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Brussels, 4 July 2019

Dear Rector/President,
Dear Colleague,

It is our pleasure to announce that NOVA University Lisbon will host the:

10th UNICA STUDENT CONFERENCE

Dream your University in the Capital City!

NOVA University Lisbon
Sunday, 28 June – Wednesday, 1 July 2020

Initiated in 2000 by Freie Universität Berlin, the first university to advocate the involvement of students in the activities of the network, the UNICA Student Conference is now an established and joyful UNICA tradition. The Conference gathers every 2-3 years **200 to 300 students from UNICA Member universities** whose enthusiasm and ideas bring a breath of fresh air to the network.

By combining keynote speeches, hard work in the discussion groups and social activities, the Conference provides students with a unique possibility of meeting their peers from other European countries and to share their views on meaningful issues related to HE. Students are also encouraged to formulate opinions and recommendations that can be voiced within the UNICA network as well as to relevant stakeholders and give rise to new challenging initiatives.

The main theme of the conference: "Dream your University in the capital city!"

Due to their location in capital cities **UNICA universities are intrinsically urban**: a specificity bringing with it many opportunities but also big responsibilities and challenges which require ambitious visions and innovative thought to be addressed.

We would like to make the voice and the dreams of students heard about what should the role of Universities in capital cities be in the future and how HE Institutions might tackle major urban challenges.

The main theme will be structured in **different topics**, which will be selected in **cooperation with the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) and the European Students Union (ESU)** and will be discussed in **ten**

Students' Fora. Students will be invited to choose one of the topics in advance and will be supported in the preparation to the Conference by the Academic tutor nominated by each participating university and by the Chair of the Forum they will participate in.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

In order to participate, UNICA member universities are kindly invited:

- To select a **Contact Person** who will be **responsible for practical matters** (i.e. ensuring the students are registered, travel arrangements, etc.)
- To nominate an **Academic Tutor** who:
 - Shall be **available to prepare the students** on the topics of the Conference;
 - **Willing to accompany the students** in Lisbon;
 - Ideally, has already participated in previous UNICA Student Conferences.

The names and contact details of the Academic Tutors and Contact Persons should be communicated **by Friday, 13 September 2019** via the registration forms available on the **UNICA Student Conference webpage**: <http://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-student-conference-2020>

- To select a **delegation of up to 10 students per capital city** (universities from capital cities that count more than one UNICA member are asked to select 10 students in total).
The details of the selected students shall be communicated to UNICA **by Friday, 13 December 2019** (further information and link to the registration form will follow in due course).

Further information on the selection procedure and the costs related to Students' participation covered by the hosting university are available in the **attached document**.

More detailed information on the event will follow in the upcoming months and regular updates will be available on the UNICA website.

UNICA Contact Person: Laura Brossico (office@unica-network.eu) is at your disposal for any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming your students at NOVA University Lisbon in 2020 and we thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and your support to this important UNICA event.

Sincerely yours,

Professor João Sàágua
Rector, NOVA University Lisbon



Professor Luciano Saso
UNICA President

