Joint UNICA EduLAB & CIVIS Webinar
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New European curricula for the new European Degrees. From bulk learning to modularisation

9 December 2021, 10:00 – 12:30 CET

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CONTEXT

For the past two years, emerging challenges have shifted the way academics and students are involved in teaching and learning, creating the premises for a strong digitalisation in Higher Education processes. 2021 has turned to be a critical year for Higher Education and the 2030 Agenda, focusing on the **development of the European Universities Initiative** and the challenges these new Higher Education institutions are facing.

With the world preparing itself for the post-COVID educational context, **the European universities' role in innovating education and training is constantly evolving, revealing new educational sceneries through modern and flexible learning pathways.**

The webinar will debate on **how modularisation and curricular innovation can play a crucial role in the future of Higher Education teaching and learning**, as a response to the social and digital challenges and in the sense of enhancing lifelong learning and continuous training for a highly dynamic labour market.

Drawing on the rich experience and expertise from representatives of the CIVIS European University, of the University of Bucharest, and of the UNICA Network, the webinar will discuss the critical role of curricula innovation and modularisation in Higher Education. **Since 36 out of the 54 UNICA member Universities are part of the European Universities alliances** (i.e. approx. 75% of UNICA eligible members participate in the initiative), and 19 of the 41 existing alliances are represented in the network, **UNICA can become a community of support and exchange of good practice for all its members** by offering them a suitable forum for discussions and specific proposals, and by helping UNICA member universities to address already identified challenges regarding the European degree implementation process.

The European Universities are the most accessible and "clean" way, at the public policy level, to gain an open access to a European identity. The pathway goes through the academic curricula, and we consider that the European Degrees will represent the most cautious, but also most consistent way, on a medium- and long-term basis, for achieving this goal. Functionally speaking, the curricular design for European Degrees cannot follow the usual process of traditional degrees, which has proven frail so far. It needs to be approached in a transformative and developmental way, through the flexibilization of learning experiences and by formalizing them in curricula based on micro-credentials philosophy, centered on the modularization and recognition of small curricular units.

The invited speakers will share how curricular innovation best practices and in particular the modularisation of learning have led to successful impact in their institutions, developing high competencies for the 21st century as

an answer to the needs of the new generations of students. Besides institutional approaches, curricular innovation in Higher Education offers new perspectives for European Degrees and recognition of learning.

PROGRAMME

Overall Chair: **Romiță IUCU,** UNICA EduLAB Coordinator, President of the Board of Trustees, University of Bucharest

10:00-10:10	**WELCOME ADDRESSES** **Romiță IUCU,** UNICA EduLAB Coordinator, President of the Board of Trustees, University of Bucharest and **Luciano SASO,** UNICA President
10:10-10:45	**Keynote speech by Liviu MATEI**, Provost, Central European University (CEU) Vienna Discussion (15')
10:45-11:30	**Break-out rooms** 1. **Barriers in building a micro-credentials philosophy curricula in higher education: modularisation of learning, certification & recognition, learning mobility** **Facilitator: Janika LEOSTE**, Business Collaboration and Innovation Chief Specialist and Visiting Researcher in Educational Robotics, School of Educational Sciences, Tallinn University 2. **From joint/multiple degrees to European Diplomas: what can be done and what should we change?** **Facilitator**: **Andrius UZDANAVICIUS**, Head of Study office, Vilnius University 3. **European Universities Alliances as piloting arenas for the future of European degrees** **Facilitator: Lucia VENNARINI**, Division Director of Academic Affairs, University of Tübingen
11:15-11:30	**Interactive report activity**
11:30-11:40	Break
11:40-12:05	**Panel discussion** **Moderator: Romiță IUCU**, UNICA EduLAB Coordinator, President of the Board of Trustees, University of Bucharest • **Lucian CIOLAN**, Vice-Rector for Development Projects, Lifelong Learning and Educational Infrastructure, University of Bucharest • **Nadia FERNÁNDEZ DE PINEDO**, Senior Lecturer, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid • **Justyna GODLEWSKA-SZYRKO**, Rector's Deputy for Quality of Teaching and Learning, University of Warsaw
12:05-12:25	Q&A Session
12:25-12:30	Wrap-up and webinar closing