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#### UPDATES WELCOME DEVICES AND INTERNATIONAL MOBILITIES

#### Salon du Lycéen et de l'Étudiant (High School and Student Fair)

For the third year running, the Mobility and Welcome Department of the International and European Development Office took part in the Nice "Salon du Lycéen et de l'Étudiant", which took place on Saturday 18 November at the Palais des Expositions. The event attracted no fewer than 6,331 visitors, 46% of whom were secondary school students, 42% parents, 7% students and 5% secondary school pupils.

The event was a resounding success for the Université Côte d'Azur, as well as for our division, which had the opportunity not only to inform high school and college students

and parents about the various international study opportunities offered by the university, but also to provide clarification to UniCA students who had well-defined plans but needed further information.

We welcomed a large number of visitors looking for information on their orientation and training. We look forward to seeing them again next year!

## Etudes en France General Assembly - Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs : Université Côte d'Azur targetted for its good practices !



On 16 November, the Mobility and Welcome Department of the International Development and Europe Department was a guest of honour at the annual Etudes en France General Assembly at the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

The Department has been identified as an expert in the management of international student applications and was invited to share its best practices with the 300 guests, including members of the Ministry, directors of Campus France offices, scientific and university cooperation officers, university representatives and SCACS.

During the Assembly, the Department presented all the resources deployed by the University to increase the number of Excellence applications and the perspectives of the International and European Development Department - Université Côte

d'Azur. The General Assembly was a real showcase for our University's exemplary practices, and a valuable boost to our University's international influence.



#### UPDATES REGIONAL, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS – Maison de l'Europe et des Territoires

#### ONGOING CALLS FOR PROJECTS

- Horizon Europe Programme: MSCA Staff exchanges: 28/02/2024: <u>Cluster 2 SSH</u>:
   07/02/2024; <u>Cluster 4 Digital</u>: 19/03/2024; <u>Cluster 4 Industry</u>: 07/02/2024; <u>Cluster 4 Space</u>: 21/03/2024; <u>Cluster 5 Energy</u> et <u>Transport</u>: 18/04/2024
- ERASMUS+ Program: Official Opening of the Erasmus+ 2024 Call for projects : <u>https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2023-11/2024-</u> <u>Erasmus%2BProgramme-Guide\_EN.pdf</u>



PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM

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

#### Research projects that have received funding

#### • Awarded projects from the 2023 ANR Generic call for project

**UniCA coordinated projects**: DYNATERRE by Maria Paola SANTISI D'AVILA of Polytech'lab (PRCE); EXECO by Raphaël FEVRE of GREDEG (JCJC); AQUILASCENT by Nicolas BALDOVINI of ICN (PRC); PERForms by Marc-Olivier GAUCI of UR2CA (PRCE).

**UniCA partnered projects**: LipidCondensate by Sandra LACAS-GERVAIS of CCMA; ECO2R by Nathanaël GUIGO of ICN; HIPOTHEC by Francesca RAPETTI of LIAD; EARTH-BEAT by Roland MASSON of LIAD; Employer45 by Eve SAINT-GERMES of GREDEG; DECODE by Magali LEHARDY of LADIE; AI-Wear by Suzanne THUMMLER for COBTEK



#### Laureate projects of the PACA Region's Call for Research Projects

The winning project for the general section of the AAP Recherche is: "R2VLab" by Nathanaël GUIGO of ICN. This project aims to set up a pilot recycling chain for plastic materials resulting from laboratory activities at the Université Côte d'Azur, with a view to finding ways of recovering and reusing them within the University and/or in the public and/or private sector. Mohamed Mehiri's "Chaire MARRES" satellite project has also been granted a funding subsidy. The Institut Fédératif de Recherche Ressources Marines (IFR MARRES) at the Université Côte d'Azur focuses on the preservation of oceans and marine resources in response to the challenges of climate change and declining marine biodiversity. The Chaire Partenariale - Ressources Marines (RM Chair) develops innovative approaches to understanding marine ecosystems and preserving their health.

Against this backdrop, the IFR MARRES has applied for co-funding from the SUD Region to acquire equipment that will strengthen the infrastructures of the founding laboratories, notably ECOSEAS, IRCAN, BIOCORE and ICN, and support various research projects linked to the regional climate plan.

#### Erasmus + project CURATE: Co-created student centered incubator programme

Curate "Co-created student centered incubator programme" Erasmus + project, brings together 5 partners of the Ulysseus European University Alliance, including Université Côte d'Azur, to collaborate around AI solutions related to the entrepreneurial process to develop an incubator programme that will provide migrant students with a challenge-based platform to better meet their learning styles and provide transferable forward-looking skills.

CURATE will actively engage those from the world of work to become key catalysts in the codesign of new learning and teaching practices with the aim of providing solutions to real world challenges presented by labour market actors.

CURATE will implement a functional incubator programme CIP, will host 2 virtual reverse pitching sessions, 2 F2F bootcamps as part of an innovative blended incubator framework and a full 16 week virtual incubator curriculum.

1 MOOC, 5 webinars and a blended job/intern fair will share results and raise awareness of the inclusion of migrant students.

#### DigitAfrica : Kick-off meeting for project to support digital transition in Africa



DigitAfrica is a current and ambitious project, co-funded by the European Commission (Erasmus+), which aims to support the institutional digital transition of multiple universities in Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar and Tunisia.

