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HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Unifi International

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INTERNAZIONALIZATION

INTERNATIONAL COURSES (IN ENGLISH)

EXEMPLE: Sustainable Business

DOUBLE & JOINT DEGREES

ERASMUS PLUS (IN & OUT), GRANTS TO STUDY OUTSIDE EU
ERASMUS ITALIANO

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FOUNDATION FOR AFRICA &
POSSIBILITY TO BE TUTOR IN AFRICA

**BLENDED (SHORT) INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES &
MICROCREDENTIALS TO ENHANCE REQUESTED SKILLS (e.g
MULTILINGUALISM, SOFT SKILLS, WRITING RESEARCH PROJECTS,
ETC)**

**EUNIWELL (UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE
FOR WELLBEING)**

**INTERNATIONALIZATION AT HOME (EXCHANGE WITH US
UNIVERSITIES, JOINT CLASSES, ACTIVITIES, SEMINARS ETC)**



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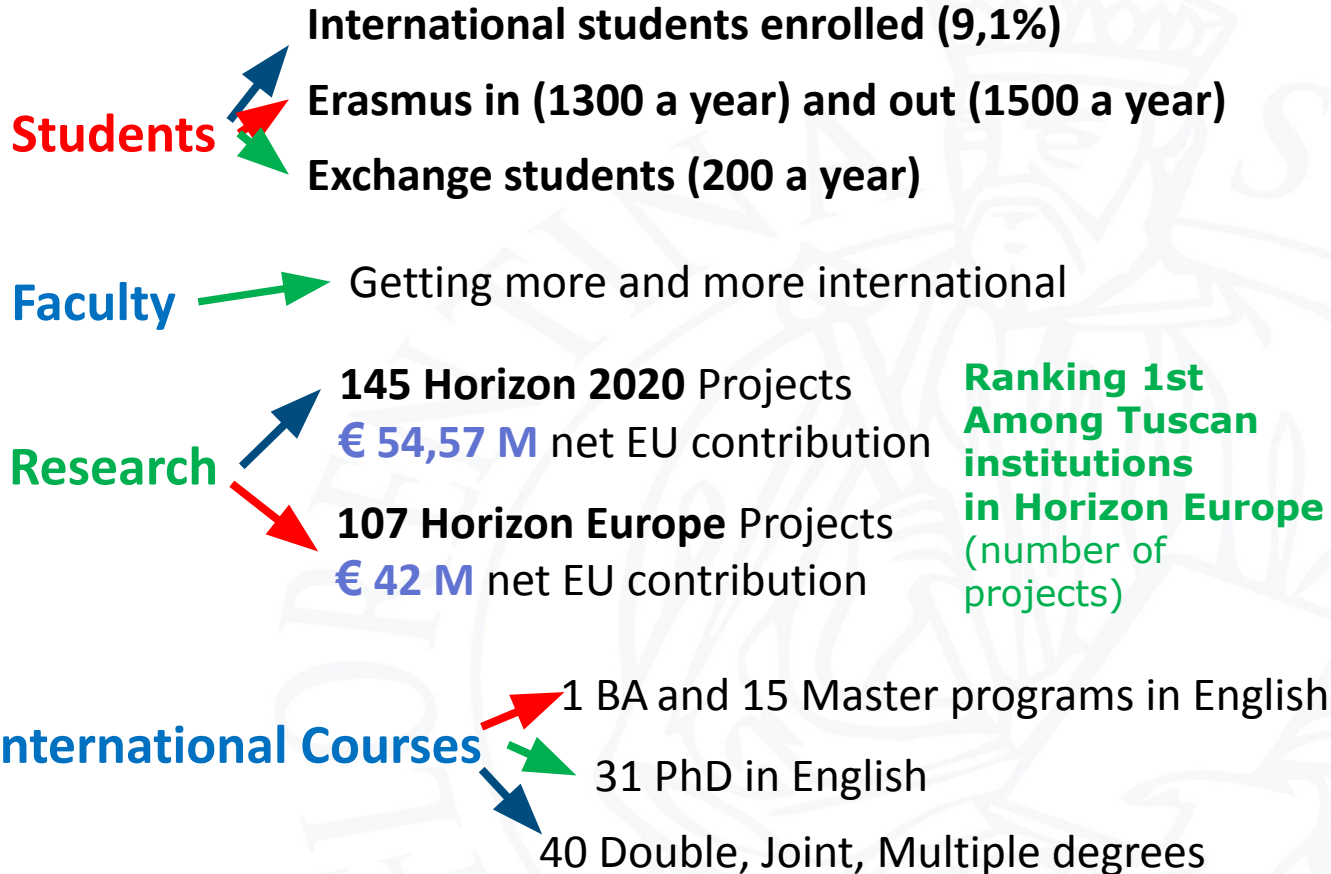
Firenze is unique in the world: art, culture, education... many **international institutions and foreign Universities** (46 campus of US study abroad, The European University Institute, 6 French Universities in Villa Finaly, Unicef, the EU archives.....)

