

Reims, 22, 23 & 24 January 2024

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024

Travel and arrival in Reims

MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2024

University Headquarter, 2 avenue Robert Schuman, 51100 Reims ([Google Maps](#))

- 13:00-14:30** Lunch & Welcome coffee
14:30-14:40 Opening words from the President of URCA
14:40-14:50 Introduction from the Slovak University of Agriculture
14:50-15:15 Introduction of each Rector and delegation (5min/partner university)
UNIMIB rector online at 15:15
15:15-16:00 Presentation of the project's objectives and WP
Local coordinators
16:00-16:15 Break
16:15-17:00 Exchange discussions

1. Short presentation of the *Mission Statement*
2. Presentation of the project's governance and the role of Rectors' Assembly
3. Reminder of the next day's event programme

Reims City Hall

- 17:30-19:00** Cocktail reception

Pommery Champagne Cellar

- 19:30-22:00** Cellars' visit & tasting
Dinner

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2024

KICK-OFF EVENT

URCA's Croix-Rouge Campus (for Humanities and Social Sciences), Lecture Hall n°10

- 9:00-9:20** Registration and coffee
- 9:30-9:40** Opening addresses from the President of URCA
Guillaume Gellé, President – University of Reims Champagne Ardenne
- 9:40-10:00** Introduction from the Slovak University of Agriculture & presentation of the project
Lucia Palsova, Coordinator, Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Internationalisation – Slovak University of Agriculture
- 10:00-10:10** Speech from Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Unit Higher Education, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), European Commission
- 10:10-10:20** Speech from Jacques Comby, Adviser on European Alliances, French Ministry of Higher Education
- 10:20-11:20** **Panel Discussion 1 – Opportunities and challenges of INVEST European Alliance**
 Moderator:
 Speakers:
Lucia Palsova, Coordinator, Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Internationalisation – Slovak University of Agriculture
Ekaterina Arabska, Rector - University of Agribusiness and Rural Development
Guillaume Gellé, President – University of Reims Champagne Ardenne
Giovanna Iannantuoni, Rector - University of Milano-Bicocca (video)
Spiridon Karamanos, Vice Rector International Affairs - University of Thessaly
Petri Raivo, President - Karelia University of Applied Sciences
Manuel Torralbo, Rector - University of Cordoba
- Q&A
- 11:20-11:40** Break
- 11:40-11:45** Video testimonials from students
- 11:45-12:30** **Panel discussion 2 – What are the expectations and benefits for the academic community and the region?**
 Moderator: Carle Bonafous-Murat
 Speakers:
Liisa Timonen, Local Coordinator and Head of Internationalisation - Karelia University of Applied Sciences
Nicholas Samaras, Local Coordinator - University of Thessaly
Gabriella Pasi, Local Coordinator and Vice-Rector for International Relations - University of Milano-Bicocca
Norbert Floris, Project manager - Slovak University of Agriculture

Essaid Ait Barka, Local Coordinator and Vice-President for International Relations - *University of Reims Champagne Ardenne*
Vladislava Georgieva, Project expert team and PhD student - University of Agribusiness and Rural Development
Rymaz Sellaoui, Undergraduate Student in Biochemistry - *University of Reims Champagne Ardenne*
Luna Santos, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation - *University of Cordoba*

Q&A

12:30-12:45 Conclusion and photo
12:50 Press briefing

Green House

12:45-14:00 Cocktail

University Headquarters, 2 avenue Robert Schuman, 51100 Reims

14:00-16:00 **Work meeting**

- Presentation of INVEST 1 results
- Memorandum of Cooperation
- Conditions and specification of involvement of the associated partner in the project implementation,
- PR of the INVEST Alliance

16:30-18:00 Cathedral visit

WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2024

University Headquarter, 2 avenue Robert Schuman, 51100 Reims

Work meeting

- 8:30-9:00** **Welcome coffee**
- 9:00-9:45** **Global timeline** – timing of work packages, tasks and deliverables in accordance with the project work plan (SUA, discussion of partners)
- 9:45-10:45** **Shortcomings provided by the external evaluator** – Work on mitigation measures proposed in the Grant Agreement (SUA, discussion of partners)
- 10:45-11:00** Break
- 11:00-13:00** **Deliverables to be submitted in the month 6** – D1.1 Project Manual, D4.1 Development and implementation of an Accreditation Pathway, D6.1 Structure of the Centre of Excellence (proposal of the structure presented by the SUA, UCO and URCA, discussion of partners)
- 13:00-14:00** Lunch
- 14:00-15:00** **INVEST Governance Structure** – specification of the INVEST Alliance bodies (SUA, discussion of partners)
- 15:00-16:00** **Administrative and budgetary issues (?)**

End of the INVEST Kick-Off