



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe

EU Research Liaison Officers Working Group

**1st JOINT MEETING OF CHAIRS OF UNICA
WORKING GROUPS WITH THE MEMBERS
OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

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Who are we? Facts and figures

EU Research Liaison Officers Working Group

- **1 of 10 UNICA working groups**
 - **Founded in 2006**
- **Research Liaison Officers from 49 universities across Europe supporting researches through the whole project life cycle**
 - **From the proposal to the final report**
- **12 Annual meetings**

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2017 Vrije Universiteit Brussel

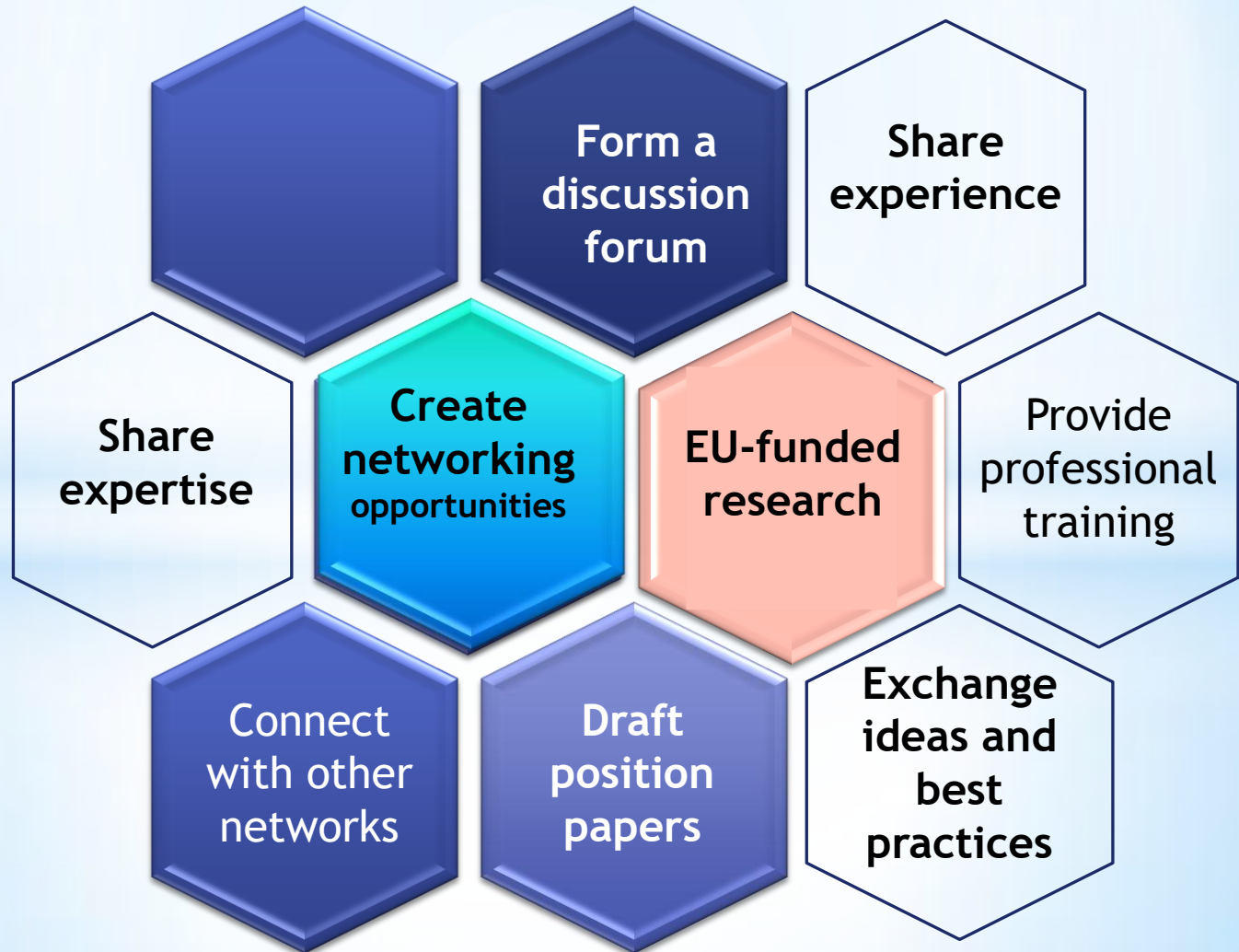
2007 University of Vienna

**Call for the Institution hosting the next
EU Research Liaison Officers Working Group
Launched at the UNICA annual meeting 2016**

2018 University of Belgrade

2016 University of Vienna in cooperation with IST Austria

What we do?



