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ATHENA at the UVIGO

The UVigo joined ATHENA in June, 2022. It was then when we appointed a team of researchers and technical staff members, who have been actively taking part in all ATHENA activities. Right after joining the Alliance, the Uvigo become an active part, both at the Executive Board and Steering Committee.

Despite the fact of not having a budget allocation within ATHENA, since the UVigo joined the Alliance at a later stage, we have set at an ATHENA office, through which all ATHENA related tasks and activities are coordinated.



WORKING GROUPS

WP1: Management and coordination

Leader at the UVIGO: Maribel del Pozo, Vice Rector for Internationalisation.

The Uvigo joined the ATHENA Alliance in 2022. From that moment onwards, the UVIGO team, led by the Vice Rector for Internationalisation, has actively contributed to the day-to-day management activities of the Alliance, together with the previous group members.

The UVigo has brought its vast experience with Latin American Higher Education Institutions. Through its long cooperation ties with the Universidad Gastón Dachary, Argentina, ATHENA has joined the Ibero American network [Red CIDIR](#) as an associate member, and hence expanding the alliance's geographical reach.

WP2: Governance

Maribel del Pozo, Vice Rector for Internationalisation has led the work and participation of the WP2 at the Uvigo. The UVigo team, including experts from the Equality Unit, has carefully reviewed all structural documents of the Alliance, to guarantee they are drafted according to the principles of equality and inclusion from all perspectives.



WP3: Education

Susana Reboreda, Vice Rector for University Extension has led the work and participation of the WP3 at the UVigo. The Uvigo team has actively contributed to the different activities related to the development of joint academic curricula.

The Uvigo has closely worked with the IPP in order to design and implement a pilot project based on the "[competence clusters](#)". These "clusters" imply the organisation of subjects and academic content according to their specific areas, facilitating the creation of a common academic itinerary in the different ATHENA member universities, thanks to the collaboration of the teaching staff involved in each of the subjects.

The UVigo has also worked with the rest of ATHENA partners to design a [course catalogue](#) where all academic options at all ATHENA partner universities are included.

When designing the academic joint initiatives, different teaching options were considered: virtual, face-to-face, combined, synchronous and asynchronous. The UVigo promoted a joint course on "European Economics" organised at the University of Orléans, where 10 of our students were selected, obtaining the corresponding academic certificates.

This flexibility, both in terms of the academic curriculum and training modalities, allows students to design their own individualised itinerary, also contributing to the promotion of mobility activities.

The UVigo team has actively taken part in the WP3 monthly meetings.

The UVigo is currently drafting a proposal for a potential Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters on "Gender on Digital" and another one on "Digital Humanities" within the framework of ATHENA.

WP4: Research

Belén Rubio, Vice Rector for Research, Transfer and Innovation, has led the work and participation of the WP4 at the Uvigo. The WP4 team at the UVIGO has actively contributed to the elaboration of a [Shared resources directory](#) of the ATHENA partner universities. In this line, the Uvigo organised a [workshop on the 15th and 16th of December](#), 2022 regarding the setting up of the directory.



Regarding the annual ATHENA Research Book, the UVIGO was the second ATHENA university in number of student contributions to the [volume 2](#). The team is currently working on the future activities, including the preparation of the next call of the ATHENA Research Book, volume 3. The UVigo team has also worked with the rest of the WP members on the elaboration of other deliverables, such as the information on R&D on the ATHENA website regarding research activities and ARICs (ATHENA Research and Innovation Coordinators). Our team has taken part in the ARICs meetings in Greece (virtually) and Porto.

The UVigo team has actively taken part in the WP4 monthly meetings.





WP5: Branding and communication

Mónica Valderrama Santomé, Vice Rector for Communication and Institutional Relations has led the work and participation of the WP5 at the UVigo.

The UVigo team has actively participated in the WP5 meetings and activities.

