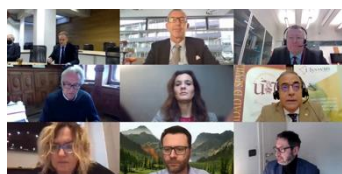


Official launch of Ulysseus European University



The [Ulysseus European University](#) began its journey on Thursday, December 17, 2020, with a kick-off meeting attended by the six presidents of the alliance's partner universities. During his welcome speech, Miguel Ángel Castro, the rector of the University of Seville (project coordinator), congratulated the participants on the selection of Ulysseus, one of the 41 European universities

destined to become the universities of the future.

After the presentation of the project in February and its selection in July, "now the party begins", underlined Jeanick Brisswalter, President of Université Côte d'Azur: "In Nice, we are ready - we have built a strong team and now we are just waiting for the starting signal to co-construct this great project".

The meeting also made it possible to unanimously approve the governance of Ulysseus, as well as the composition of the Advisory Board and the RADAR observatory, a structure allowing the project to be closely monitored and which aims to become a benchmark in monitoring short and long-term changes in the economy, society, labour market and skills. Ulysseus, which is currently in its coordination phase, will move to the executive phase in March 2021, when all members of the Ulysseus Board of Directors have been appointed.

Carmen Vargas, general coordinator of the alliance and Vice-President of International Affairs of the University of Seville, indicated during the presentation of the Executive Report of the alliance that various applications have already been submitted within the framework of Erasmus+ programs and Horizon2020: "These applications are part of our sustainability plan. These, and those to come, will help us move beyond dedicated EU funding for Ulysseus, and take the next step, beyond 2023."

MOVIDIS: Upcoming start of the first Virtual Mobilities

On December 11, the 29 European e-students were selected who will experience the first virtual mobility which will begin in mid-January 2021. 6 EUR ELMI students have been chosen to live this unique international experience at a distance, and UCA will host in all and for everything, 26 e-students! As a reminder, the MOVIDIS project (Erasmus+) includes 6 European universities: 2 Italian universities, 2 Spanish universities, 1 German university and UCA for France.



Students are in the 3rd year of economics and will take between 2 and 3 economics courses, plus a language course, which they have chosen from the course catalog offered by the consortium of this project. They will have the chance to study in several European universities, remotely. They will be followed by student tutors in each of the universities. Meetings and events will be organized throughout the semester: Real international mobility, but from home!

For more info: the [Movidis project website](#).

Coming soon: January 25, 2021 is the official date for the start of the first mobilities with the first economics courses offered by ELMI professors at UCA. The other universities will start according to their academic calendar, i.e. in February.

Update on COFUND BoostUrCAreer project

Université Côte d'Azur welcomes two new doctoral students as part of the BoostUrCAreer doctoral program! A doctoral fellow who comes from the United States to start the project "ThyroSonic: Learning based detection and classification of thyroid nodules from ultrasound images" and another doctoral fellow from Thailand for the project "ASTHAIR: Active transPortation, HeAlth and envlRonment". BoostUrCAreer is entering its second year of life and a new website will be available this month. The kick-off meeting, which will take place online, is scheduled for the end of February 2021.

Congratulations to the projects carried out by UCA and awarded the 2020 UCA Excellence Awards # ERC-EUROPEAN-PROJECTS

- Luca Calatroni (I3S): NoMADS Project (H2020 RISE)
- Elena Cabrio & Serena Vilata (I3S): ANTIDOTE Project (ERA-NET)
- Lucile Sassatelli (I3S), Charles Bouveyron (LJAD), Frédéric Precioso (I3S) & Fabien Gandon (I3S): AI4MEDIA Project (ICT H2020)
- Manuel Boutet (GREDEG), Barbara Meazzi (CMMC), Marcin Sobieszca (LIRCES) & Jean-François Trubert (CTEL): INEUPUP Project (Creative Europe)

MET projects, UCA priorities

Other good news following the announcement of the results of the Call Structuring Equipment for Research (E.S.R: EquipEX +). This call aims to provide France with cutting-edge scientific equipment, necessary for maintaining the excellence of its research at the level of the best international standards. Out of 4 projects in partnership, 3 are classified A + (ADD4P, NANOFUTUR, T-REFIMEVE) and one is classified A (MARMOR). Of the 2 projects in coordination, one is in first position on the complementary list (4D-OMICS).

Last December UCA submitted the "I AM Europe" project in response to the call for "Actions and events in France on the European Union". The call aims to identify and support information and communication actions on Europe in France, with the aim to bring the European Union closer to its citizens and to make the public better aware of the role and activities of the institutions of the European Union in the fields of action covered by the political priorities of the European Commission. The objective is also to raise awareness, to collect opinions and feedback and to analyse these contributions to feed the decision-making process upstream.

In brief

- ♦ The Europe Joint Unit (Cellule Europe Mutualisée CEM UCA) started a cycle of webinars on the new Horizon Europe programming in December. RDV every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for two months starting in February! The first webinar on the ERC programme took place on December 17, 2020.



The CEM will soon have a dedicated website and a quarterly newsletter.

- ♦ Participation in the 13th and last Steering Committee of National Contact Points for Marie S.-Curie Actions within the framework of Horizon2020

- ♦ Launch of the ERC Booster Call by the PACA Region. Submission deadlines:

- Starting Grant and Consolidator Grant projects: March 05, 2021
- Advanced Grant projects: July 02, 2021

Contact us for more info!

- ♦ Launch of the MRSEI call for projects of the ANR. Submission deadlines:

- Evaluation session 1: March 02, 2021
- Evaluation session 2: July 07, 2021

Events

13 Jan: Council of the Rectors' / Presidents / DG of the "Université Franco-russe"

22 Jan: Webinaire on the instruments Pathfinder and Transition of the European Innovation Council (EIC)



[Project assistance request form](#)

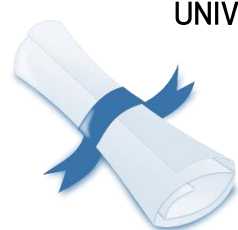
For projects to be carried out by UCA, CNRS and OCA



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