



INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRAINING WEEK 2024

Global Perspectives and Strategies in Higher Education Partnerships

7-11 October 2024, University of Padua, Italy

Partnerships are pivotal drivers of innovation, internationalization, and academic excellence in higher education. They facilitate research collaborations, promote cross-cultural exchange, and enrich the educational experience for students and faculty alike. Yet, harnessing the full potential of partnerships demands thoughtful planning and strategic foresight.

This International Staff Training Week aims to equip participants with best practices and strategies to not only identify promising partnership opportunities but also cultivate, monitor and sustain them effectively. Through the contribution of international speakers and presentation of case studies from across the globe, the event will look at ways of leveraging on mutual institutional strengths, and aligning partnership goals with broader academic and institutional objectives.

The event brings together International Officers, academic and professional staff engaged with or interested in developing strategic partnerships, and share best practices from across the globe.

Who can participate: professional and academic staff members from Higher Education Institutions across the globe. An active engagement of all participants is expected throughout the Training Week (case studies presentations, group work & discussion, etc.). Previous experience in strategic partnerships is considered as an asset.

When: from 7th to 11th October 2024

Where:

Day 1: Archivio Antico, Palazzo Bo, Via VIII febbraio 2, 35122 Padova

Days 2 and 3: Centro Universitario Padovano, Via Zabarella 82, 35121 Padova

Days 4 and 5: on site in the Department of interest

Costs: the event is free of charge. Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Language: English

Number of available places: 25



DAY 1 – Monday, 7th October 2024

Global perspectives on strategic partnerships

10:00 – 11:00	Welcome & Introduction Cristina Basso, Vice-Rector for International Relations, University of Padua
	How to approach strategic partnerships: global perspective Speaker TBC
	The University of Padua's approach to partnerships Alessandra Gallerano, Head of Projects & Mobility Office
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Case studies from different world regions Speakers TBC
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break & group picture</i>
14:30 – 16:00	Case studies from different world regions Speakers TBC
16:30 – 17:30	Guided Tour of Palazzo Bo
19:00	Welcome Aperitivo



DAY 2 – Tuesday, 8th October 2024

Maximising impact: partnerships evaluation and monitoring

9:00 – 11:00 **Case studies from different world regions**
Speakers TBC

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 13:00 **Case studies from different world regions**
Speakers TBC

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch Break*

14:30 – 16:00 **Group workshops in gallery-walk format**
Participants are divided into small groups to discuss, in turns, the topics presented during the morning plenary

16:00 - 16:30 **Workshops wrap-up & conclusions**

19:30 **Social Dinner**



DAY 3 - Wednesday, 9th October 2024
Strategic Partnerships: from theory to practice

9:00 – 11:00 **Partnerships for mobility**
Speakers TBC

Structured Partnerships
Speakers TBC

Network Partnerships
Speakers TBC

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 13:00 **European University Alliances**
Speakers TBC

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch Break*

14:30 – 16:00 **Group workshops in gallery-walk format**
Participants are divided into small groups to discuss, in turns, the topics presented during the morning plenary

16:00 - 16:30 **Workshops wrap-up & conclusions**

DAY 4 – Thursday 10th October 2024

All day: meetings with Departments / PMO (facilitated, but self-managed | optional activity)

DAY 5 – Friday 11th October 2024

All day: social programme tbd (optional activity)