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 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
Ian Creagh, HUMANE

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

11:00 – 11:30
Coffee Break

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
Norihisa Miki, Chair, Committee for International Affairs of Faculty of Science and Technology - online

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

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

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DAY 4 – Thursday 10th October 2024

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

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DAY 5 – Friday 11th October 2024

All day: social programme tbd (optional activity)