



## Mission statement

UNITA is an alliance associating six higher education institutions:

- The **University of Pau et des Pays de l'Adour**
- The **University of Zaragoza**
- The **University of Torino**
- The **University of Savoie Mont Blanc**
- The **West University of Timisoara**
- The **Gran Sasso Science Institute**

aiming to develop an European University sharing common education, research and innovation policies focusing on European citizenship.

UNITA partners have a **strong experience** in renewable energy, circular economy and cultural heritage. Starting from these topics, they aim to develop new common activities in different fields.

**Each university** is also deeply integrated **with the local and regional social, economic and cultural stakeholders** thanks to numerous research and educational partnerships.

The strength and the uniqueness of this alliance are common values and features related to **Romance languages**.

### The mission of UNITA

Building a European University is an opportunity to **design together the University for the Europe of tomorrow as an added-value**, which means for UNITA:

- An European university **reinforced through a proactive policy of multilingualism of the partners based on the inter-comprehensiveness of the Romance languages**
- A truly open European University **embedded in the social and economic ecosystem able to find solutions to global challenges through high-level research and education** related to renewable energies, circular economy and cultural heritage.
- An European university **reinforced by the cultural roots of the partners -the Romance languages - through a proactive policy of multilingualism.**
- An European university to **be devoted to implement student-centred approaches** based on the fulfilment and a high quality of educational environment.
- An European university strongly related to the use of **digital and quality teaching approaches.**

### The roadmap of UNITA

#### **Challenge 1: An integrated governance within 20 years**

The governance is founded on **4 principles of integration**:

- **A mutual recognition** of competences, ECTS, curricula and Bachelor's, Master's and PhD's degrees in order to reduce existing administrative barriers and promote all types of mobility within the alliance
- **The promotion of common culture** based on the Romance languages and the multiculturalism
- **The application of integrated flagship curricula** according to the thematic priorities of the Alliance namely renewable energy, circular economy and cultural heritage

- **Sharing and dissemination of pedagogical principles** especially research-oriented education and innovative pedagogical methods

### **Challenge 2: Reach the excellence in research and education by setting up an opened and networked university**

The approach consists in a research-oriented education linked to the social and economic ecosystem of our territories. UNITA aims at supporting the economic and social ecosystem of the local regions each university is based.

Main actions are:

- **Thematic research hubs**
- **Collaborative projects**
- **Long life learning**
- **Challenge-based approach**
- **Innovation and transfer hubs**

### **Challenge 3: Enforce recognized diplomas within the alliance to the European level**

The main goal is to create diplomas recognized within the alliance based on common standard such as procedure, credits recognition, etc. The keystone of the alliance will be the mutual trust between the main partners in order to apply the ECTS and diplomas recognition and offer the best conditions of success to obtain national and European recognitions.

*The main actions are:*

- **The implementation of common educational bodies**
- **An ambitious plan to design UNITA diplomas**
- **To promote the recognition of UNITA diplomas at the European level**

### **Challenge 4: Student-centered high-level curricula and approaches**

UNITA proposes to develop a flexible and customizable educational framework that will be implemented as a guiding student-centered innovative pedagogy where the students will be able to choose the most suited educational issue, topic or module from the different universities of the alliance.

*The main actions are:*

- **The implementation of multilingualism and inter-comprehensive methods**
- **The setting up of UNITA innovative teaching and learning centres**
- **The creation of a “Hub of success” to support the professional and personal development of students**
- **Implementation of customized curricula**

### **Challenge 5: Shape an international campus**

Students will benefit from the vibrant environments offered by the campuses involved in the project, both in terms of scientific knowledge and competences, and in terms of relationships with local stakeholders, like public bodies and private companies.

*The main actions are:*

- **Generalising virtual and physical mobility**
- **The promotion of student social engagement**
- **Opening connection to international students using Romance languages**