

"Our ambition is to become an important source of innovative ideas and inspiration for Una Europa and, more generally, European universities."

The Future UniLab Steering Committee



The Future Uni... what?

The Future University Lab (Future UniLab)



FUTURE UNILAB

Led by Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie, it is a think-tank which challenges the Una Europa ecosystem in order to enhance innovative ideas and inspiration throughout Una Europa and European Universities.

It is an open and borderless space for strategic reflection, innovation and experimentation in relation to the university of the future, which generates a unique inter-university environment.

Our mission? Re-thinking the University of the Future.

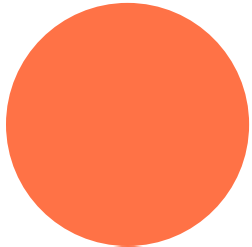


What is the Future UniLab?



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Aims

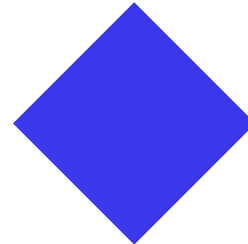


To become an autonomous thinking zone

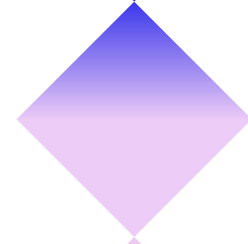


To become an important source of innovative ideas and inspiration

Goals



Experiment with various methodologies and instruments



Integrate the Future UniLab with the Una Europa ecosystem



Serve as a reflective, creative, and inclusive space

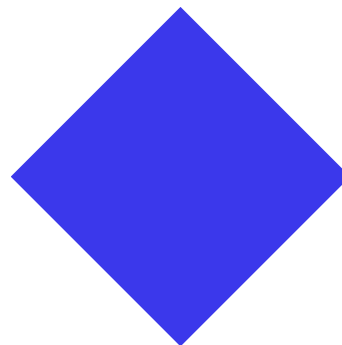
The Future UniLab Uniqueness



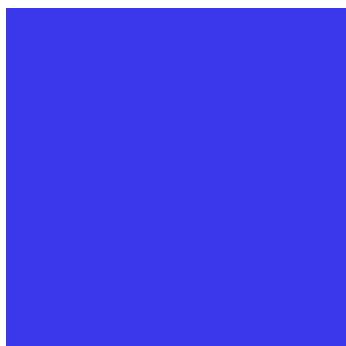
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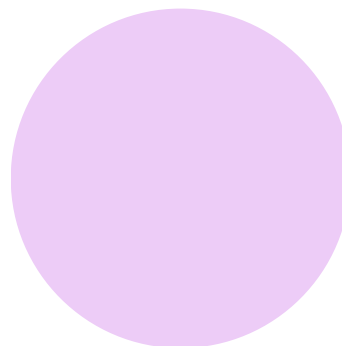
Innovative solutions and proposals based on the out-of-the-box methodology.



Inclusion of people with different backgrounds and qualifications which allows for a diverse environment with diverse ideas.



Improving the Una Europa environment through the different challenges and opportunities.



Developing ground-breaking tools and models for cooperation in European Higher Education.



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The impact of our work

Our role is to initiate and stimulate discussion. We leave the implementation of specific solutions to the different Working Groups, Clusters, and Self-Steering Committees. Our task is to inspire and provoke thought, even with creative elements like an animated poem or a cocktail metaphor.

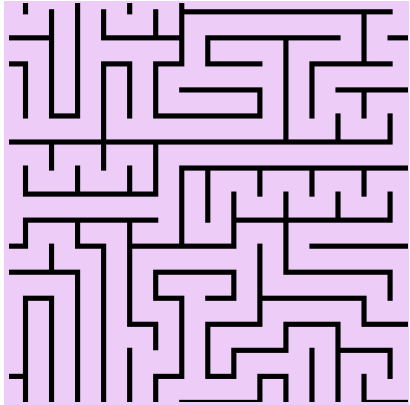


1. Envisioning reports inspired the creation of our position paper, “The European University of the Future”.
2. This paper, in turn, inspired some ideas in the Una Europa 2030 Strategy.
3. The concept note on Open Science developed by Future UniLab was part of the outputs of Una.Resin.
4. The Visionary Report “Sustainability vs. Mobility” is being used in the “Sustainable Academic Mobility” training offered to academic staff at the Jagiellonian University.