UNIFI is a research University with a civic flavour (well integrated in the town) & it is an ideal setting for experimenting with innovative approaches to education and training.

UNIFI is very international, has many international students, is one of the **most wanted Erasmus location**, it is a founding member of **EUniWell, the European Alliance for wellbeing** and of **IHEA**, Higher Education Foundation WITH Africa, running transnational education programmes with and in Africa

Opportunities for students: live in an international town/world

Different Aspects of Internationalization



Different aspects of Internationalization, 2

- **Over 500 international cooperation agreements** with Universities in 100 different countries (and exchange students)
- **Over 600 Erasmus agreements with Higher Education Institutions**
- On the way to have **guidelines for free movers**
- Winner of many KA171 projects with different countries in the world
- Incentives (and **ad hoc grants**) to extra-EU mobility for students
- **An aim of 50% mobility by 2027** (including staff)

Opportunities for students: worldwide mobility



European Centre of Excellence Jean Monnet since 1999 (almost continuously)

Opportunities for students: European values

Internationalization within Florence (special characteristic of UNIFI, internationalization@home)

40+ US Universities (highest per capita presence), different agreements

- Joint lectures with mixed classes (Syracuse)
- Possibilities for PhD students to organize joint seminars/ workshop (Stanford) & Unifi students to attend Stanford in Florence classes
- Many other possibilities (fee waiver for US attendance- Middlebury; rooms for UNIFI students...) & ideas to be explored (grants for STEM students; possibility of outposts, etc)
- We are currently mapping what we have

Agreements with EUI & several other International Institutions in Florence (Unicef, British Institute, Monash- European Research Foundation- ETS.....) to enhance joint research, apply to EU grants, organize joint programmes...

Opportunities for students: experience a unique type of internationalization

New opportunities for international students

- **Welcome package** for incoming students (and possibly visiting professors). An MOU with Confcommercio to have **discounts in coffee places, restaurants, shops and supermarkets**, as well as gym and disco for international and erasmus students; **multicultural tutor** that help international students to get the «permesso di soggiorno», psychological help ...but also **help with anxiety for the exams**
- We need to do more with housing (but it depends on the region/local authorities not on University)
- **Microcredentials for credit** (short courses on specific skills) to improve employability (and lifelong learning)
- **Joint applications to EU funding with partners**, e.g. KA171, but also Horizon funds, Regio funds, global gateway funding, to enhance possibilities of mobility (outside Europe)

World leading museums: a unique experience that only UNIFI can provide

With its ten million specimens and more than four centuries of history, the **Museum of Natural History is the most important naturalistic museum in Italy and one of the largest internationally.** It is divided into the locations of La Specola', La Pira, Palazzo Nonfinito.



La specola



Geology and Panteology



Villa la Quiete/Botticelli



**Botanical Gardens, with
a lily dedicated to UNIFI**



Anthropology and Ethnology



Villa Galileo

University participation in the Expo

UNIFI, in a joint mission with the city, participated in Dubai Expo (2021-2022). UNIFI researchers made a **copy of Michelangelo's David printed in 3-D which** was the centerpiece of the Italy Pavilion. For five centuries, Michelangelo's David has been celebrated for its sculptural perfection. **The twin highlighted the connection between Italian craftsmanship and high-tech expertise in the digital age.** "It's technology tied to historical memory, for future memory " (NYTimes)

*High-Tech Twin
for a
Renaissance
Masterpiece
(projected and
done by UNIFI
researchers)*



In Osaka UNIFI will participate in the Expo with the Tuscan region and is going to present prof Cavallo & colleagues' research on **robotics for active and healthy ageing**

Opportunities for students: to be involved in these projects

But the landscape where Universities operate has changed...

A University on its own can be too small to compete with equal forces... **The new framework is the European University Alliances**

The European University alliances are a **flagship initiative of the European strategy for universities**, which aims to **improve the international competitiveness of higher education institutions in Europe and promote European values and identity**