Among the media releases from our Press office we can highlight the following:

16/06/2022: [UVigo to join ATHENA](#)

04/10/2022: [ATHENA meeting in Porto & UVigo delegation](#)

19/10/2022: [ATHENA Career Event 2022](#)

15/12/2022: [ATHENA Shared Resources Directory](#)

08/05/2023: [ATHENA meeting in Rome & UVigo delegation.](#)

22/05/2023: [ATHENA participation in the French & Spanish European Universities event](#)

29/05/2023: [ATHENATHON](#)

01/06/2023: [Spanish Minister for Universities at the UVigo](#)

14/06/2023: [ATHENA at the EUNIS Congress in Vigo](#)

14/09/2023: [ATHENA at the II Forum of European Universities](#)

09-11/10/2023: [ATHENA & Erasmus Days at the UVigo](#)

We have also included several pieces of news in our website and institutional social media:

16/02/2023 [ATHENA Mobility Fair](#)

Institutional website post + slider

08/03/2023 [ATHENA round table "Women in Leadership"](#)

Institutional website post

10/04/2023 [ATHENA Hackathon](#)

Institutional website post

22/03/2023 [ATHENA opportunities](#)

Institutional website post + slider

25/04/2023 [ATHENATHON 2023](#)

Institutional website post + slider

31/03/2023 [ATHENA Intellectual Property Day](#)

Institutional website post + slider

29/09/2023 [New academic course with ATHENA](#)

Institutional website post

10/10/2023 [Internationalisation of Higher Education for Academics](#)

Institutional website post

17/10/2023 [ATHENA Alumni talks with Sofía Vivián Álvarez](#)

