



UniAdrion Charter

Art. 1 Aims and Institutional objectives of UniAdrion Network

UniAdrion Network (the Network of the Universities of the Adriatic and Ionian Basin) has been established with the purpose to create a permanent connection among Universities and Research and Development Centres of the Adriatic and Ionian Basin, thus strengthening inter-university co-operation. The co-operation established by UniAdrion is multidisciplinary and covers the following areas: protection, cataloguing and promotion of cultural heritage; environment (including also environmental physics) and sustainable development; cultural tourism and development; economics, communication, harbours and trade relations; structure and organisation of the UniAdrion network. Besides triggering off an extremely innovative and high-level intellectual and scientific synergy, the UniAdrion network intends to provide a concrete contribution both to the realisation of E.U. enlargement and integration and to the implementation of human rights. Therefore, the interaction among the Universities of the Adriatic and Ionian Basin is a crucial phase towards a united, stronger and more democratic Europe, ready to open its borders and to include candidate countries.

Art. 2 Members

Regular members of UniAdrion are the Universities that have signed the Ravenna Declaration within the 31st January 2001. After that date, only the Universities which forward their request to the UniAdrion Assembly, in charge of examining and approving the applications, can become members of UniAdrion. Each Member University is represented in the UniAdrion Assembly by the Chancellor or his/her delegate.

Art. 3 Associate Members

Both individuals or juridical entities can join UniAdrion as Associate Members. In order to enter the UniAdrion Network, they should agree with and actively and concretely co-operate to achieve the aims of UniAdrion. The Assembly is in charge of examining the Associate Members applications and to accept/refuse them.

Associate Members are entitled to take part in the Assembly but have only right of speech.



Art. 4 UniAdrion Bodies

The authorities of UniAdrion are:

- A. the General Assembly
- B. the President
- C. the Board of Advisors
- D. the Executive Secretariat

Art. 5 The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the forum for the consideration and the definition of policies - including the cultural policy - and of the programmes of UniAdrion Network. The guidelines fixed by the Assembly are followed by the Scientific Commission.

The General Assembly is composed of the Chancellors (or their delegates) from the member Universities of UniAdrion Network.

In each session, the President of the Assembly is the Chancellor from the University hosting the Assembly meeting.

The quorum for an official meeting will be half plus one of the total Members of the Assembly. No decision will be valid if taken without the above mentioned compulsory quorum.

A majority of the voting members participating into the meeting is required to take the following decisions:

- A. approval of the budget and of the final balance;
- B. election of the President of UniAdrion;
- C. election of the members of the Board of Advisors;

A majority of 2/3 of the voting members present at the meeting is required to take the following decisions:

- D. changes in the Charter of UniAdrion;
- E. examination of the applications and their acceptance/refusal.

The Assembly meets at least once a year.

Art. 6 UniAdrion President

UniAdrion President shall hold office for a period of two years. The President legally represents UniAdrion.

He/She suggests the name of the prospective vice-President to the Board of Advisors, having selected it from the Members of the Board of Advisors themselves. The Vice-President assists the President and, in case of absence of the President, he substitutes him/her.



The President takes care of the good implementation of the decisions and of the activities promoted by UniAdrion. The President has the responsibility to perform all the actions needed for an efficient running of the Network and ensures the necessary connection with the Executive Secretariat.

Art. 7 The Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors is composed of the President of UniAdrion and of seven Members, who are not necessarily part of the General Assembly.

The Board of Advisors represents the executive body of the Network:

The Board of Advisors, following the political and general policy guidelines of the Assembly,

- A. ensures the permanent operativeness of the Forum on UniAdrion web site;
- B. provides formal validation and approval of the projects - founded by UniAdrion or for projects for which the founding organisation require the consent - after having consulted the competent Scientific Commissions, and takes all the decisions necessary to their implementation;
- C. co-ordinates the general guidelines which have to be followed by the Scientific Commissions in the definition of their work.
- D. maintains contacts with the European and the international bodies in charge of the policies and financial tools for the development of the co-operation.

Moreover, the Board of Advisors gives special attention to its relationships with the governments of the member Countries of UniAdrion and with the EU, in order to enhance the policies and the national tools which can help the development of UniAdrion and in order to find financial channels which can co-finance the realisation of the project for the Network.

Decisions by the Board of Advisors are taken by majority vote. In case of an equal number of votes, the President of UniAdrion has double vote.

Art. 8 Executive Secretariat

The Executive Secretariat is the technical body which is responsible for the management and running of UniAdrion organisation and network. In particular, it has the duty to check the progress in the implementation of each project and undertakes this task in co-operation with their coordinators.

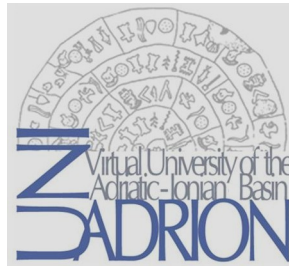
The E.S. informs the Board of Advisors of the situation assessed.

The Executive Secretariat is located in Ravenna. It is coordinated by the University of Bologna and operates through its facilities.

Art. 9 Identification and Approval Procedure of the Projects.

The proposal of a new project can be submitted by a professor, by a research centre, a faculty, or an institute belonging to a UniAdrion University member. Research or training projects proposed by a

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group of professors or by faculties are preferred to those proposed by a single professor. Considering the regional setting out of UniAdrion, projects must involve the largest number of Member countries within the Adriatic-Ionic Initiative in order to be evaluated.

The proposal of a new project has to be introduced to the Executive Secretariat, which will submit it to the competent Scientific Commission, that will pronounce its opinion about it. The proposal then undergoes the evaluation by the Board of Advisors, which formally approves the project.

Art. 10 The seat.

UniAdrion' seat is located in Ravenna.

Art. 11 Instruments of technical-scientific advice.

The Scientific Commissions are established for each single discipline involved in UniAdrion. These Commissions constitute the scientific reference for every single project implemented by UniAdrion. All member universities can designate one representative in the Commission/s, whose themes are of their specific interest.

The Scientific Commissions are responsible for the quality of the projects promoted by the Network.

Temporary rule.

In the first two-year period of the activities, the President of UniAdrion shall be selected from an Italian University; the Board of Advisors shall include one representative from each member country of the Network.