active involvement of stakeholders has been instrumental in sharing best practices and advancing the overarching goals of the EGAI project.