

COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGY

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Internationalization Objectives 2019-2023

- ✓ Define a strategic plan towards a UVic-UCC Comprehensive Internationalization framework
- ✓ Participate in the **European Universities Initiative** from Erasmus+ program
- ✓ Promote internationalization in emerging areas and at the Federative level (UMedicina, UManresa, UElisava)
- ✓ Progress towards a uniform improvement of the internationalization indicators



Comprehensive Internationalization

Internationalization Plan in 6 strategic areas:

- 1. Articulated institutional commitment**
- 2. Academic and administrative structure and processes**
- 3. Learning activities, curricular and extra-curricular**
- 4. Teaching policies**
- 5. Student mobility, PDI and PAS**
- 6. Collaboration and International Alliances**



The arrow across the bottom illustrates the interconnection of the individual pillars.

Progress (or lack thereof) in one area affects what can be achieved in others



Strategic Internationalization Plan - Implementation

1. **Average of 44% completion from the 146 actions in the Plan.**
2. **Progress especially in 1) Institutional Commitment (70%) and 2) Personnel Structure and Processes (51%)**
3. **What has been achieved so far will allow progress in the other areas**
4. **The effort to obtain the HRS4R seal has allowed progress in 4) Teaching Policies (54%)**

Àmbit Estratègic	Línies d'Actuació	Accions	% completió
Compromís Institucional	8	31	70%
Estructura i Processos	7	22	51%
Activitats d'Aprenentatge	6	16	23%
Polítiques de Professorat	8	20	54%
Mobilitat	9	32	32%
Aliances Internacionals	9	25	34%
	47	146	44%



Progress highlights in the area of Institutional Commitment

1. **Internationalization Plans at each faculty**
2. **Internationalization in emerging areas and at a federative level**
 - **Facultat de Medicina**
 - Internship mobility deployment (50% mobility rate!)
 - **Faculty of Design and Engineering Elisava**
 - Signature and digitalization of all Agreements (70% so far)
3. **Interaction between International Relations – Teaching – Research**
 - More transversal approach
4. **Language Policies UVic-UCC**
 - Constitution Linguistic Policies Commission
 - Improvement of the assisted translation service
5. **Optimization of existing resources**
 - Needs Assessment at Campus Vic faculties



Progress highlights in the area of Administrative Structure and Processes

1. Reinforcement of the IIRR Units

- International Units (Coordinator + Admin at each faculty)
- Reinforcement at International Relation Area and Professional Careers Service

2. Creation of Promotion and International Alliances Unit

- Functions:
 - Coordination of strategies and actions at federative level
 - International reputation, alliances and projects

3. Revision of processes and procedures

- Revision of UVic-UCC Mobility Regulations
- Harmonization of Mobility regulations across faculties

4. Promotion of University Language School

- Definition of the Language School Promotion Plan
- Pilot Plan for Language Promotion at the Faculty of Health

5. Promotion of volunteering, service-learning and International Cooperation

- Establishment of the Volunteering Office at UHub



Progress highlights in the area of Learning Activities

1. Continuous Education and Study Abroad

- New lines of Study Abroad courses in the area of Engineering
- New edition of MBA program for international students from China

2. Degree International Programmes

- New guidelines and courses of online and hybrid mobility (COIL and BIP)
- Plan for progressive English subjects at the Health faculty
- Meetings with degree coordination to promote mobility embedding

3. Master degree internationalization

- New international master programs in Engineering and Biomedicine in preparation

4. Doctoral Programs

- New funding agreement for International PhD and Postdoc grants with *Fundación Carolina*



Progress highlights in the area of Staff Policies

1. Staff recruitment

- HRS4R Seal implementation
- International dissemination of new positions
- Creation of the *International Support Point for Staff*

2. Recognition of International Experience

- Incorporation of Internationalization criteria in the Professional Development Plan (Udocentia)

3. Staff Mobility Plan (as part of HRS4R actions)

- Facilitation and promotion of staff mobility
- Increase of the funding for the internal research mobility grants

4. Promotion of incoming staff mobility

- Revision and publication of Visiting Staff forms and procedures



Progress highlights in the area of Mobility

1. Increase in Training Mobility (857 students Vic+Manresa)

- Participation of Erasmus+ training of Umanresa students
- Recognition of Good Practices from the Spanish Internationalization Agency (SEPIE)

2. Increase of Student Mobility at federation level

- Increase of the Erasmus+ 2022 KA1 budget
- Implementation of the first BIP Programs
- High mobility expectations for outgoing students in the new Elisava Faculty of Design and Engineering

3. Language coaching

- Personalized meetings with Language School at each faculty

4. PhD mobility

- Short stays for PhD training through Erasmus +
- Increase in internal PhD mobility grants



Progress highlights in the area of Collaboration and Alliances

- 1. Improvement of the International section of the institutional web**
 - New icon and section at the UVic Web
 - Increase and improvement of the English web contents
- 2. Participation in European Universities Initiative**
 - Up University Consortium with stable and trustworthy partners
- 3. International recognitions and projects**
 - Times Higher Education Ranking positioning
 - UManresa projects (Latam, RECLA...)
- 4. Planning for better positioning in Networks and agreements**
- 5. Regional collaboration**
 - ‘Creacció’, City Council and business associations as *Associated Partner* in EUI

Thanks for your attention...

European Universities Initiative

The Uvic-UCC Strategic Plan has been aligned with the EUI priorities

