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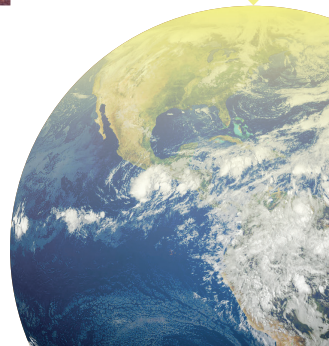
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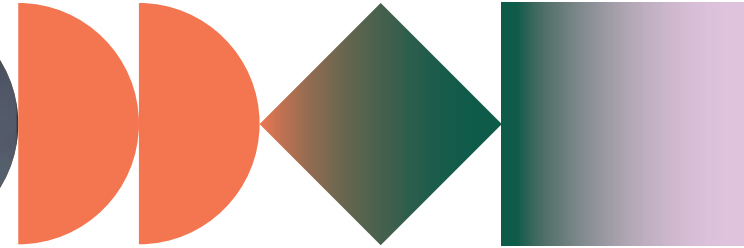
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Welcome message



Dear Rectors, Colleagues, Students, and Friends,

It is a great pleasure and honour to welcome you to the Una Europa General Assembly, hosted this year by Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna. This event is an opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment to the Alliance and to strengthen our collaboration.

Una Europa connects people, inspires views, and shares resources to tackle local and global challenges. Together, we are shaping a truly integrated European inter-university campus where knowledge, talent, and innovation flow freely and grow extensively.

In recent years, our alliance has made impressive strides in fostering mobility, joint research, and interdisciplinary education. These efforts unite our universities and empower students, faculty, and staff to reach our strategic goals.

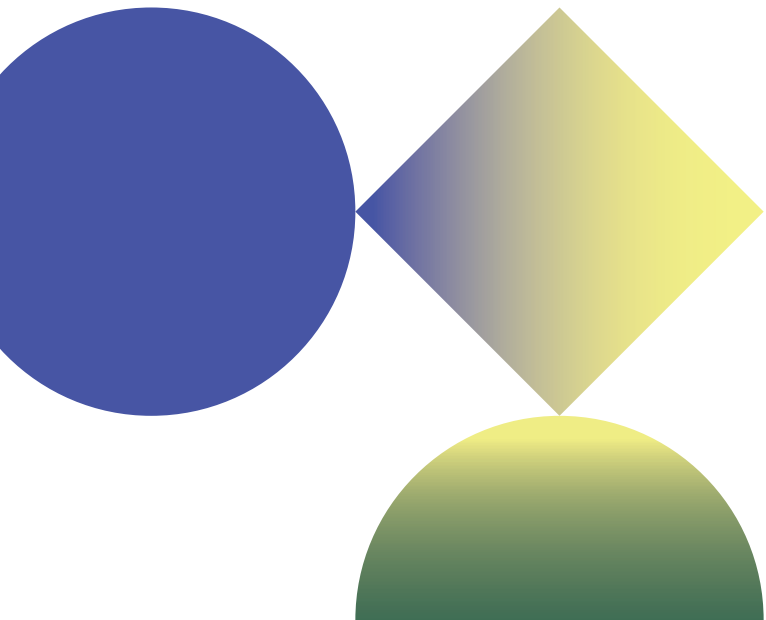
As we gather at the University of Bologna, an institution renowned for academic excellence and its pivotal role in many crucial moments in the history of higher education, we celebrate our achievements while looking to the future. The challenges ahead call for even deeper collaboration, innovative thinking, and a steadfast commitment to creating a sustainable, inclusive, and globally influential academic community.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who contribute to Una Europa: the Rectors and leadership teams, the faculty and staff, and the students. Their expertise, dedication, and enthusiasm inspire and drive our efforts forward. Welcome to Bologna and to an Assembly that I am confident will spark ideas and initiatives to guide Una Europa toward new horizons.

With warm regards.

Prof. Giovanni Molari | Rector
AlmaMaterStudiorum - Università di Bologna

Una Europa General Assembly



The University of Bologna is glad to host the Una Europa General Assembly as an opportunity to celebrate the well-established role of international relations in academic contexts, promote joint reflections on their developments, and further support transnational interactions.