What for?

Professional Discussion forum

- Looking for joint solutions to overcome common difficulties resulting from the rigid EU research funding rules & schemes
 - Administrative, financial & legal aspects

Networking

- Looking for professional development opportunities via „office-to-office” staff exchange (job shadowing)
- Providing professional training by the invited experts

Position papers

- Advocating changes of the EU research funding rules & schemes
- Looking for recognition of the profession of the EU Research Liaison Officers

Position papers 2011-2014

1. Response to the EU Green Paper: *From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation funding* (2011)
2. Recommendations regarding the six-monthly financial reporting sent to the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU (2011)
3. Recommendations to the EC on the Participant Portal (2011)
4. UNICA universities' letters on simplification measures in H2020 sent to the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU (2013)
5. Recommendations for the improvement of the EU FPs Grants Management System (submitted to SyGma Advisory Group for the new Research and Innovation Grant Management Services for Horizon 2020 accessed through the Participant Portal) (2014)

Previous Annual Meetings major focus

ACTIVITIES

Since 2006, the Group meets at the annual UNICA EU Research Liaison Officers meeting.

12 editions of the UNICA EU Research Liaison Officers meeting have been organised so far:

Year	Edition	Title/topics
2006	1st	EU research workshop on FP7
2007	2nd	7FP - The Role of the Universities
2008	3rd	Full cost model for FP7
2009	4th	How to manage a project: from planning to final report (1-day Project Management Training)
2010	5th	FP7 & FP8 Simplifying procedures How to foster University-REA partnerships for professional project management Learning from each other
2011	6th	Financial and administrative issues Marie Curie Programmes Framework Programmes under the magnifying glass
2012	7th	Thematic tracks: How To Prepare for Horizon 2020? Benchmarking of European research support offices Staff training and professional development Administration - Researcher cooperation Top 10 errors in FP7 reporting
2013	8th	How to prepare for Horizon 2020? Financial Issues European Research Council Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
2014	9th	Strategies and organisation of university European research offices Roles and Responsibilities of the Host Institution in H2020 The bitter-sweet triangle: collaboration with the Ministry Legal and financial issues in Horizon 2020 Looking ahead to the 10th EU Research Liaison Officers meeting

Previous Annual Meetings

2015	10th	First lessons learned on Horizon 2020 MSC co-fund initiative Financial issues Impact in horizon 2020: interactive training by Lotte Jaspers
2016	11th	Financial issues in Horizon 2020 Ethics in European Research and Innovation Programmes Project evaluation in European Research Programmes The future of Horizon 2020
2017	12th	Strategic cooperation in European Research Joint session with the participation of Vice-Rectors for Research from UNICA Member Universities Spreading excellence, widening participation European Institute for Innovation and Technology and Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICS) Audit process in H2020

2017 Annual Meeting main focus

1. Strategic cooperation in European Research

- joint session with the participation of Vice-Rectors for Research from UNICA Member Universities

2. Spreading excellence, widening participation

- Teaming and Twinning Actions:
 - The concept, rules, pitfalls and potential benefits from the perspective of widening and scientifically advanced partners

What's in it for me?

2017 Annual Meeting main focus

3. European Institute for Innovation and Technology and Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICS)

Practical approach

- ☐ KICs preparations from the perspective of applicants/beneficiaries (national/international level)
- ☐ Joining existing KICs by new beneficiaries: opportunities, rules, procedures
- ☐ KICs management – challenges, best practices and benchmarking

4. H2020 audits: Experience sharing

- ☐ Case study presentation
- ☐ Panel discussion with the participation of the auditor from the EC

5. Outlook to FP9

YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS!

Thank you for your attention!

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