October 17th marked the project's first physical meeting, held over three days in Palma de Mallorca (Spain). Two Université Côte d'Azur's staff in charge of the project represented our institution at this meeting, which set out the project's administrative and financial framework for the next three years. Finally, this meeting enabled the consortium to prepare the framework for the deployment of the future activities linked to the progressive digitalization of partner African institutions.

#### Digital Move: Roll-out of the 1st study visit to support the digital transformation of Asian universities



As part of a project co-funded by the European Commission (Erasmus+), and involving a number of universities in Vietnam and Mongolia, Université Côte d'Azur welcomed 12 leader

representatives and IT managers from 4 Mongolian partner universities, from November 20th to 24th. The aim of the study visit was to assess the digital capabilities of each university, and to define the initial foundations of the digital transformation strategy that each university will implement over 3 years under the aegis of this project. Université Côte d'Azur is also delighted with the many experts and speakers who made these four days of work a fruitful, interesting and forward-looking visit.



Nemedussa Project: Université Côte d'Azur delegation in Benin

# AGRONOMIQUES (FSA)

Last October, two INRAE staff members, Laetitia Zurletto and Emily Knibbs, have visited Benin's universities to review the content of nematology courses for bachelor's and master's levels, developed as part of the Nemedussa project (Erasmus+).

The visit also provided an opportunity to prepare the next PANEMA Workshop, to be held in March 2024 in Benin. This major event will provide an opportunity to disseminate the project's research and activities, with the aim of democratizing nematology studies in Africa and improving the knowledge and training of future generations in this key sector, particularly for African agriculture.

#### READY, IMMERSE AND GO! Erasmus + project



Université Côte d'Azur coordinates the recently approved Erasmus + project "Ready, Immerse and Go! This KA2 project - "Cooperation Partnership" - aims to experiment with virtual reality the training and development of specific skills of students, trainees and apprentices who wish to undertake international mobility. A VR platform will host immersive virtual scenarios, which will allow users to best prepare for their mobility abroad.

The project is part of the Ulysseus alliance and includes in the consortium: the Haaga Helia University of Applied Sciences (Finland), the Management Center of Insbruck (Austria) and the Technical University of Kosice (Slovakia).

The immersive scenarios designed will offer students immersive and original experiences that will help them integrate and strengthen the skills necessary to confidently face mobility abroad.

#### UPDATES ULYSSEUS

#### Towards Innovations in Ageing and Well-Being": Ulysseus organises its first Research Summit



On October 18 and 19, 2023, in Nice, Ulysseus organized its first Research Summit: "Towards Innovations in Ageing and Well-Being" (TINAW). A global gathering of experts to shape the future of healthy ageing, bringing together over 150 participants from various laboratories of Ulysseus' partner institutions and local communities. The conference focused on advancing knowledge about ageing, well-being, and healthy lifestyles while addressing the complex challenges posed by the global ageing population.

The conference was divided into four dynamic sessions, each dedicated to specific aspects of ageing and well-being, fostering interdisciplinary discussions and collaboration. In this context, four distinguished experts presented cutting-edge research and initiatives on various facets of ageing and well-being, including ageing biology, adolescent well-being, and the application of machine learning to predict human well-being. The keynote speakers were:

There were four presentations from keynote speakers and also seventeen other presentations from Ulysseus partner universities covering a range of topics related to aging, well-being and healthy living, further enriching the exchange of ideas. With over 150 participants from various laboratories of Ulysseus' partner institutions and local communities, the conference marked a significant step in advancing knowledge and actions for healthy ageing. Participants had a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, researchers, and practitioners to strengthen the global research and innovation ecosystem on ageing and well-being.

#### UPDATES ATTRACTIVITY AND PARTNERSHIPS

#### UniCa invites itself to COP28...

A UniCA delegation is already present at COP28 to bring the University's voice to the attention of decision-makers, alongside our partners. The delegation will contribute to several official UNFCCC events and will be associated with the Science for Climate Action Pavilion.

Our representatives will be speaking at various <u>panels</u> and <u>events</u>, which can be followed <u>online</u> by the entire University community.

<u>Live sessions from COP28</u> are also planned to provide a behind-the-scenes look at the event. <u>A</u> <u>channel for your questions about the COP</u> has also been opened so that members of the delegation can answer you live, and <u>a daily poll</u>, <u>accessible online</u>, allows you to choose, for each day, an event that you would like the delegation to attend.



#### ... and the COP comes to UniCA!

For the duration of the COP, a number of events (workshops, stands, etc.) are being organised in parallel on the various campuses of the Université Côte d'Azur site. All staff and students of the University are invited to come and discover the different activities.

Find out more about all the activities taking place at the COP, and mirrored on the Université Côte d'Azur site, by following this link!

#### **UniCA welcoming Ulysseus delegations**



Staff from the attractivity and visibility division of the DDIE were part of the Ulysseus European University delegation to the the University of Da Nang (UD) and the Da Nang International Institute of Technology (DNIIT), created jointly by UD and Université Côte d'Azur (UniCA).

There were some productive discussions with colleagues in charge of on-site training to strengthen academic exchanges and research between experts. There was also an opportunity to discuss the potential of internship mobility and



movement and logistics of a delegation of 11 participants from 5 Tunisian institutions to IMREDD from 6-10 November. The delegation also visited Valrose on 8th November as part of their visit where Vice-President Prof Muriel Dal Pont Legrand welcomed the delegation after a guided tour of the campus

As part of welcoming delegations to UniCA, the attractivity and visibility division supported the

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