



UPDATES WELCOME DEVICES AND INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

A Unique International Mobility Between UniCA and North Carolina State University (NCSU) Focused on the Sustainable Development Goals



From May 3 to 14, UniCA welcomed 7 undergraduate students from NCSU as part of a collaborative hybrid study program hosted by the EUR ELMI. Supported by Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility, the project explored comparative perspectives on the role of the Sustainable Development Goals within local and global communities, private enterprises, and higher education institutions.

The program fostered rich and stimulating exchanges, blending American and European approaches. Building on this successful experience, a reciprocal exchange is already planned: ELMI students will soon have the opportunity to take part in an immersive visit to NCSU.

UniCA Secures One of the Top Erasmus+ Mobility Grants in Europe!



UniCA niCA is proud to announce the award of an exceptional grant under the Erasmus+ programme. Following the submission made last February, the French National Erasmus+ Agency has allocated UniCA a budget of €1,630,280 under Action KA131 – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility funded by internal EU policy funds. This represents one of the largest national grants awarded this year. The project will officially start on June 1st, 2025, and run until July 31st, 2027. It aims to support and strengthen European mobility for students—including study periods, internships, and doctoral research—as well as for academic and administrative staff. A wide and flexible range of formats will be offered, from short hybrid mobilities to long-term physical stays. All mobilities must take place within a European framework, particularly in connection with Ulysseus partner universities, of which UniCA is a full member. This outstanding funding not only confirms the excellence of the project submitted by UniCA but also highlights its strong commitment to the internationalisation of its education, research, and services.

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Use the **RESEARCH CONNECT** plateforme to search for Calls for projects open and forthcoming : the new monitoring and research funding database !

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Research Connect can also be launched via the intranet - My Tools



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For projects to be carried out by UniCA, CNRS and OCA

A look back at the training courses in financing, setting up, and managing research and education projects at Université Côte d'Azur

From May 12th to 16th, the **Direction Développement International et Europe** of Université Côte d'Azur, with the participation of the **Pole d'Appui financier aux projets de recherche**, rolled out a series of training sessions dedicated to research and education projects for UniCA staff:

- Specific funding for research and education in higher education institutions
- Preparation and drafting of funding application files for research and education projects (European/national level)
- Administrative and financial management of projects

Twenty staff members from various administrative services and research units were able to acquire new knowledge and skills by familiarizing themselves with: funding mechanisms for research and education, the Research Connect tool for finding open calls for projects, the different stages of project development and the different sections of an application, funding application platforms, budget planning based on project type, the administrative and financial management rules, the key departments and contacts within UniCA, and the procedures to follow at each stage of a project's lifecycle.

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The *Cellule Europe Mutualisée* of Université Côte d’Azur attended the INORMS 2025 Congress in Madrid



The INORMS 2025 (*International Network of Research Management Societies*) Congress, organised by the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators ([EARMA](#)), was held in Madrid from May 6 to 8, 2025, bringing together more than 2,200 participants from 65 countries and 250 speakers from around the world. Members of the Université Côte d'Azur's Cellule Europe Mutualisée participated in this biennial event, which provided a platform for exchanges among research management professionals, addressing major strategic, administrative, and political issues. Under the theme "*A Sustainable Profession in a Sustainable World*," the conference, featuring keynote speeches, interactive sessions such as roundtables and collaborative workshops, explored key topics such as:

- Recognition of professions related to research management and key skills
- The integration of generative AI at all levels of research management
- Cross-cutting aspects such as open science, ethics and inclusion, diversity and equity in research and innovation
- Proposals, funding and project management
- Transnational collaborations



This event allowed Université Côte d'Azur to share best practices, deepen its understanding of current challenges in the field, and strengthen ties with representatives of European universities. Drawing on this experience, Université Côte d'Azur continues its commitment to the European and international dynamics of research management.

A look back at the EIT Culture & Creativity Innovation Forum: Creativity meets Circularity



On 22 and 23 April 2025, the second edition of the EIT Culture & Creativity Innovation Forum was held in Nice. This flagship event explored the transformative role of the cultural and creative sectors in the transition to a circular economy. Organised under the theme ‘Creativity Meets Circularity’, the forum brought together around 130 participants from all over Europe, including researchers, entrepreneurs, artists, policy-makers and representatives of European institutions.

The event was co-organised by the MIN4CI foundation (Mediterranean Innovative Narratives Competence Center for Cultural and Creative Industries, made up of

Université Côte d'Azur, Aix-Marseille Université, Avignon Université and Région Sud).

In a European context marked by the Green Deal, the New European Bauhaus and the Circular Economy Act, the event is part of a dynamic of systemic transformation linking sustainability, economic innovation and social cohesion. The aim is to make the cultural and creative industries (CCIs) drivers of circularity and inclusion.