The history of the University of Bologna is deeply intertwined with the very history of international relations in academic settings, with remarkable steps forward in both the conception and life of academic institutions taking place on its premises. Events such as the signing of the so-called Bologna Process and the Magna Charta Universitatum have undoubtedly constituted landmarks in the transformation and impact of universities worldwide.

More recently, the European Universities Initiative has called for a deeper level of integration between universities across Europe, paving the way for innovative educational formats and new kinds of synergies.

Building on the results already achieved in its first five years, the Una Europa community will engage in an intense dialogue both within the Alliance and with prominent external stakeholders to address changes and challenges ahead in the national and international contexts.

This dialogue will take place in the broader scenario of relations between different European Alliances, international networks, public and private institutions, and societies at large. The General Assembly and Una Europa Talk will benefit from contributions from diverse backgrounds and standpoints, all united by the firm belief that universities are to play a transformative role globally—and that they can only achieve this by increasingly fostering their international dimension.





Wednesday 27 November

08.15 - 09.45	<p>Closed meeting of the Board of Directors 📍 Sala Consiglio, Rettorato</p>
09.00 - 10.00	<p>“Una Europa for newcomers” by Senior Local Leads 📍 Aula G, Plesso Belmeloro</p>
09.00 - 12.15	<p>Edu+ Working Group 📍 Sala Camino, Palazzina della Viola</p> <p>Future UniLab 📍 Sala Magna Charta, Rettorato</p>
10.15 - 12.15	<p>Teaching & Learning Cluster 📍 Aula H, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Quality Assurance Cluster 📍 Aula I, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Educational Design and Technology Cluster 📍 Aula L, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Legal Cluster 📍 Aula Manfredi, Accademia delle Scienze</p> <p>SSC Future Materials 📍 Aula M, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>SSC Europe&World 📍 Aula Q, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>SSC Sustainability 📍 Aula C, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>SSC One Health 📍 Aula P, Plesso Belmeloro</p>

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10.15 - 12.15	<p>SSC Cultural Heritage 📍 Aula E, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>SSC DS&AI 📍 Aula F, Plesso Belmeloro</p>
10.30 - 12.15	<p>Joint Meeting: Board of Directors - Student Board 📍 Sala Consiglio, Rettorato</p> <p>International Task Force - Latin America Working Group 📍 Sala Giunta, Rettorato</p>
12.30 - 13.30	<p>Lunch 📍 Plesso Belmeloro</p>
14.00 - 16.00	<p>Board of Directors meeting 📍 Sala Consiglio, Rettorato</p> <p>Mobility Cluster 📍 Aula H, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Research coordination Cluster 📍 Aula I, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Doctoral Training Cluster 📍 Aula L, Plesso Belmeloro</p>

Legend:

	Open to all		Governance meetings
	Subject-related working meetings		Social programme





Wednesday 27 November

14.00 - 16.00	<p>Student Administration Cluster 📍 Aula Manfredi, Accademia delle Scienze</p> <p>SSC Future Materials 📍 Aula M, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>SSC Europe & World 📍 Aula Q, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Task Force + SSC Sustainability 📍 Aula C, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>SSC One Health 📍 Aula P, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>SSC Cultural Heritage 📍 Aula E, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>SSC DS&AI 📍 Aula F, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Diversity Council 📍 Sala Giunta, Rettorato</p> <p>Student Engagement Team 📍 Sala Camino, Palazzina della Viola</p> <p>Language Centers Group 📍 Aula G, Plesso Belmeloro</p>
16.30 - 18.00	<p>Una Europa Open Session “The Transformative Power of European Alliances After the First Five Years” 📍 Aula B, Plesso Belmeloro</p>
19.00 - 23.30	<p>5th Anniversary Celebration & Dinner 📍 Palazzo Re Enzo</p>

Thursday 28 November

09.00 - 10.00	<p>External Advisory Board kick-off meeting 📍 Sala Magna Charta, Rettorato</p>
09.00 - 10.30	<p>General Assembly Procedural Meeting 📍 Sala Consiglio, Rettorato</p> <p>Diversity Council 📍 Sala Giunta, Rettorato</p> <p>Chairs of Clusters 📍 Aula Q, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Blockchain Working Group 📍 Aula I, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Workshop “The Red Nose principle”[®] by Britta Piel - Resilient people, resilient organizations: using humor to foster connection, well-being, and authentic leadership 📍 Aula C, Plesso Belmeloro</p> <p>Workshop “Micro-credentials: from the European concept to an effective international programme” by Amandine Duraz & Lara Sorrentino 📍 Aula E, Plesso Belmeloro</p>