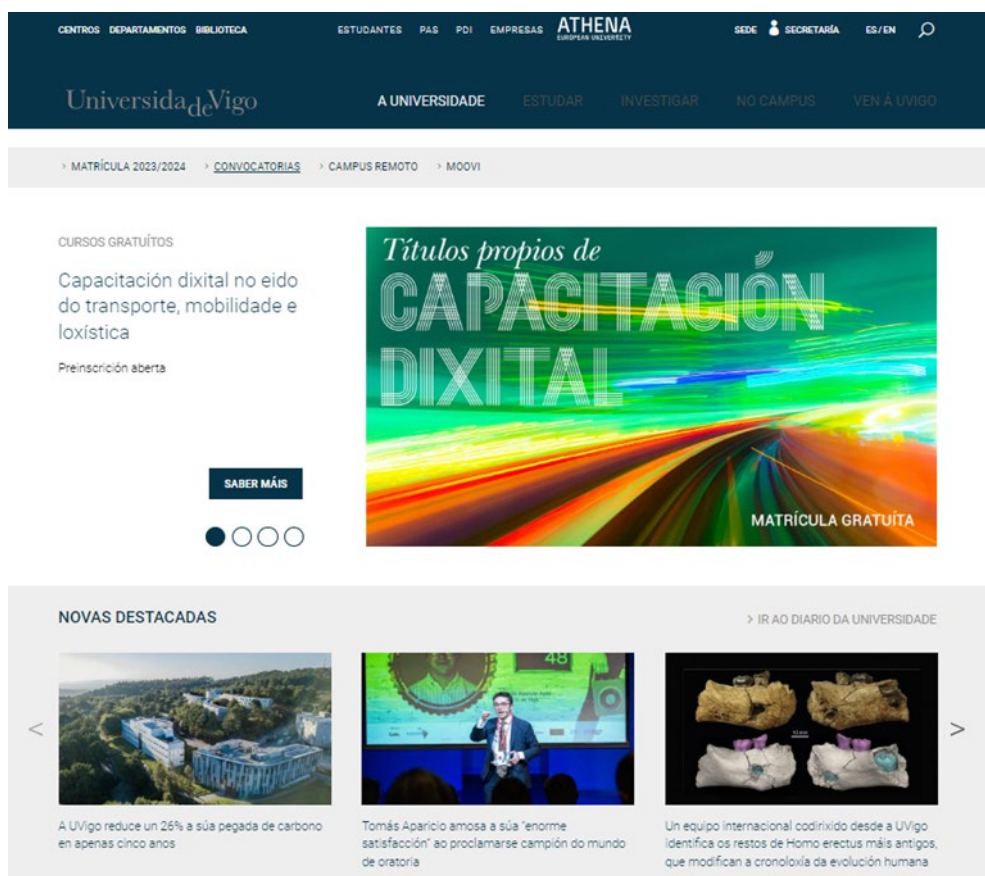
Institutional website post

24/10/2023 [ATHENA Career Days](#)

Institutional website post

The UVigo has also contributed to the dissemination of ATHENA and ATHENA & UVigo activities through our institutional website and internal channels, as well as through our social media (facebook, linkedin, Instagram). Besides, the UVigo has included all the ATHENA related information in its institutional website, as well as the logo of the Alliance in a visible place within the website.

The UVigo has collaborated in the elaboration and implementation of the WP deliverables and has followed the ATHENA branding and communication strategy in all the ATHENA related communications and activities.



WP6: Industry

Daniel Villanueva, director of the UVigo Technological Campus, leads the WP6 at the UVigo.

The UVigo team has actively contributed to the development of the tasks and activities scheduled within the WP6. The UVigo has provided all information and background regarding the industry of our area to elaborate the Labour Market Needs Report with the aim of contributing to reduce the gap between HEIs and the labour market.



In this line, the UVigo has hosted the first of a series of [Alumni Talk](#), organised by the ATHENA Career Office with the participation of Sofía Vivián Álvarez, Software Developer for Human-Machine Interface and UVigo alumni. All Alumni Talks are recorded and included in a repository accessible to the general public.

The UVigo team has also participated in other WP6 ATHENA initiatives such as the development of prototyping spaces, the so-called ATHENA Co-creation Hub, fablabs, markerspaces, etc, attending the corresponding meetings, such as the Fablab meeting in Siegen in November 2022, or the Co-Creation Hub event in June 2023 in Porto.

Our team participates in all Career Centres meetings and the corresponding activities and we attended the physical Career Office Meeting organised in Chania in May, 2023.

On the 16th of November, the UVigo will join the Panel discussion about job market in Orléans, Porto and Vigo as part of the [ATHENA Career Days](#).

The UVigo team is taking part in the PRAXIS Task force, contributing to adapt the platform and coordinate its use among the ATHENA members.



WP7: internationalisation

Maribel del Pozo, Vice Rector for Internationalisation has led the work and participation of the WP7 at the UVigo. Our team has taken part in the monthly virtual meetings organised within the Alliance, as well as in the meeting in Orléans in July, 2023 (we attended virtually).

We have created a European Card task force in order to help the ATHENA members implement them. The UVigo is also part of this task force and we are currently working to implement our European Student Card.

In order to promote mobility within the alliance, the UVigo team, together with the rest of the ATHENA members, have worked closely with the rest of the WPs in order to organise activities in this line, in order to set up a mobility culture, and promoting internationalization.

The UVigo has also taken part in other activities organised within the WP7:

- **ATHENATHON:**

The UVigo staff and students have taken part in the third edition of the sport activity organised by the Alliance "ATHENATHON". The UVigo team integrated the ATHENATHON in one of our cultural activities organised by the Vice rectorate for Internationalisation together with the Environmental Office, where international and local students went on an environmental tour around the main campus in Vigo.

- **IRO virtual coffee breaks**

Our staff has actively taken part in the virtual coffee breaks organised within the Alliance. Since the first event of this kind aimed at International Relations Officer was a success, it was decided to organise it periodically so we could exchange best practices within the International Offices.

Parallel to these sessions, other virtual coffee breaks have been organised focusing on different areas (incoming students, outgoing students, staff exchanges, digitalization, etc.). The UVigo team working on these specific issues have been attending these virtual meetings, which turned out to be very useful for the day-to-day performance of our team members.