The Future UniLab Workflow



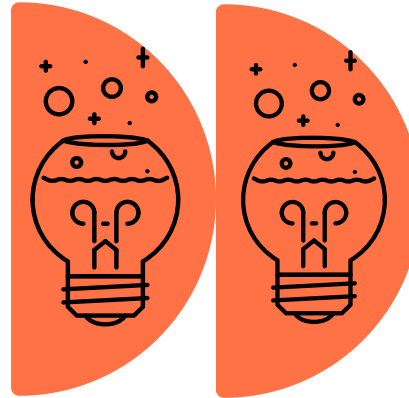
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Identification of
challenges and
opportunities



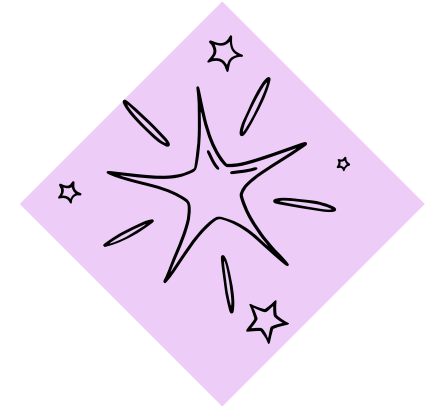
Appointment of
Visionary Teams



Ideas Lab



Design Desk



Spotlight

The Journey



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Steering Committee

Representatives from
partner Universities

Selection
of challenges
and opportunities



Ideas Lab

The Visionary
Teams

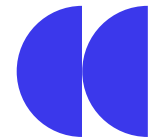
Concept Note
Report
Position Paper



Design Desk

The Design
Desk

Advice
Feedback
Implementation



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The Future
UniLab Insight

Creative way
of presenting the work
of the Future UniLab



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The Future UniLab Structure

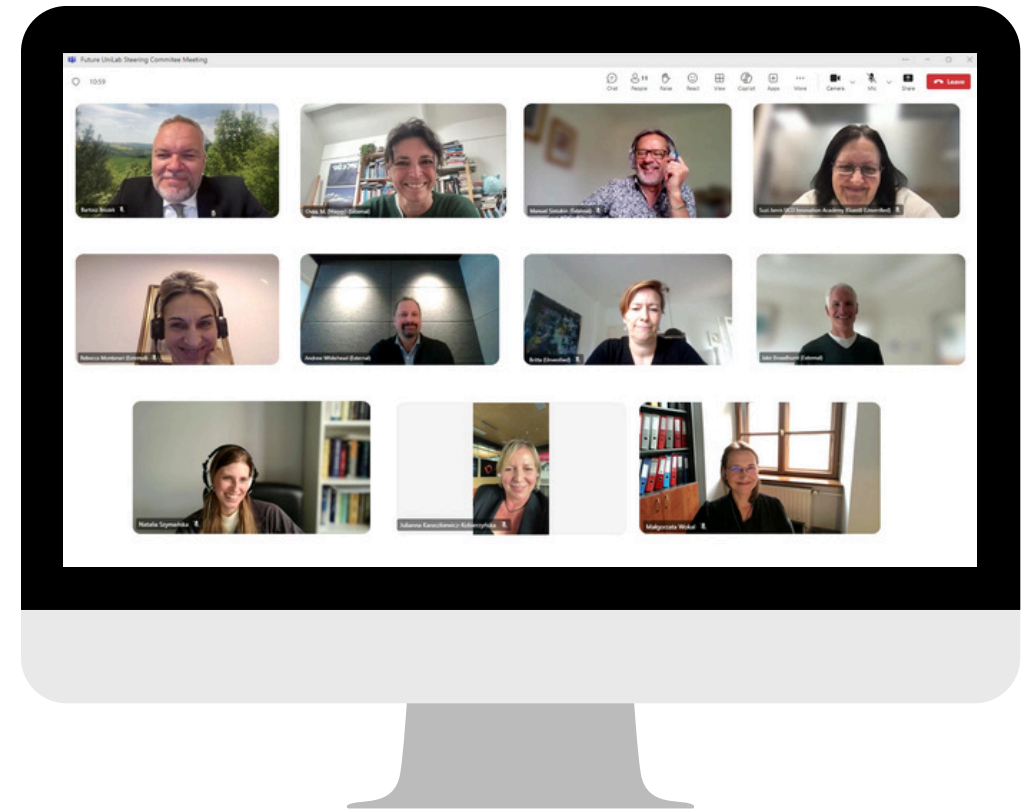


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Steering Committee

One representative from each Una Europa partner university nominated for a term of 4 years plus a member of Una Europa Central Team and Student Board. Its role is to:

- ◆ Oversee the importance of the Future UniLab.
- ◆ Adopt the Future UniLab's long-term strategy.
- ◆ Develop and adopt annual action plans.
- ◆ Select the challenges and opportunities.