Legend:

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Thursday 28 November

10.45 - 12.15 Una Europa Talk “Connections in International Relations - Competition vs. Integration” & PhD Impact Award Ceremony
 📍 Aula B, Plesso Belmeloro

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
 📍 Plesso Belmeloro

14.00 - 15.00 Joint meeting: Student Administration Cluster + Teaching & Learning Cluster + Mobility Cluster
 📍 Aula F, Plesso Belmeloro

Legal Cluster
 📍 Aula B, Plesso Belmeloro

Joint meeting: Edu+ Working Group + SSC Cultural Heritage
 📍 Aula D, Plesso Belmeloro

14.00 - 16.00 Senior Local Leads meeting
 📍 Sala Camino, Palazzina della Viola

Student Board meeting
 📍 Sala Giunta, Rettorato

Research coordination Cluster
 📍 Aula L, Plesso Belmeloro

Doctoral Training Cluster
 📍 Aula M, Plesso Belmeloro

Quality Assurance Cluster
 📍 Aula C, Plesso Belmeloro

Educational Design and Technology Cluster
 📍 Aula G, Plesso Belmeloro

SSC Future Materials
 📍 Aula Q, Plesso Belmeloro

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14.00 - 16.00 SSC Sustainability
 📍 Aula H, Plesso Belmeloro

Blockchain Working Group
 📍 Aula I, Plesso Belmeloro

SSC Europe & World
 📍 Aula Farneti, Palazzo Hercolani, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali

SSC One Health
 📍 Aula E, Plesso Belmeloro

SSC DS & AI
 📍 Aula III, Dipartimento di Scienze Statistiche

14.00 - 17.00 Deep-dive: External Advisory Board + Board of Directors + Rectors
 📍 Sala Consiglio, Rettorato

Work Package Coordination meeting
 📍 Aula P, Plesso Belmeloro

15.00 - 16.00 Mobility Cluster
 📍 Aula F, Plesso Belmeloro

Joint meeting: Student Administration Cluster + Teaching & Learning Cluster + Legal Cluster + SSC Cultural Heritage
 📍 Aula D, Plesso Belmeloro

16.00 - 18.30 Free time or social activities upon registration

Friday 29 November

09.00 - 11.00

Student Board meeting

📍 Aula P, Plesso Belmeloro

Teaching & Learning Cluster

📍 Aula H, Plesso Belmeloro

Mobility Cluster

📍 Aula I, Plesso Belmeloro

Doctoral Training Cluster

📍 Aula M, Plesso Belmeloro

Student Administration Cluster

📍 Aula F, Plesso Belmeloro

Quality Assurance Cluster

📍 Aula C, Plesso Belmeloro

Educational Design and Technology Cluster

📍 Aula B, Plesso Belmeloro

Legal Cluster

📍 Aula E, Plesso Belmeloro

Student Engagement Team

📍 Aula L, Plesso Belmeloro

Diversity Council

📍 Sala Giunta, Rettorato

Una.Futura Steering committee meeting

📍 Aula Q, Plesso Belmeloro

10.30 - 12.15

International Task Force - Latin America Working Group

📍 Aula G, Plesso Belmeloro– Building A

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11.15 - 13.00

Free time or social activities upon registration

13.00 - 14.30

Farewell lunch

📍 Plesso Belmeloro

Legend:



