Université Côte d’Azur present at the Student and High School Student Fair

The Department « Développement International et Europe » participated in the Student and High School Student Fair, on November 18 and 19 at the Palais des Expositions in Nice. No less than 6,000 students came to meet us to discuss the many study or internship opportunities in Europe and abroad and the various financial systems offered by Université Côte d’Azur. See you next year!

In brief

- Horizon Europe – Marie S.-Curie Actions
  The 2023-2024 Marie S.-Curie Actions Work Programme has been published.
  - Link to the programme MSCA
  - Link to all th 2023-2024 work programmes

Meeting of « Europe Correspondents » in Brussels

The meeting of “Europe Correspondents” of France Universités took place in Brussels on 22 and 23 November. Consult the program and the presentations of the various speakers of these 2 days.

Europe correspondents meet in Brussels twice a year to get the latest news from the Commission on research and training funding programmes. The meetings will take place at the Brussels headquarters of France Universities, the Maison Irène et Frédéric Joliot-Curie (Rue du Trône 100). The house was designed above all as a project office, to accommodate the permanent representatives of its members and to organize events to promote French research and innovation in Brussels in accordance with the specificities of each institution.

The next meeting of Europe Correspondents will be held in Brussels on March 21 and 22, 2023

An evening to celebrate the excellence of Côte d’Azur research

Université Côte d’Azur paid tribute, on December 12, 2022 at the Faculty of Medicine to its many teacher-researchers, researchers, and students who were, during the year 2022, rewarded with prestigious prizes for their scientific contribution. Among the winners, 7 prizes for European projects of excellence.

Ulysses Brussels Open Event

Ulysses’ community (representatives, staff, researchers and students) met in Brussels in December 16 to present the main achievements and introduce the two new Ulysses members. During Ulysses Brussels Open Event (link 1 a FR), University of Münster and University of Montenegro were welcomed to the alliance to be incorporated in the new phase. Furthermore, representatives of HEIs, European Commission and the Ulysses Community participated in two open discussion roundtables:

During the first one, “European Strategy for Universities and European New Innovation Agenda: contribution of the European Universities Initiative” where participants discussed the expectations of the European institutions and universities on the European Universities contribution to the fulfillment of the European Strategy for Universities and the New European Innovation Agenda. Ulysses Open Event in Brussels closed with the second roundtable about “The role of Universities in the Regional Innovation Ecosystems”.

University of Münster and the University of Montenegro to be part of the Ulysses alliance. These universities will feature as full partners for the next Ulysses proposal to be submitted at the next European Universities call of Erasmus+ 2023. Ulysses European University is already working on the new proposal for the next European Universities Initiative call. At this stage, Ulysses continues with the firm belief and purpose of building a university for the citizens of the future.

Ulysses will achieve its five key goals by building a stronger network within the Higher Education Institutions’ framework while sailing together towards the same common goal. In this line, Ulysses is pleased to announce the enlargement of the alliance in its second phase of Erasmus+ funding with the arrival of two new full members, the University of Münster and the University of Montenegro.

Launch of INTERREG Alcotra 2021-2027 programme

We participated in the launch event of the new INTERREG Alcotra programme which took place on November 28-29 in Chamonix. The event entitled « Déplacer les montagnes : Agir avec le Programme ALCOTRA 2021-2027 » /Moving Mountains: Acting with the ALCOTRA Program 2021-2027», was dedicated to themes such as: global warming, mountains, women. Université Côte d’Azur participated in order to:

- Promote our projects on the 2014-2020 programming. 14 projects on various themes to which the university has contributed its skills in research and innovation: risk prevention and sustainable development (earthquakes, floods, landslides), social cohesion and access to health services, training and professional integration, economy circular, connected health and sustainable ageing, green economy and agriculture;
- Get familiar with the new program and its regulatory framework in order to position the university on future calls;
- Discover the new challenges of the French-Italian cross-border territory.
This project has been extended for 6 months to make up for the delay caused by the health crisis, and will be managed by project management. UCA.

The other member universities, as well as representatives of the ministries of the target countries, will contribute to the development and growth of open science in its many aspects. The final conference of the project took place in Chisinau, the Moldovan capital, attended by Université Côte d'Azur and its partners.

In sum, the project consortium has contributed to the creation of real tools and skills to enable the long-term transformation of learning opportunities in post-secondary education. For this purpose, supporting tools such as an online training programme for the development of chatbots, a handbook with the good practices of hybrid teaching in Europe and worldwide as well as a transnational "Community of Practice" will be developed and tested in the course of the project. In addition, university teachers participating in the project will demonstrate the acquired knowledge and competences by creating their own hybrid scenarios and chatbots and testing them with students.

In the long term, the project aims to contribute to the modernisation of learning settings at universities and to increase the reach of learning opportunities in post-pandemic times.

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**HYBOT - Enhancing hybrid teaching in higher education through chatbots**

The HYBOT project, with the participation of Université Côte d'Azur, aims to explore the potential of hybrid teaching for universities and to develop novel concepts. This is to be done with the help of chatbots, i.e. intelligent virtual assistants. Chatbots are already actively used in various industries for entertainment or information purposes. Chatbots can also play a significant role in education and specifically in the development and implementation of hybrid learning scenarios by acting as digital assistants to teachers and taking over or supporting various functions.

To create and realise a good chatbot-based hybrid teaching concept requires specialised knowledge, pedagogical skills and, last but not least, a portion of enthusiasm. All these building blocks will be put together in the three-year HYBOT project with the aim of developing competences of university teachers in the conception and implementation of hybrid learning and teaching scenarios using chatbots.

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**MINERVA : Université Côte d'Azur and its partners celebrate the completion of an ambitious project on Open Science**

Launched in 2019, and successfully implemented despite the challenges of Covid, the MINERVA project, funded under Erasmus+ programme, has achieved its goal of building research capacity and open science capacities at universities in Armenia and Moldova. These achievements include the implementation of a national legal framework on open science in these two countries; and the implementation of the European Strategy for Human Resources Excellence for Researchers (HGRAS).

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**QUADIC project moving ahead at full speed**

The QUADIC project aims to promote and improve the international strategy of Kosovar and Albanian higher education institutions. To this end, several training sessions were carried out in various partner universities in Pristina and Tirana by experts in international relations from Université Côte d'Azur. We may cite the recent training on "Dissemination and Communication Strategy and Challenges in EU projects. The goal of these trainings is to transfer knowledge and good practices on international strategy development and international project management. UCA.

This project has been extended for 6 months to make up for the delay caused by the health crisis, and will be completed in August 2023.