

Future UniLab



Una Europa

”There’s almost no reflection of how the university should look like in 10,20,30 years’ time and we need a space for that... The question is how do we make it possible to think outside the box on regular basis?”

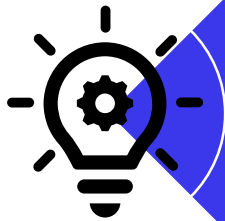


Bartosz Brożek, Lead of Una Europa Future UniLab

The Una Europa Future UniLab is a space for:

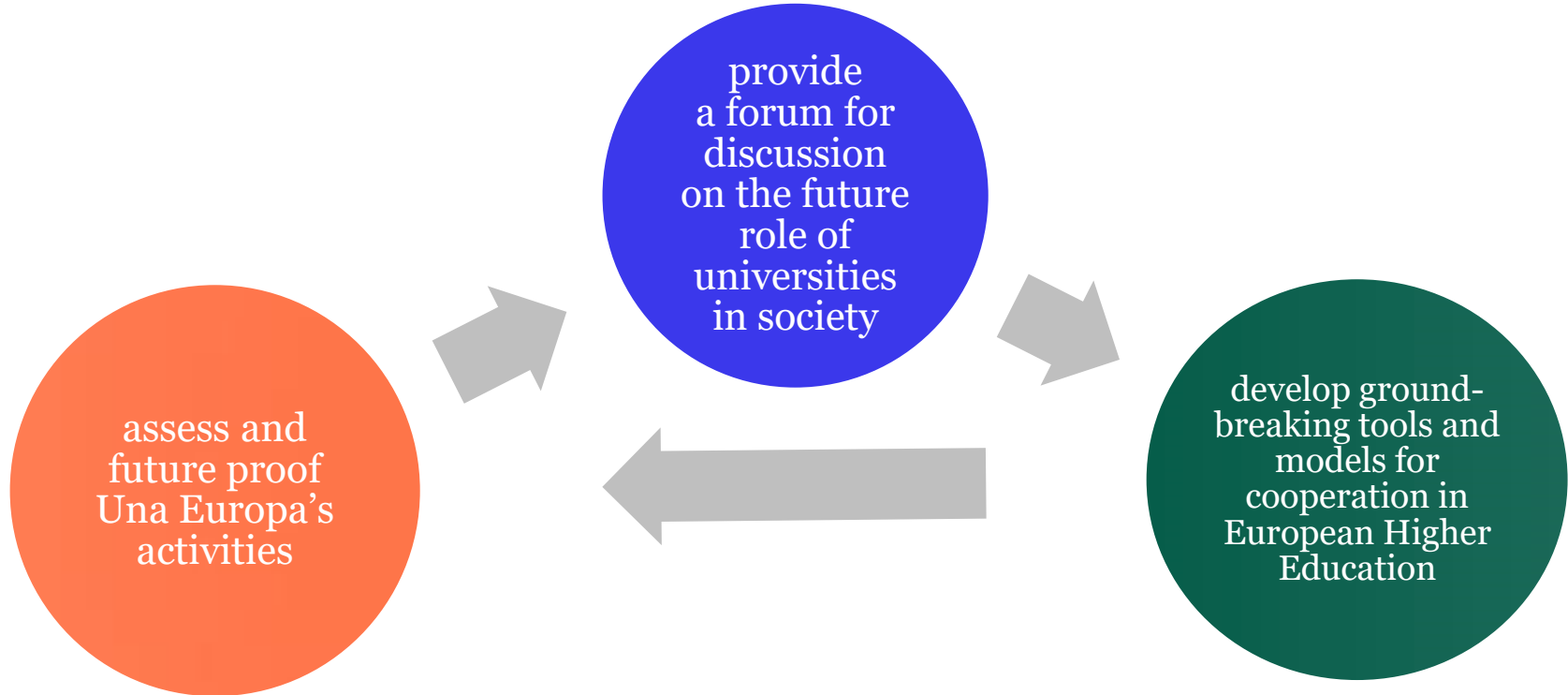


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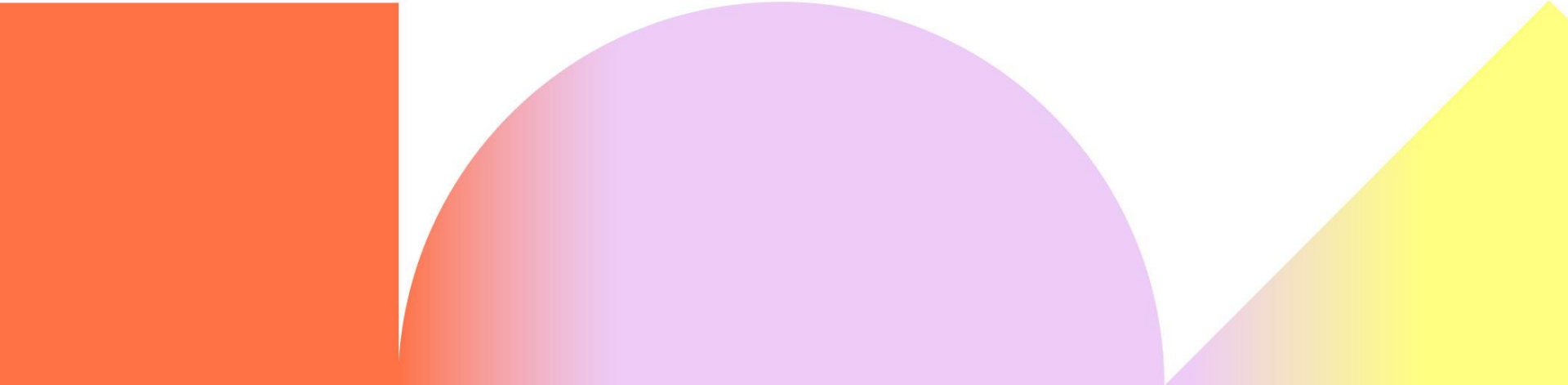


INNOVATION

The Future UniLab serves as the think tank of Una Europa. Designed as a 'living laboratory', it aims to:



The Future UniLab will develop a new method for discussing the obstacles and opportunities European universities face when they join forces to “Europeanise” their activities.



The goals the Future UniLab are:



to rethink the role and functioning of universities