Meet our Steering Committee



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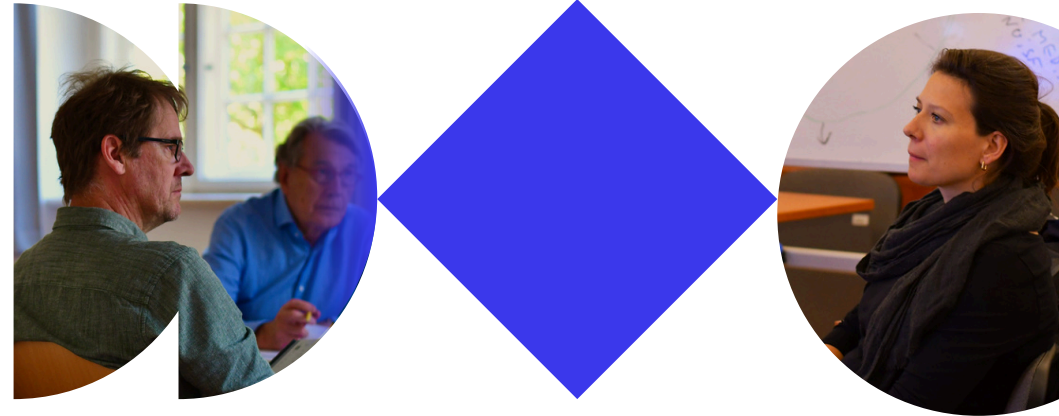
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The Future UniLab Structure

Fellows

Senior Fellows: with their diverse professional backgrounds, they provide guidance and input for the realisation of the Future UniLab Steering Committee's long-term strategy, its development and actively contribute to addressing the challenges and opportunities it faces.

Fellows: includes researchers, teachers, professional staff members or students, who may be appointed to work in the Visionary teams or Design teams.



The Future UniLab Structure

Management Team

Future UniLab Manager

Assists the Steering Committee, coordinates the activities of the think-tank and liaisons with the other Una Europa bodies.

Assistant Managers

Provide administrative support to the Future UniLab Manager as well as support the dissemination and visibility of information (and outputs) of the Future UniLab of the think-tank within and outside Una Europa.



Input



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Steering Committee's
own reflection

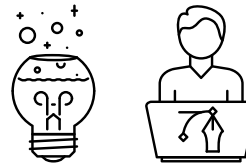


Una Europa Bodies



Academic Community
(participatory methodology)

Ideas Lab & Design Desk



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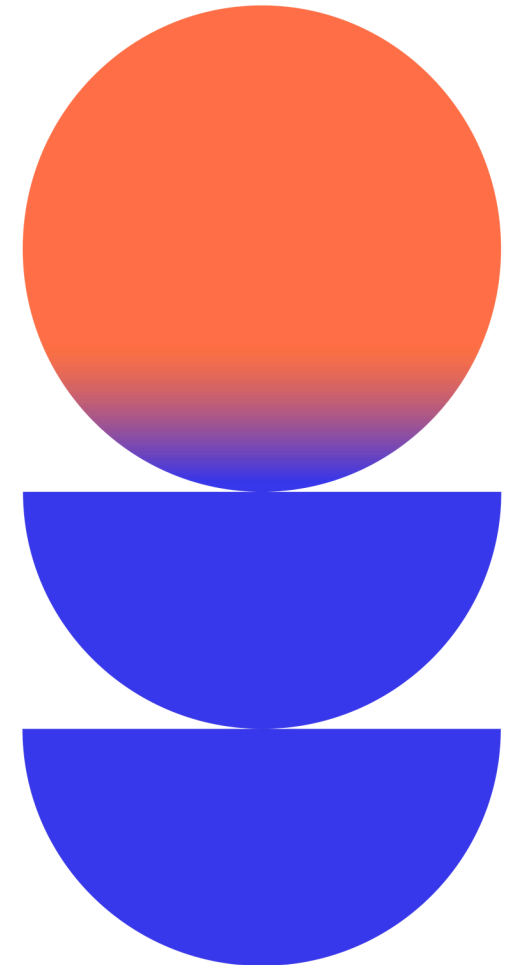
Once the challenges and opportunities are selected, they are handed to the Visionary teams.