Open to all



Governance meetings

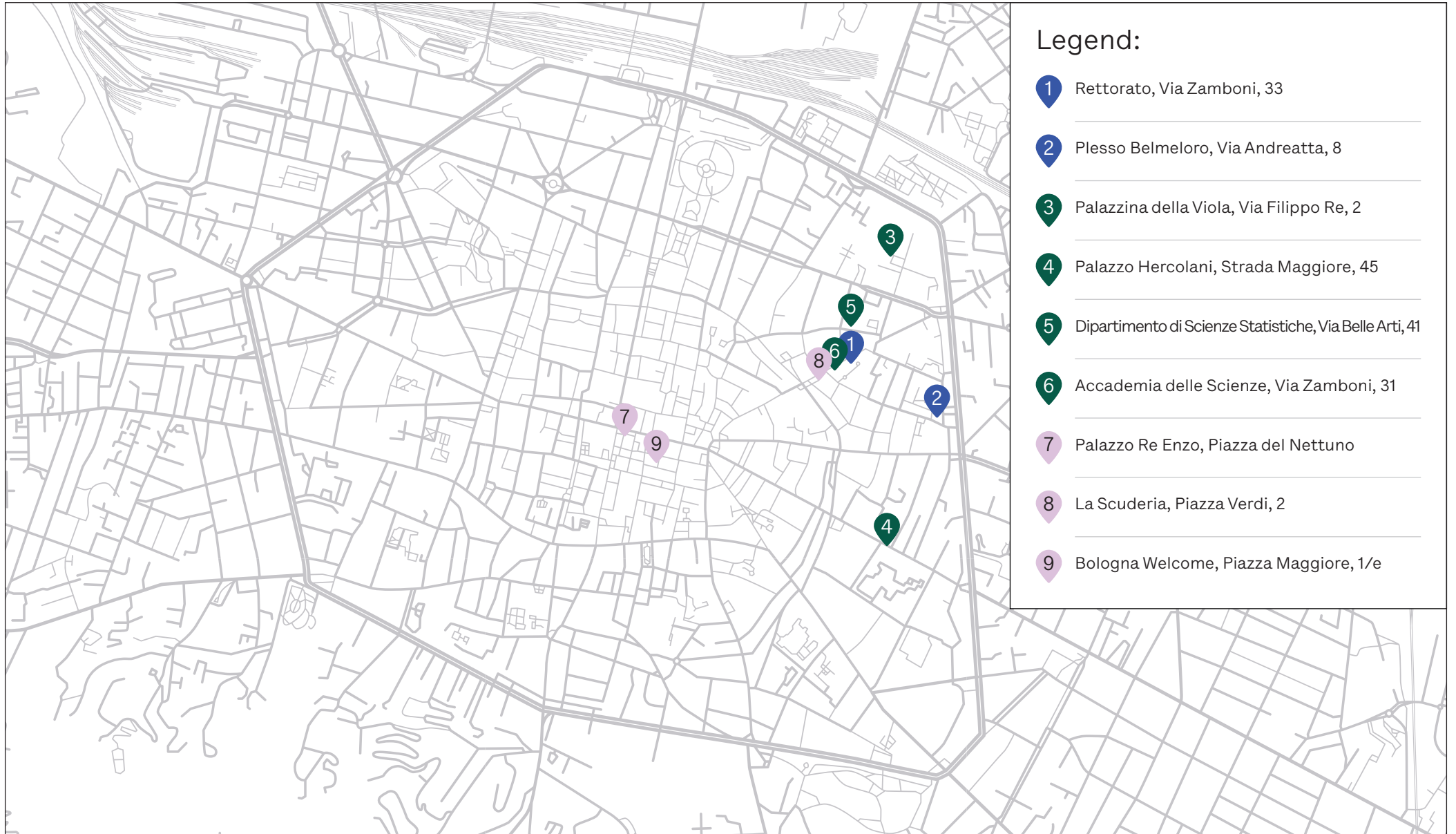


Subject-related working meetings



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Location guide



Legend:

- 1 Rettorato, Via Zamboni, 33

- 2 Plesso Belmeloro, Via Andreatta, 8

- 3 Palazzina della Viola, Via Filippo Re, 2

- 4 Palazzo Hercolani, Strada Maggiore, 45

- 5 Dipartimento di Scienze Statistiche, Via Belle Arti, 41

- 6 Accademia delle Scienze, Via Zamboni, 31

- 7 Palazzo Re Enzo, Piazza del Nettuno

- 8 La Scuderia, Piazza Verdi, 2

- 9 Bologna Welcome, Piazza Maggiore, 1/e

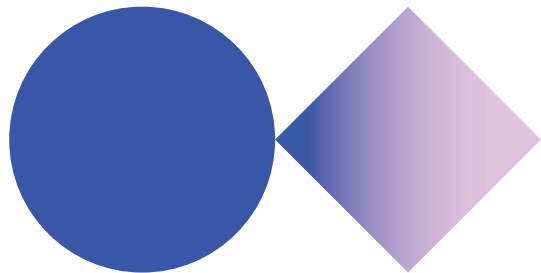


Event highlights / 01

Una Europa Open Session “The Transformative Power of European Alliances after the First Five Years”