to develop innovative instruments to foster cooperation and creativity

to initiate and moderate discussion within Una Europa and beyond, pertaining to all aspects of the university's mission

Unique methodology

The Future UniLab embodies a unique methodology which gives rise to innovative, **out-of-the-box** thinking and **problem-solving**.



We identify **fundamental problems** connected to the functioning of the universities and appoint **visionary** teams, consisting of creative specialists from within and outside of academia, to offer innovative solutions to the problems. These visionary ideas are translated into workable, scalable, and translatable formats by teams of **implementers**.



Visionaries

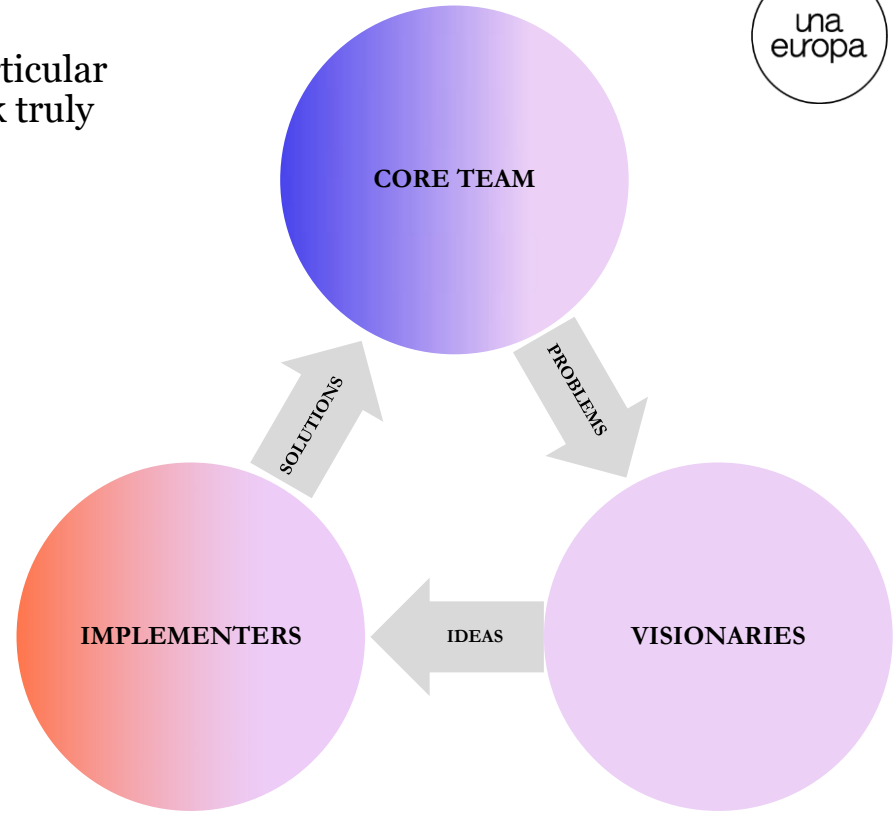
The teams of visionaries will be appointed to work on particular issues. They will be given the freedom to dream and think truly out of the box.