[Read the entire article](#)

A look back at the ERC Event on 28 April: a day rich in exchanges, advice and testimonials

On 28 April 2025, the *Théâtre du Château de Valrose* hosted a day dedicated to the European Research Council (ERC), organised by the [Cellule Europe Mutualisée of Université Côte d'Azur's site](#) (CEM)*.

Introduced by Sylvain Antoniotti, Vice-President of the Initiative of Excellence, the morning was enriched by the expertise of local, national and European speakers (ERC National Contact Point, ERC Coordinator, expert evaluator, member of the CEM), who presented the various facets of the scheme and the opportunities available to researchers; provided recommendations on how to write strong, high-quality applications; set out the expectations of the juries, particularly when it comes to evaluating Principal Investigators; and presented the support services available on the Côte d'Azur to help researchers make their way through the ERC and Europe.

In the afternoon, the site's ERC laureates presented their research projects and shared valuable advice based on their experience. The public was thus able to witness the presentation of excellent work in a wide variety of disciplines and approaches. The presence of ERC laureates from all categories (Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, Synergy) also served to highlight the impact of an ERC grant on the different stages of a research career. The day ended with an informal exchange of views to extend the discussions between the audience, the ERC experts and the members of the Cellule Europe Mutualisée. The members of the CEM would like to thank the speakers and participants for their presence and for the richness of the discussions!

**As a reminder, the Cellule Europe Mutualisée has set up the [ERC Booster](#) scheme, which has enabled laureates from the Université Côte d'Azur site to receive more than €30 million, with an ERC success rate of almost 29%, i.e. 10% higher than the national average and 15% higher than the European average*



Webinar presenting the new Horizon Europe calls for projects

Le On April 29th, members of the Cellule Europe Mutualisée, including 6 colleagues from the DDIE, presented the new Horizon Europe work programme, which sets out all the arrangements for funding research at European level over the period 2025-2026 via a large number of calls for projects.

Nearly 70 participants attended this session, which was designed to shed light on both the various schemes, such as the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) and the European Innovation Council (EIC), and on the major research themes supported by Europe. Many thanks to our colleagues in the Cellule Europe Mutualisée for their commitment!



UniCA represented at the UNICATION project's National Multiplier Event in the Philippines

Two members of Université Côte d'Azur, Mrs Sara Sidaoui and Mrs Blanca Martin, recently contributed their expertise in the Philippines by supporting the implementation of training sessions for local university stakeholders, as part of a National Multiplier Event held in the country on April 30.

The event, co-financed by the European Union via the UNICATION capacity building project, brought together a wide range of Philippine higher education stakeholders, as well as several speakers from the project consortium. The main objective: to strengthen local capacities in university internationalization, and thus extend the impact of the project to the national level. The event proved a resounding success, both in terms of participation and visibility. The presence of high-level Philippine representatives ensured extensive media coverage, underlining the strategic importance of this initiative for the country. A similar event was organized in Cambodia the following week, with the same objective: to mobilize national stakeholders to strengthen their role in the internationalization of Cambodian universities. The event was attended by high-ranking Cambodian representatives, as well as representatives of the European Union in Cambodia, testifying to the strong commitment of the Cambodian government to the internationalization of Cambodian universities.

These two events not only disseminated the results of the UNICATION project, but also launched a cascade training dynamic. This approach aims to turn universities and their staff into true agents of change in the international transformation of higher education in the region.

Université Côte d'Azur shares its expertise on internationalization at home with Colombia and Chile



As part of the activities of the Be Global capacity-building project co-funded by the European Union, UniCA organized two online workshops on May 16th and 23rd on the theme of internationalization at home (I@Home), aimed at Colombian and Chilean teachers and university managers. These three-hour sessions, led by Mr. Chandan Atreya, with contributions from other colleagues, all with expertise on the subject, enabled in-depth exploration of the new dynamics of internationalization at home and internationalization for society. Around 30 participants benefited from up-to-date content, interactive exchanges and case studies from Université Côte d'Azur, illustrating concrete, innovative practices. Practical

workshops also offered participants the opportunity to initiate contextualized strategic thinking, and to put certain key concepts into practice, through collective exercises.

These training courses were designed as a structuring step towards the creation of the Work Package 4 (WP4) Serious Game.

Join the NEEMA network: for greater food resilience between Africa and Europe

Université Côte d'Azur invites researchers, academics, food professionals, agricultural actors and all committed stakeholders to join the NEEMA network, a new Euro-African network dedicated to food and nutritional resilience. Created within the framework of the NEEMA project, this network aims to foster exchanges, research and the co-construction of sustainable solutions, by bringing together actors from several African and European countries around training courses, research activities and strategic debates.

The NEEMA project, co-financed by the European Union for a three-year period, aims to strengthen food security capacities in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Senegal. It is supported by European universities in France (Université Côte d'Azur), Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria and Finland.

Would you like to help build food resilience between Africa and Europe? Join the NEEMA network by sending an email to the following address: dalenda.larif@univ-cotedazur.fr

You can also keep up to date with the latest news from the project via its website: <https://ulysses.eu/fr/neema/>



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