



UNIA COMMITMENT WITH HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

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UNIA Mission

- The UNIA is a **Public University** part of the Andalusian University System, which focuses on **graduate studies**, committed to the development of its surroundings, with a **will to cooperate** at international level and in solidarity terms, especially with **Latin America** and the **Maghreb**, and which meets with quality, quickness, **flexibility** and **innovative guidance** the emerging challenges of modern society in the different fields of science, technology, culture and arts.

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UNIA distinctive features

- Small and smart University
- Only postgraduate studies
- Teaching staff specifically ceded by others Universities
- Quickness and flexibility to meet training challenges
- Especial emphasis in Latin America and the Maghreb
- Four sites (Sevilla, Baeza, La Rábida, Málaga), three of them in historical buildings.
- Main figures (2010):

24	Top management team
143	Administrative staff
3.046	Teachers
5.734	Students

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UNIA and cooperation

- UNIA, which can be considered as an example of **interuniversity cooperation**, is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of all the other Andalusian Rectors
- UNIA has among its main guidelines those related to **international co-operation in Latin America**, promoting sustainable development by means of training post-graduate students.
- For this purpose, one of the main tool is the **La Rabida Group**

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International cooperation in Latin America

- **Strategic Goal 8:** Promote internationalization and commitment with cooperation
- **Strategic lines:**
 - Intensify participation in international associations, networks, and university forums
 - Contribute in undertakings and innovation in Latin American countries, Maghreb and Mediterranean countries
 - Reinforce the co-operation in training by means of our grants policies

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UNIA students origin

- International postgraduate students come from **56 different countries**, representing **28,24 %** out of the total number of students (academic year 2009/2010).

Albania	Alemania	Argentina	Australia
Bélgica	Bolivia	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Brasil
Bulgaria	Chile	China	Colombia
Congo	Costa de Marfil	Costa rica	Cuba
Dinamarca	Ecuador	El Salvador	Etiopía
Francia	Grecia	Guatemala	Guinea
Holanda	Honduras	Hungría	India
Iran	Italia	Japon	Kuwait
Líbano	Lituania	Mali	Marruecos
México	Mongolia	Nicaragua	Panamá
Paraguay	Perú	Polonia	Portugal
Reino unido	República Dominicana	Republica Checa	Rumania
Rusia	Serbia y Montenegro	Siria	Taiwán
Ucrania	Uganda	Uruguay	Venezuela

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La Rabida Group

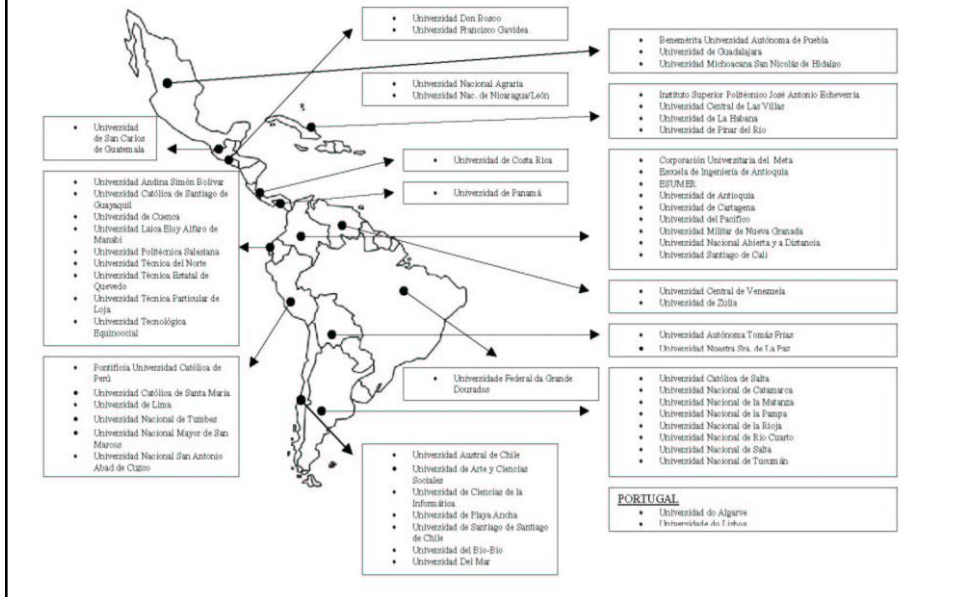
- A **non-government international organization** chaired and managed by **UNIA Rector**, which currently gathers **64 Universities** from **16 different Latin American countries**.
- Created in **1995**, to establish and reinforce **cooperation links** among Latin American universities
- Managed by a **General Assembly** and a **Steering Committee**.

Universities joined to La Rábida Group

Argentina	9
Bolivia	2
Brasil	1
Chile	7
Colombia	9
Costa Rica	1
Cuba	4
Ecuador	9
El Salvador	2
Guatemala	1
México	4
Nicaragua	2
Panamá	1
Paraguay	1
Perú	7
Venezuela	2
Portugal	2
TOTAL	64

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La Rabida Group Universities



La Rabida Group objectives

- **Main objective:** Training of university teachers, scientists and professionals at postgraduate and doctoral level, in accordance with each country academic needs.
- **Secondary objectives:**
 - Activities related to culture, education, science and technics
 - Promote collaboration among universities
 - Promote Institutional strengthening
 - Students, teachers and researchers mobility
 - Postgraduate courses organization
 - Creation of international teaching networks

International teaching networks

- Aimed to develop **cooperation academic projects** among La Rabida Group universities.
- Focused on **University departments** or **Research groups**.
- Six **economic aids** are yearly offered, up to 5.000 € each, to encourage scientific collaboration programmes with teaching staff mobility.
- **Two years period**, and one year renewal if required, subject to:
 - Coordinated elaboration of a 60 h. academic module on a priority area
 - Effective teaching of the module in two Latin-American universities.

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UNIA grants policy

- Another important tool for international co-operation is **UNIA grants policy**
- On 2009/2010 academic year, **1.077 grants** were given to foreign students (57 % of total grants amount).
- In that year, 28 % of students who attended UNIA programmes, up to 5.734, were foreigners, mainly from **Latin America and Maghreb**.
- **1,3 MM €** addressed to grants policy in 2010. **1,5 MM€** budgeted for 2011.

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