27 November 2024

Aula B, Plesso Belmeloro | 16.30-18.00



In the past five years, European University alliances have emerged as a new model of transnational collaboration, driven by EU policies, national stakeholders, and the commitment of pioneering Higher Education Institutions. These alliances aim to elevate internationalisation, foster deeper collaboration, enhance academic excellence, and promote innovation and inclusivity in education. Recognised by policymakers and universities alike, they play a key role in pedagogical innovation, integrating education and research, and transforming transnational collaboration.

The European University Initiative positions these alliances as pivotal to reshaping higher education, though this transformational process requires time, continuity, and engagement.

The session, titled “The Transformative Power of European University Alliances After the First Five Years,” explores the impact, challenges, and future strategies of these alliances, focusing on their influence on the Italian university system and its internationalisation. By bringing together diverse panelists, the session seeks to foster dialogue, deepen understanding, and generate insights to guide the future of higher education collaboration across Europe.



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Event highlights / 02

Una Europa Talk “Connections in International Relations. Competition vs. Integration” & PhD Impact Award Ceremony

28 November 2024

Aula B, Plesso Belmeloro | 10.45-12.15

Una Europa Talks foster dialogue between academia and the public. In this edition, experts consider how European Universities alliances have introduced new modes of cooperation in a rapidly evolving international context, characterised by challenges such as demographic changes, migration, limited financial resources, and growing environmental concerns.

Drawing on the expertise of panellists Vice-Chancellor Nana Aba Appiah Amfo (University of Ghana) and Dr Piero Venturi (European Commission), the Talk will examine how universities can formulate global strategies that not only highlight the distinctive features of each institution but also identify synergies with others.

Participants will explore how international cooperation can achieve a balance between inter-institutional integration and competition among partners, fostering a sustainable model in the long term.



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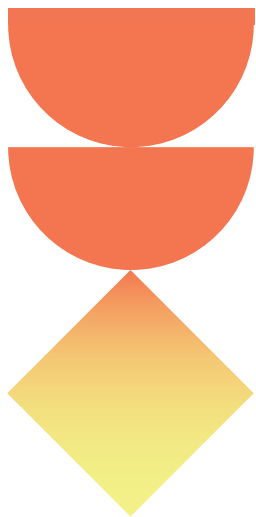


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5th Anniversary Celebration & Dinner

27 November 2024

Palazzo Re Enzo | 19.00 - 23.30

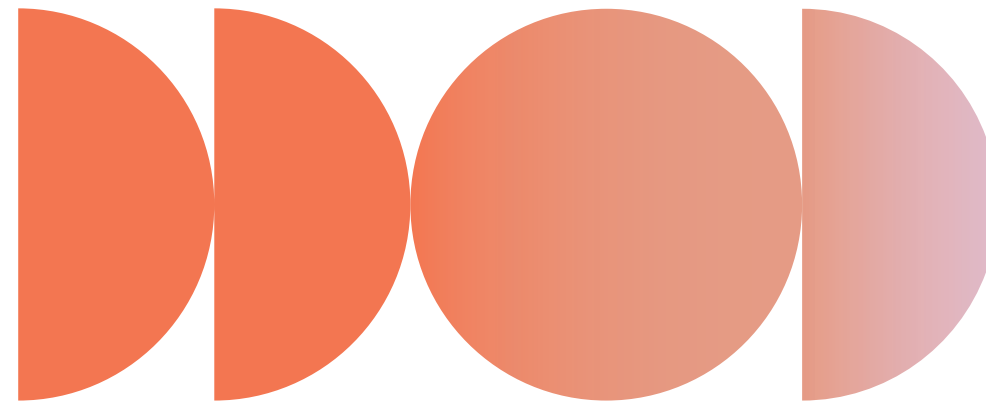


The Gala Dinner will be hosted at Palazzo Re Enzo, an iconic historical building located in the heart of Bologna, right on Piazza Maggiore. Dating back to the 13th century, Palazzo Re Enzo takes its name from King Enzo of Sardinia, who was imprisoned there after being captured in battle. The palace is a stunning example of medieval architecture, with its grand halls and impressive frescoes, and remains a symbol of the city's rich history and cultural heritage.

