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## 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.

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*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 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 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



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## DAY 1 – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Global perspectives on strategic partnerships

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10:00 – 11:00      **Welcome & Introduction**  
Cristina Basso, Vice-Rector for International Relations, University of Padua

**How to approach strategic partnerships: global perspective**  
Ian Creagh, HUMANE

**The University of Padua's approach to partnerships**  
Alessandra Gallerano, Head of Projects & Mobility Office

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11:00 – 11:30      *Coffee Break*

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

**The University of St Andrews**  
Samantha Lister, Director of the Global Office

**Technical University of Denmark**  
Morten Overgaard, Director, Office of International Education

**Keio University**  
Norihsa Miki, Chair, Committee for International Affairs of Faculty of Science and Technology - online

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13:00 – 14:30      *Lunch Break & group picture*

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**Case studies from different world regions**

**Monash University**  
Cecilia Hewlett, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Europe) - online

**Makerere University**  
Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor

14:30 – 16:00      *More speakers TBC*

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16:30 – 17:30      **Guided Tour of Palazzo Bo**

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19:00                **Welcome Aperitivo**

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## DAY 2 – Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Maximising impact: partnerships evaluation and monitoring

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

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11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

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#### **Case studies from different world regions**

##### **How to monitor and progress partnerships through training and staff engagement activities**

*Denis Dafflon, Director of International Relations, University of Lausanne*

11:30 – 13:00 *More speakers TBC*

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13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch Break*

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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

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

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19:30 **Social Dinner**

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**DAY 3 - Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**Strategic Partnerships: from theory to practice**

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9:00 – 11:00

**Partnerships for mobility**

- Blended Intensive Programmes – University of Padua
- Mobility Windows – University of Padua

**Structured Partnerships**

- Joint and Double Degree Programmes – University of Padua
- More speakers TBC

**Network Partnerships**

- Gwenaëlle Guillerme, Secretary General, T.I.M.E. Association
  - UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union
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11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

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11:30 – 13:00 **The Global Dimension of European University Alliances - Panel Discussion**  
Speakers TBC

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13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch Break*

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**DAY 4 – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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

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**DAY 5 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

All day: social programme tbd (optional activity)