UNIFI is a founding member of EUniWell

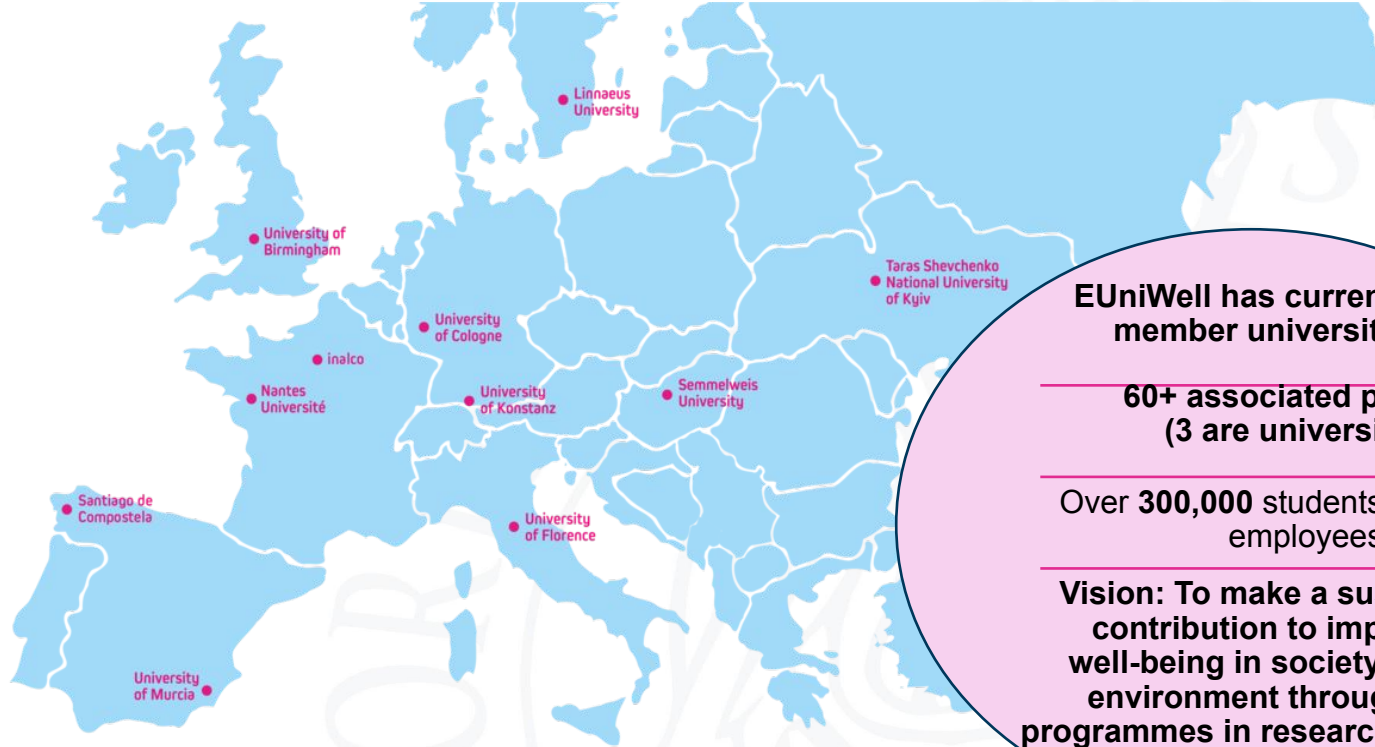
EUniWell is centered around 5 research Arenas

1. Health and Well-Being (*SDG 3*)
2. Social Equality and Well-Being (*SDG 16*)
3. Environmental change and Well-Being (*SDG 11*)
4. Culture, Multilingualism and Well-being (*SDG 10*)
5. Teacher Education and Well-being (*SDG 4*)

Its aim is to **be a civic university** (mayor assembly together with rectors' assembly) & to **eventually award a European degree** (recognized in the whole of Europe).

European Alliances are the present & the future of Universities

EUniWell, the European alliance for well-being in numbers



EUniWell has currently 11 member universities

**60+ associated partners
(3 are universities)**

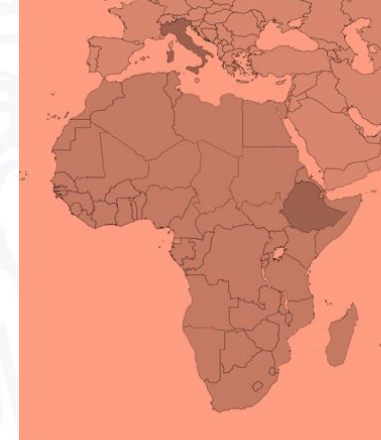
Over 300,000 students and 50,000 employees

Vision: To make a sustainable contribution to improving well-being in society and the environment through joint programmes in research, teaching, innovation, and transfer

Opportunities for students: seed funding, travel, joint courses etc

Outside Europe: IHEA Foundation: The Partnership Value & 6 Italian Universities

- The Italian-Higher Education with Africa (IHEA) Foundation aims to offer a university-level, multi-scope and educational programme of support, **specifically tailored to the African continent**
- University of Bologna, University of Padua, University of Florence, University of Napoli Federico II, University of Roma la Sapienza and Politecnico di Milano are the founders and only members of IHEA



The IHEA Foundation identifies its strategic mission in carrying out activities aimed at promoting and developing ad-hoc scientific interdisciplinarity, capacity building and empowerment of students and staff members from African Universities

Opportunities for students: become tutors of IHEA, travel to Africa, be part of research projects....

