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Drawing a common research and innovation strategy among the **UNITA Alliance**

Re-UNITA Research for UNITA





UNITA is the Alliance of six research universities from five countries gathering together more than 160 000 students and 13 000 staff members.

Three constitutive key features:

- Located in rural and cross-border mountain regions across southern, central and eastern Europe;
- Actively use Romance languages thus enhancing linguistic diversity and promoting inclusion;
- Share innovative educational and research areas, especially in the fields of renewable energies, cultural heritage, and circular economy.

Re-UNITA MAIN GOALS

To identify the state of research in all its components within UNITA universities, and converge on common strategies.

To promote the implantation of universities in territories with varied and rich economic partnerships, and an openness towards citizens and civil society.

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Common agenda & programmes on research

- Map the research policies of each partner in order to identify common modalities and specificities, but also good practices.
- ▶ To roadmap a common strategy for UNITA's Research policy.

Common strategy & programmes for human resources

- To support the process towards the attainment of the HR Excellence in Research Award from UNITA Universities
- To promote an Alliance Gender Equality Programme in Research, through common mentoring programme and trainings.
- To acknowledge talent and promote innovation attitude among Re-UNITA early-stage researchers, through a common talent programme for PhD. students.
- To incentive the development of transversal competences within Re-UNITA research community with a common blended training programme.

Shared research infrastructures across the Alliance

To inventory the best infrastructures available for researchers and enable their use and mobility between the 6 universities.

Develop innovation skills and entrepreneurship

To promote entrepreneurship through an Empowering Program and offer training to entrepreneurs from UNITA universities.

A Seeding Proof of Concept Programme will be set up, with yearly spin-off forums.

LOCAL PARTNERS

You want to get involved in Re-UNITA? Here discover how!

Private companies/sector

- Join the UNITA Innovation Transfer Office Link: a permanent contact point between the diverse UNITA partners and a common database.
- Shared infrastructures can be opened to private actors.
- Mentor UNITA entrepreneurs (especially Phd students).
- Join the UNITA Open Innovation Community for a co-construction of research objects.

Local Authorities

- Liaison services in UNITA universities for Public authorities.
- Online platform & open Seminars to enable scientists from UNITA universities to structurally inform public authorities on best practice in approaching the development issues and strategic planning.

Non-profit organizations and NGOs

- Work on a digital tool with civil society's actors with competencies & skills, accessible for all UNITA territories civil society.
- Participate in Living labs NGO citizens & universities.