Fellows who are appointed to work freely on one challenge or opportunity, receive the name of Visionaries. They are specialists from within and outside of academia who shall offer innovative solutions to the problems.

The output (the Ideas Lab) produced can be a:

- Concept note
- Report
- Prototype
- Position paper

Once the Visionaries present an idea, the Design team takes the lead by assisting the relevant Una Europa bodies in the implementation process by providing consultation, advice, and feedback.



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Challenges and Opportunities

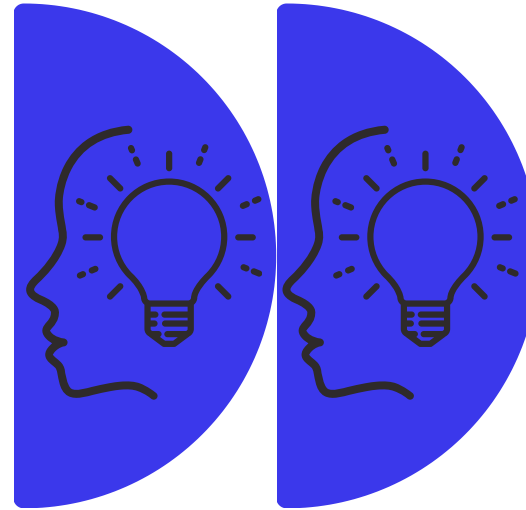


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Challenges

Fundamental problems for the future of universities.



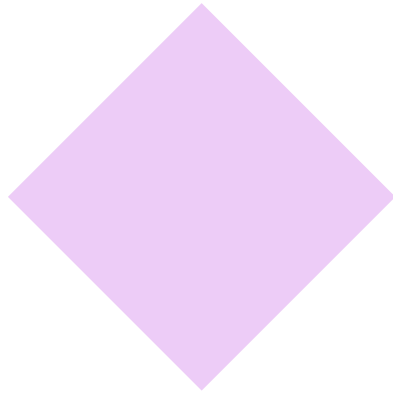
Opportunities

Circumstances potentially enabling rapid changes.

Selection of challenges and opportunities



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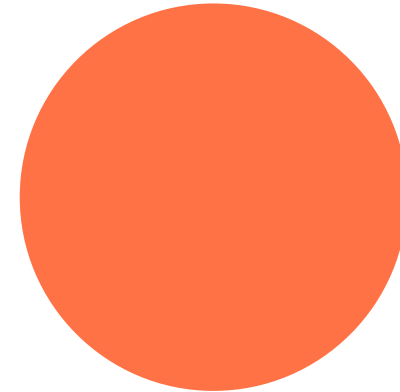
Complexity

Needs to contain complex and fundamental issues in the context of the future of universities.



Relevance

Relevant for the future of Una Europa.



Resourcefulness

Resources need to exist to tackle the given challenge/opportunity.

Current working themes



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The Evolving Role of the University

What will the university of 2050 look like—and what role should it play in a rapidly changing world? This visionary theme invites us to think critically about the future of higher education in the face of global challenges and emerging opportunities.

Core Values of Higher Education

What should guide universities in times of uncertainty? How can they stay true to their mission while navigating global challenges? This theme invites participants to reflect on the fundamental principles that define higher education, from academic freedom and open discourse to resilience, responsibility, and global engagement.



Examples of other identified challenges and called for solutions



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



The cocktail university - wealth in diversity and inclusion.



How can universities balance the need for international academic mobility with the urgent call for sustainable practices and reduced environmental impact?



The Una Forest concept aims at offsetting the environmental impact of academic travel by supporting sustainable reforestation efforts.



Which core values should inform the University of the Future to avoid the binaries of the traditional ivory tower and rigid managerialism?



Anti-Kafka Taskforce, which delivers the most critical messages about the useless tasks or unnecessary complexities which shift the universities away from their actual aims.

Want to see all the proposals of our Visionaries?
Scan or click [here](#)!



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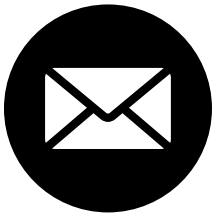


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