WP8: Infrastructures

The UVigo has appointed a team, led by José Luis Miguez Tabarés, Vice Rector for planning and sustainability, to take part in the WP8.

The UVigo team works in coordination with other WPs, such as the WP7, regarding the design and implementation of the European Student Card.

Another task the UVigo team took part in the WP8 was working on a potential joint e-learning platform. A network of Moodle platforms was the initial idea, but it was then replaced for the EduGain, which lets the users log in with their own university credentials. When it comes to the partners using Moodle platforms (Moovl at the UVigo), the log in would be done through EduGain.

The UVigo team attended the corresponding WP8 virtual meetings since we joined the alliance, and in 2023, no meetings were organised.

WP9: Sustainability

The UVigo team in charge of WP5 is also coordinating the WP9 activities and taking part in all virtual meetings in order to coordinate and guarantee the sustainability of the Alliance activities. Thus, our team has provided all necessary data to contribute to the elaboration of the dissemination plan and sustainability plan.

For all dissemination activities, please, [see WP5](#).

Equality

Among the added values brought by the UVigo when joining the Alliance, the Equality and Gender balance approach shall be highlighted. Our staff at the UVigo Equality Unit. Led by Águeda Gómez Suarez, Head of the Unit, has been closely working with the international team so this perspective is included in all ATHENA related documents, activities, events, etc. Thus, all structural documents are being reviewed to guarantee our Alliance works towards an inclusive and gender balanced Higher Europe.

In this line, we are working on other activities, such as a virtual training itinerary on Gender Equality in cooperation with the IPP and HMU. A training on Gender Equality is also being organised for the ATHENA team members at partner institutions so all partners are aligned.



The Equality Unit will deliver one of the ATHENA Talks in February, 2024: "The illusion of university equality: an approach to the gender gaps".

The UVigo is currently drafting a proposal for a potential Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters on "Gender on Digital" within the framework of ATHENA.

Students' board.

Students from the International Students Association at the UVigo (ESN) and the UVigo Student Board have been actively taken part in the ATHENA students' board activities, such as the official inauguration of the ESN ATHENA, in Lublin, May, 2023, where ATHENA became the first European University with its own ESN section.

In the last electoral process within the Students' board, one of our students was elected as the Secretary General. One of our students was also elected to represent ATHENA before the European Students Union (ESU).

Our students have also joined the rest of the UVigo team in the latest ATHENA physical meetings in Porto, October, 2022, and Rome, May, 2023.

ATHENA ALLIANCE MEETINGS & EVENTS

YEAR 2022

May 2022

Meeting in Rome, 3-5 May 2023

The UVigo set up a whole delegation of the team involved in the WPs, led by the Vice Rector for Internationalisation, Maribel del Pozo.



June 2022

Meeting in Heraklion, Crete. 15-17 June, 2022



Maribel del Pozo, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Belén Rubio, Vice Rector for Research, Transfer and Innovation attended this event representing the Universidade de Vigo. This was the first meeting including the UVIGO as a full member of the Alliance.

September 2022

Meeting in Porto, 3rd September, 2022

Maribel del Pozo, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation attended a meeting in Porto with the rest of partner universities.

October 2022

Annual Meeting in Porto 3rd -5th October, 2022

A whole delegation from the UVIGO team involved in the different WPs led by the Rector, attended the meeting in Porto.



November 2022

Fablabs Meeting in Siegen, November, 2022

Santiago Pozo, Director for the Internationalisation Promotion Area attended the fablabs meeting in Siegen in November, 2022.



YEAR 2023

May 2023

ATHENA Career Office Meeting, Chania 18th-19th May, 2023

Santiago Pozo, Head of the Internationalisation Promotion Area attended the Career Office Meeting in Chania in May, 2023.

[Event for Spanish and French Alliances](#), in Madrid, 22nd May, 2023

Maribel del Pozo, Vice Rector for Internationalisation attended the event, , organised by the French Embassy, together with the representatives from the University of Orléans.