After the welcome aperitif, we will gather for a group photo in this magnificent location, offering a perfect backdrop of both history and elegance.

Throughout the evening, a selection of images of Bologna, provided by the Cineteca di Bologna (the local film archive and media preservation centre) will be projected. These images are part of the Bologna Fotografata project, a vast archive of historical and contemporary photographs that document the city's transformation and daily life over the years. The project is a testament to Bologna's visual history and the role of photography in capturing its evolving identity.

This special evening will also mark the 5th anniversary of the Una Europa Alliance, celebrating the collaborative spirit and achievements of this important partnership.



Social programme

Bologna University Life Walking Tour

28 November 2024 | h 16.30 - 18.30
29 November 2024 | h 11.30 - 12.30

Explore Bologna on a guided walking tour led by the students of the Local Task Force! This tour will take you through the city's most important sites linked to the university. It's a unique chance to discover Bologna's captivating hi-

story, from its rich heritage to its lively present, as told by the students who live and breathe the city every day.

Meeting Point: Rectorate entrance,
Via Zamboni, 33

Archiginnasio Self-guided visit

28 November 2024 | h 16.30, 16.50, 17.10, 17.30, 17.50
29 November 2024 | h 11.30, 12.10

Explore the Archiginnasio of Bologna, a Renaissance masterpiece that served as the University of Bologna's headquarters from 1563. On your visit, you'll admire the grand courtyard adorned with historical coats of arms and inscriptions, and you'll discover the Anatomical Theatre, a wooden au-

ditorium built by Antonio Levante in 1637. This captivating building is a significant part of the city's cultural and academic heritage.

If you have booked a slot for this visit, please collect your ticket at the registration desk.
Archiginnasio, Piazza Galvani, 1

Social programme

Clock Tower (Torre dell'Orologio) and to the Municipal Art Collections Self-guided visit

28 November 2024 | h 16.40, 17.00, 17.20
29 November 2024 | h 11.40, 12.00, 12.20

Climb the Clock Tower and take in a breathtaking 360° view of the city from the panoramic terraces. Discover the history of the building and the clock mechanism, and more, by listening to the informative audio guide on your smartphone.

If you have booked a slot for this visit, please collect your ticket at the registration desk.
Location: Clock Tower, Palazzo D'Accursio,
Piazza Maggiore, 6

Discover Bologna Walking tour

28 November 2024 | h 16.30 - 18.00
29 November 2024 | h 11.30 - 13.00

Discover Bologna on a walking tour led by an expert local guide! During the tour, you'll visit the city's most significant landmarks, including the iconic Two Towers, the impressive Basilica of San Petronio, and the elegant inner courtyard of the Archiginnasio. This is a unique op-

portunity to learn about Bologna's fascinating history, from its rich past to its vibrant present, while immersing yourself in its unique culture and beauty.

Meeting point: Bologna Welcome
Official Tourist Office, Piazza Maggiore, 1/e

Social programme

UNESCO Porticoes Walking Tour

28 November 2024 | h 16.30 - 18.00
29 November 2024 | h 11.30 - 13.00

Visit the city's most charming porticoes and marvel at their architectural styles with an expert guide. Learn why Bologna's porticoes have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Meeting point: Bologna Welcome
Official Tourist Office, Piazza Maggiore, 1/e

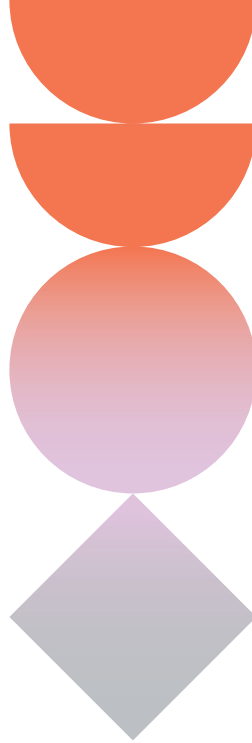
Beauty through the ages: a guided tour of the University Museum

28 November 2024 | h 16.30 - 17.30

Discover the University of Bologna's Museum System with a guided tour that will take you through collections of natural history, science, art, and culture. Admire exhibits ranging from prehistoric fossils and archaeological artifacts to artwork and historic

scientific instruments. This tour offers a comprehensive overview of our University's heritage, academic research, and history.