Implementers

The teams of implementers, will consist mainly of professionals from the Una Europa partners and will be tasked with the crucial “reality check” for the dream scenarios.


Core Team

The *core team* coordinates the Future UniLab activities and acts as the main interlocutor for policy makers. It will play a central role in differentiating “fundamental questions” and “short-term problems” and defining the appropriate discussion forum, within the UniLab and beyond.



Meet our Core Team



 **Prof. Bartosz Brożek**, Work Package Lead Future UniLab, Director of the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration, Uniwersytet Jagielloński

 **Britta Piel**, Head of Unit: Center for International Cooperation, Division International Affairs, Freie Universität Berlin

 **Prof. Mirko Degli Esposti**, Deputy Rector, Vice Rector for Digital Technologies, Università di Bologna

 **Prof. Manuel Sintubin**, Professor of Geodynamics, KU Leuven

 **Dr Michael Gallagher**, Lecturer in Digital Education, member of the Centre for Research in Digital Education, University of Edinburgh

 **Prof. Georges Haddad**, President of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne

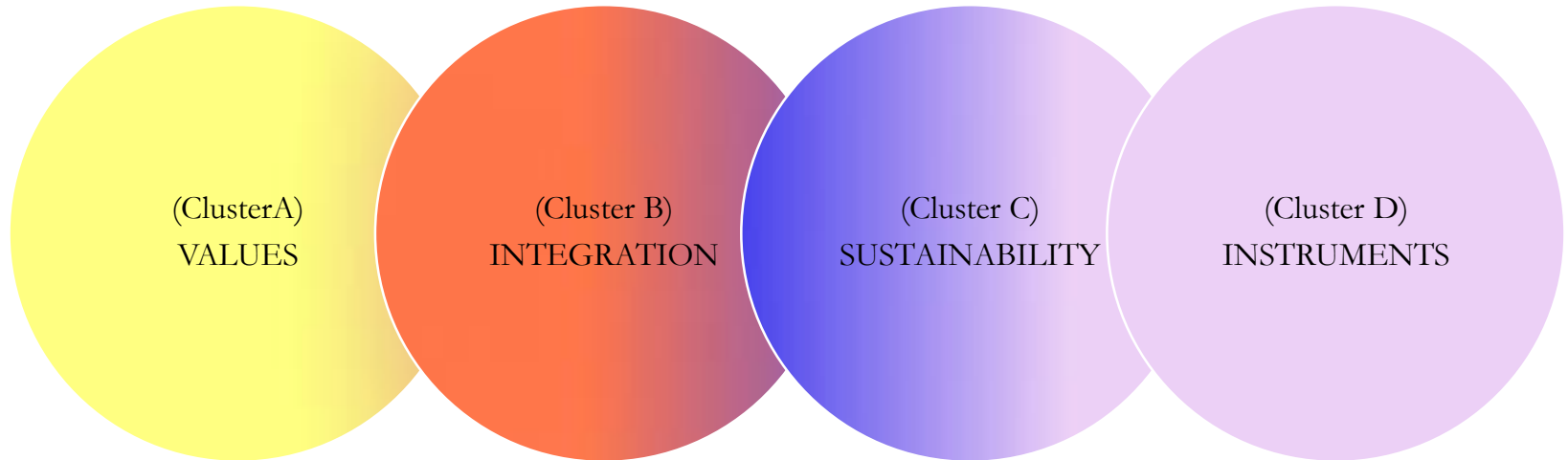
 **Dr Anna-Maria Salmi**, Head of Development, International Affairs, Helsingin Yliopisto

 **Dr Guillermo Villaverde López**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Logic and Theoretical Philosophy, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

The Future UniLab fundamental problems



The goal of the Future University Lab is to address fundamental problems pertaining to the future of universities. These problems may be divided into four different clusters:



Fundamental Problems



Values

1. Which core values should inform the University of the Future to avoid the binaries of the ivory tower and rigid managerialism?
2. How to re-conceptualize universities in order to capture their social and cultural role?
3. What is the essence of the European University of the Future?

Sustainability

1. How should universities take the lead in the search for a new balance between human society and the natural environment?
2. How can universities promote the well-being of employees and students and help them flourish?
3. How can universities become future-proof and resilient in an ever more rapidly changing world?

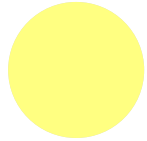
Integration

1. Is it reasonable to further integrate various dimensions of the university's mission, and how should this be done?
2. How to facilitate mutual understanding and cooperation between various inter-university actors?
3. How to integrate the universities with their ecosystem - locally, nationally and internationally?