June 2023

ATHENA & UVIGO virtual meeting with the CIDIR Network, 12th June, 2023

The UVigo team, together with Nuno Escudeiro, ATHENA Coordinator met the CIDIR network representatives as a first meeting towards the inclusion of the network in ATHENA as associate partner.



ATHENA Fablab meeting in Porto, 29th June, 2023



Santiago Pozo, Head of the Internationalisation Promotion Area attended the Fablab Meeting in Porto in June, 2023.

July 2023

CUAS Executive Director at the UVIGO, July, 2023

In July, 2023, the UVigo hosted Mr. Siegfried Spanz, CUAS Executive Director, where he met the Rector, Secretary General and Vice-Rectors for Internationalisation and Research, together with the rest of the ATHENA team and a group of the students at the UVigo, as an opportunity to strengthen cooperation ties and discuss new collaboration opportunities.



September 2023

II Forum of Universities for the Future of Europe, September, 2023



Maribel del Pozo, Vice rector for Internationalisation, attended the Forum hosted by the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union together with Nuno Escudeiro, Konstantinos Petridis and Anne Friederike Delouis.

ATHENA Meeting in Siegen, 20-22th September, 2023

The vice rectors for Internationalisation and Research attended the Executive Board and Steering Committee meetings in Siegen in September, 2023. The Rector joined the meeting virtually.

**Meetings with the ATHENA Coordinator in Vigo**

The ATHENA Coordinator, Nuno Escudeiro came to the UVigo on the 13th of June, 2023 to discuss the progress of certain activities within the WPs.

The ATHENA Coordinator, Nuno Escudeiro came to the UVigo on the 26th of July, 2023 to further discuss the progress of certain activities within the WPs (Competence Clusters, Equality trainings, Praxis Platform, etc).

OUTGOING MOBILITY FLOWS:

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1 ERASMUS + KA131 STT physical mobility to the 2nd ATHENA International Week hosted by the HMU in Chania, 15-19th May,

3 ERASMUS + KA131 STT physical mobility flows to the ATHENA annual meeting in Rome, 3rd-5th May, 2023 (as part of the UVigo delegation).

1 physical mobility to the Meet & Greet event organised by CUAS, School of Health Sciences and Social Work on the 28th and 29th of September, 2023

ERASMUS+ SMS:

3 ERASMUS+ KA313 SMS Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

“Solutions Design” organised by the University of Maribor (physical mobility 27th August-8th September, 2023)

3 ERASMUS+ KA313 SMS Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

“Sustainability in Enterprise ” organised by the Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (physical mobility 25th -29th September, 2023)



OTHER EVENTS

ATHENA TALKS

2023.01.27 Verónica Salgueiriño "Taking advantage of the magnetic functionality of nanostructures with induced movement".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4jK1ZExNXQ>

Upcoming talks: <https://sites.google.com/view/athenaunicolloquentalks/the-speakers-2024?authuser=0>

2023.11.17, Santiago Pozo Antonio, Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Engineering, "Lasers Cleaning Cultural Heritage".

2024.02.02 Rebeca Pilar Díaz Redondo, School of Telecommunications Engineering: "Federated learning: a trade-off between utility and privacy".

2024.02.09 Mar Fernández, Equality Unit "The illusion of university equality: an approach to the gender gaps"

ERASMUS DAYS 2023

11th October: Round Table "Internationalization of Higher Education for Academics",

Maribel del Pozo, participated in the roundtable on internationalisation sharing her experience as Vicerrector for Internationalisation at the Universidade de Vigo.



<https://iro.hmu.gr/internationalization-of-higher-education-for-academics/>

ATHENA Women and Girls in Science:

As part of the ATHENA celebration regarding women and girls scientist, by publishing interviews with them, the UVigo team interviewed one of our scientists at the UVigo, Professor Beatriz Legerén Lago:



Beatriz Legerén Lago
 Professor, University of Vigo, Spain

Beatriz Legerén Lago. (Vigo, Spain, 1964). PhD in Audiovisual Communication. Her line of research work focuses on the field of Games Studies. Specifically in the design – rules, mechanics, technology and narration – of interactive entertainment products and their use as work tools beyond playful use. As well as in the design of Transmedia Narratives.