Meeting point: Rettorato, Via Zamboni, 33



Social programme

Pasta-Making Workshop

28 November 2024 | h 16.30 - 18.00

Experience the art of homemade pasta in Bologna with an authentic pasta-making workshop. Join a hands-on class where you'll learn to prepare traditional fresh pasta, using local recipes and techniques.

Immerse yourself in Bologna's culinary culture, taking home new skills, unforgettable memories, and a delicious dish.

Meeting point: La Scuderia Future Food Living Lab, P.za Giuseppe Verdi, 2

The University's daughters: a guided tour discovering the women who made Bologna history

29 November 2024 | h 11.30 - 12.30

Discover the contributions of women in the history of the University of Bologna with a guided tour of Palazzo Poggi, the Rectorate building. Explore the lives of pioneers like Laura Bassi and learn how women overcame challenges to establish themselves in the aca-

demic world. This tour highlights their impact into society and the University's ongoing commitment to equality.

Meeting point: Rettorato, Via Zamboni, 33 at 11.15

Bologna highlights

Bologna is a vibrant city rich in history, culture, and gastronomy.

University of Bologna Porticoes (Portici)

Founded in 1088, it's the oldest university in the Western world. The university has greatly influenced the city's intellectual and cultural life. The Archiginnasio is a historical building that once served as the main seat of the university and now houses a library and anatomical theater.

Bologna is famous for its extensive network of porticoes (over 38 km), which provide sheltered walkways throughout the city. These arcades are not only functional but also give the city its unique architectural charm. The porticoes of Bologna were recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Piazza Maggiore

The heart of Bologna, this expansive square is surrounded by impressive medieval buildings, including the Basilica di San Petronio, one of the largest churches in the world. The Palazzo Comunale (Town Hall) and the Palazzo del Podestà also line the square, offering a glimpse into the city's past.

Pinacoteca Nazionale di Bologna

This important art museum showcases works by Italian masters such as Giotto, Raffaello, and Carracci. It's a must-see for art enthusiasts.

Le Due Torri (The Two Towers)

The iconic Torre degli Asinelli and the shorter Torre Garisenda are symbols of Bologna. The Two Towers are currently undergoing maintenance.

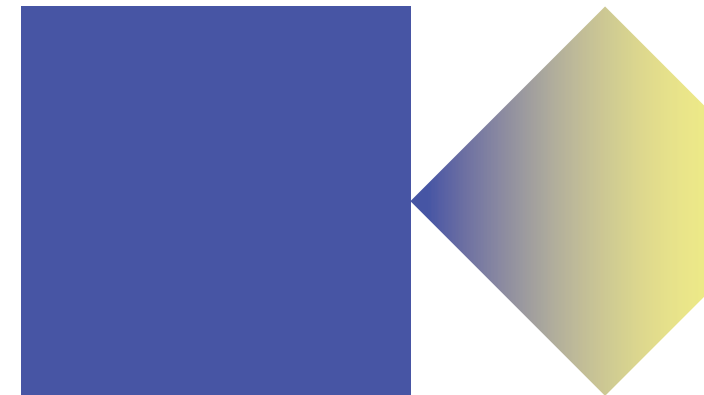
Santuario Madonna di San Luca

Perched on a hill outside the city, this sanctuary is reached by a long covered portico (about 4 km) leading to a panoramic view of Bologna.

Bologna highlights

Piazza Santo Stefano

Piazza Santo Stefano is one of the most charming and atmospheric squares in Bologna, known for its historical significance and architectural beauty. Located in the heart of the city, it is home to the Basilica di Santo Stefano, a complex of seven interconnected churches, which is why the square is sometimes referred to as "Piazza delle Sette Chiese" (Square of the Seven Churches).



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