Instruments

1. How should the digital dimension of the university of the future be conceived?
2. What should be the management models of the university of the future?
3. How to develop a model of university's comprehensive and balanced communication?

The first fundamental problems to be thoroughly analyzed and elaborated by the visionaries are:



What is the essence of the European University of the Future?



How to integrate the universities with their ecosystem - locally, nationally and internationally?



How can universities become future-proof and resilient in an ever more rapidly changing world?



How should the digital dimension of the university of the future be conceived?

Meet the Values Visionaries



What is the
essence of
the European
University of
the Future?



Professor Nuria Sánchez Madrid, expert in philosophy



Professor Hartmut Mayer, European Studies Centre Director at the University of Oxford



Anna Zanoli, President of the Student Council of the University of Bologna



Tommi Laitio, Executive Director at the City of Helsinki



Wojciech Bonowicz, poet and essayist



Sven Mastbooms, CEO of Kindred Spirits



Dr James Lamb, Digital Education researcher

Meet the Integration Visionaries:



How to
integrate the
universities
with their
ecosystem -
locally,
nationally and
internationally?



Naveed Syed, Head of Global Networks, Falling Walls Foundation



Leonardo Corbo, business expert



Henna Pursiainen, CEO of Dare To Learn



Patrycja Radek, strategic leader, innovation broker, problem solver



Professor Noel B. Salazar, Social and Cultural Anthropologist



Professor José Manuel Ruano, expert in public policy analysis



Professor Chris Speed, expert in Design Informatics

Meet the Sustainability Visionaries:

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How can
universities
become
future-proof
and resilient
in an ever
more rapidly
changing
world?



Professor Minna Palmroth, Director of Finnish Centre of Excellence in Research of Sustainable Space



Professor Justyna Bugaj, expert in HR and university management



Michel Bauwens, Founder of the Foundation for Peer-to-Peer Alternatives



Dr Andrea Frank, Head of the Field of Action, Science and Research at Stifterverband



Professor Soledad Garcia-Ferrari, expert on current processes of urban development and regeneration



Professor Cristina Herrero Jáuregui, expert in biodiversity



Professor Angelo Paletta, ProRector of the University of Bologna

Meet the Instruments Visionaries:



How should
the digital
dimension
of the
university
of the
future be
conceived?



Jackie Strecker, manager of the UNHCR's educational innovation portfolio



Professor Sebastiano Moruzzi, expert in Philosophy, Language Theory and didactic innovation



Dr Jaakko Kurhila, Chief Digital Officer (CDO) at the University of Helsinki



Joanna Zabawa-Kalinowska, IT expert and cognitive scientist



Professor Marc Lachieze Rey, astrophysicist, theorist and cosmologist



Professor Timothy D. Drysdale, Chair of Technology Enhanced Science Education



Pedro Enríquez de Salamanca, Creative Researcher and Speculative Designer at Wander

Principles & Outputs

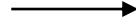
Visionaries are to tackle the fundamental problems in a novel way, pooling together the expertise and creativity of the team members.

Out-of-the-box thinking:

Disregarding the (potential) legal and financial barriers as well as existing approaches to the problem.

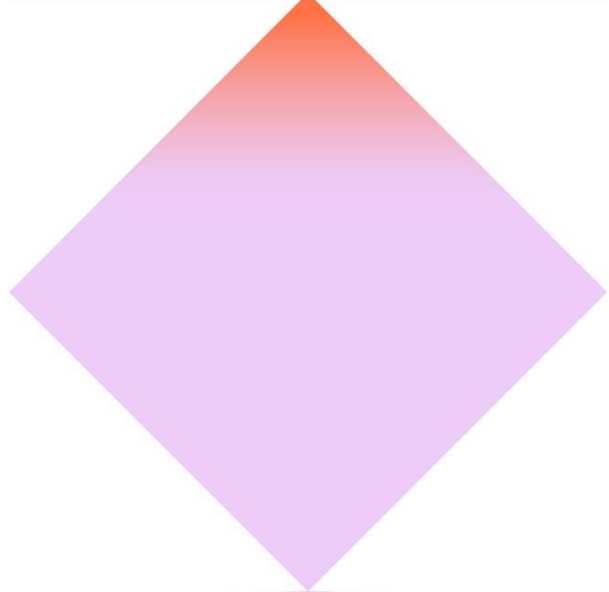


No imposed structure or strict rules of procedure.



Output:

Envisioning reports: (re)statement of the problem, solution or alternative solutions, and an outline of the proposed implementation process.



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