In summary

The landscape has changed in the past few years (from Brexit to the instability of countries in situation of fragility where is unsafe to go for research, even beside the stops due to Covid and wars, US becoming less attractive).

Universities are adapting to this different international environment

UNIFI is already moving in this direction, based on the existing network of long-term international relationships

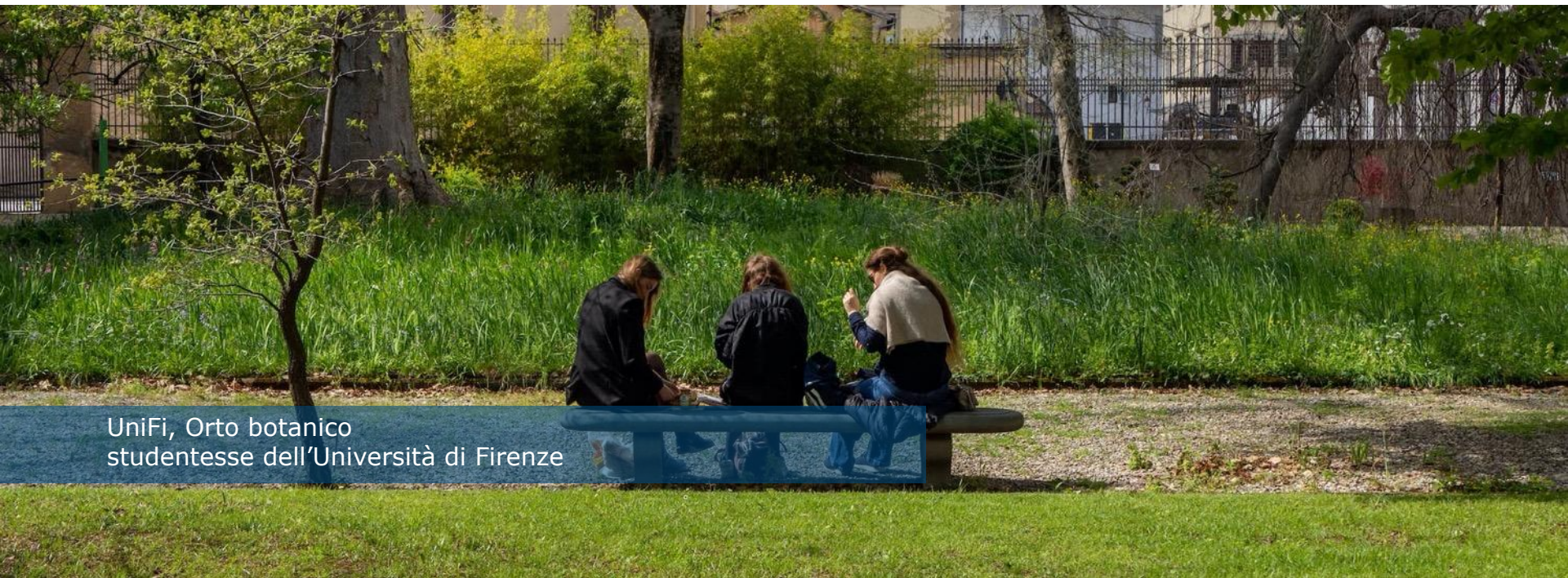
Unifi is well placed, given its international stance and focus

Opportunities for our international students are many: form innovative courses with double and multiple degrees to become a tutor, from apply for seed funding money to get a grant to study non only at UNIFI but also at other prestigious Universities around the world, from participating to the birth of a European University to

THANKS!



Waiting for your arrival !



UniFi, Orto botanico
studentesse dell'Università di Firenze

ECONOMICS & MANAGEMENT 1st level degrees

ECONOMIA AZIENDALE

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS FOR SOCIETAL CHALLENGES



ECONOMIA E COMMERCIO

SVILUPPO SOSTENIBILE, COOPERAZIONE E GESTIONE DEI CONFLITTI



Most Courses

STATISTICA

ECONOMICS & MANAGEMENT 1st level degrees

ACCOUNTING AUDITING E CONTROLLO



Curriculum

**DESIGN OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM SYSTEMS –
PROGETTAZIONE DEI SISTEMI TURISTICI**



**ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT- ECONOMIA POLITICA E
SVILUPPO ECONOMICO**



**FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT - FINANZA E GESTIONE DEL
RISCHIO**



GOVERNO E DIREZIONE D'IMPRESA

**ECONOMIA, ISTITUZIONI E SOSTENIBILITA'/
ECONOMICS, INSTITUTIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY**



STATISTICA E DATA SCIENCE