Director for more than 20 years of the first interactive agency in Galicia, Interacción, where the first video game project in the Galician community was designed and developed. Throughout her professional career she has held various positions in professional associations both in the Audiovisual and in the ICT sector, president of Eganet, President of the Cluster of ICT companies in Galicia, Member of the Strategic and Management Committee of the ICT Cluster of Galicia, Member of the Strategic Committee of the Galician Audiovisual Cluster.

She currently coordinates the Research Group “Video Games- Narrative, Persuasion and Creativity”, she’s a founding member of the Spanish chapter of Digma (Digital Games Research Association), and is also part of the Icon 14 Scientific Association and the Alfás Group (Ambientes Lúdicos Favorecedores de Aprendizaje)

<https://athenauni.eu/research/research-initiatives/women-and-girls-in-science/>

ROUNDTABLE: Women in Leadership: 8 March 2023, 16.00 CET



Belen Rubio, Vice Rector for Research, Transfer and Innovation, and Maribel del Pozo, Vice Rector for Internationalisation, together with Elisa Gómez López, Professor at the Faculty of Philology and Translation at the UVigo, took part in the Roundtable on Women in Leadership, held on the International Women’s Day, 2023.



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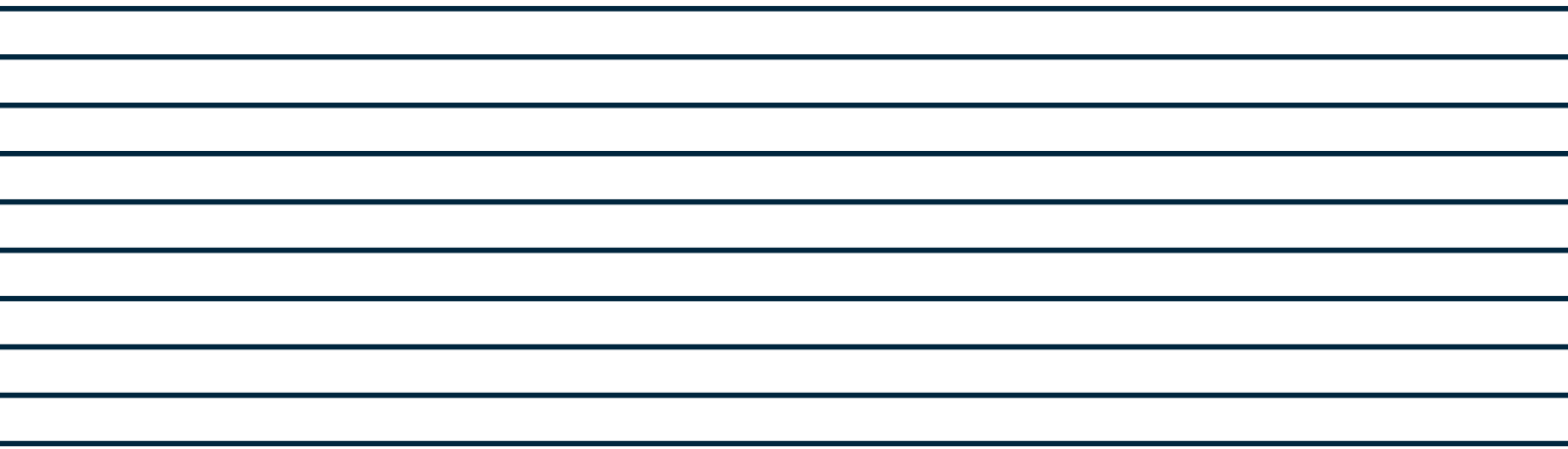
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