EUniWell: FestiWell 2026

"Different voices – one shared future"

Programme

Date: Online 25.11. and 27.11.2026, On-site 25.11. – 26.11.2026

Location: University of Florence, Italy

Participants: Students

Time (CET)	Activity	Speaker/ Facilitator	Location
Wednesday, 25.11.2026			
10:30 – 11:00	**Welcome FestiWell**	Prof Beatrix Busse *(tbc)*	Hybrid
11:00 – 12:00	*Keynote:* **From Diversity to Inclusion: Understanding, Engaging, Acting**	Gabriela Del Barco-Renard	Hybrid
12:00 – 13:30	*Lunch Break until 12:45 + walk to new venue*		
13:30 – 14:30	**Health session**	UniFi sports *(tbc)*	On-site
	Health Session **The Power of Awareness - From Automatic Reactions to Conscious Connections**	Rahel Camps	Online
14:30 – 16:00	*Workshop* **Complex inequalities: causes, consequences, and policy**	Prof Lucia Ferrone *(University of Florence)*	On-site
	Workshop **"BEYOND BORDERS" - Promoting Equity and Inclusion in Student Mobility**	Malak Jedidi *(Universidade de Santiago de Compostela)*	Online
16:00 – 16:30	*Walk to public screening/ possible coffee break*		
16:30 – 18:00	**Short Film Screening and Discussion on Violence Against Women with an Italian Actress** (on-site)		
20:00	***Dinner*** (on-site)		
Thursday, 26.11.2026			
9:00 – 18:00	**EUniWell Student Hackathon - Hack the barriers!**	Iñaki Luaces Fernández	On-site
Friday, 27.11.2026			
10:00 – 13:00	**EUniWell Student Hackathon - Hack the barriers!**	Iñaki Luaces Fernández	Online

Detailed Programme

***On-site and Online:* Wednesday, 25.11.2026, 10:30 – 16:00/18:00 (CET)**

- **Welcome FestiWell**, 10:30 – 11:00 *(hybrid)*
- **From Diversity to Inclusion: Understanding, Engaging, Acting**, 11:00 – 12:00 *(hybrid)*
  60-minute interactive keynote

  This interactive keynote makes the core concepts of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) clear, concrete, and relevant to the university experience. It explores how unconscious biases, behaviours and decisions shape our perceptions of others, and how these individual mechanisms interact with broader social and systemic patterns of exclusion. Though practical examples and interactive reflection, participants examine who faces barriers, whose perspectives and needs are considered, and how inequalities might be reinforced. This session explores the role we can play, individually and collectively, in challenging these barriers and building more inclusive and accessible environments.
  Gabriela Del Barco-Renard *is a French-Bolivian consultant and facilitator working at the intersection of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Responsible AI. She brings nearly 20 years of interdisciplinary experience. After starting her career as a tax lawyer, she moved into humanitarian work within the United Nations system, led the Paris chapter of an NGO bringing together local communities and refugees and founded her own consultancy. Drawing on her interdisciplinary and multicultural background, Gabriela brings a nuanced, intercultural perspective to complex questions, encouraging critical reflection and constructive dialogue. Gabriela holds and LL.B in corporate law and an M.A. in Intercultural Conflict Management from the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences. She has lived and work in Bolivia, Germany, Panama and France.*
- *Lunch Break, 12:00 – 13:30*
- **Parallel Health Sessions and Workshops, 13:30 – 16:00**

On-site:

Health session, 13:30 – 14:30

with UniFi sports *(tbc)*

Online:

Health session, 13:30 – 14:30

Power of Awareness - From Automatic Reactions to Conscious Connections

How does Awareness change the way we relate to ourselves and others? in this interactive mindfulness session, we explore our perceptions and automatic reactions, practice mindful listening and discover how small moments of awareness can foster empathy, understanding and more meaningful connections. No prior mindfulness experience needed.

by **Rahel Camps** (Certified Consciousness Coach and Expert in Mindfulness, Meditation & Self-Care)

Workshop 1, 14:30 – 16:00

Complex inequalities: causes, consequences, and policy

This workshop provides participants with basic knowledge and information about inequality, its effects, and ways to address it. It offers an academic overview of key issues related to inequality, including its social, economic, and human consequences. Through a hands-on role-play simulation set in a fantasy land, participants will explore how structural inequalities affect different groups and develop policy solutions to address these challenges and improve diversity, inclusion, equity, and access. The workshop concludes with a group discussion and reflection on the proposed solutions.

by **Prof Lucia Ferrone** (Assistant professor in Economic and Political Geography, member of the EUniWell DEIA working group)

Workshop 2, 14:30 – 16:00

"BEYOND BORDERS"

Promoting Equity and Inclusion in Student Mobility

The "Beyond Borders" workshop aims to promote equity and inclusion in student mobility by identifying the barriers faced by students from diverse backgrounds. Through interactive activities, participants will explore challenges related to socio-economic circumstances and disability. They will collaboratively develop and prioritise practical solutions to make international mobility more accessible. The workshop will conclude with the identification of concrete actions and next steps. The 90-minute session encourages collaboration, empathy, and action-oriented thinking.

by **Malak Jedidi** (PhD student at the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, member of the EUniWell DEIA working group)

- *Break, 16:00 – 16:30*
- **Short Film Screening and Discussion on Violence Against Women with an Italian Actress**, 16:30 – 18:00 *(only on-site)*
- **Dinner**, 20:00 *(only on-site)*

***On-site in Florence:* Thursday, 26 November 2026, 9:00 – 18:00 (CET)**

EUniWell Student Hackathon - Hack the barriers!

by Iñaki Luaces Fernández *(EUniWell Coach & Facilitator)*

The EUniWell Student Hackathon is an innovation challenge designed to bring students' perspectives to the forefront and explore how their insights can help address EUniWell's key challenges in the next +2 phase. Its aim is to generate meaningful, creative and actionable ideas that could be incorporated into the +2 proposal, ensuring that student voices help shape the future of EUniWell. As innovation is a collaborative endeavour, the hackathon combines teamwork with a friendly competition to identify and develop the most promising ideas. Through a series of engaging games and creative challenges, participants will be encouraged to think outside the box and turn their ideas into collective solutions.

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Through a focused and dynamic online session, students will work together to identify needs, explore opportunities and develop relevant, actionable ideas that could help shape EUniWell's next phase. A series of interactive challenges and playful activities will stimulate creativity, encourage out-of-the-box thinking and make the most of collective intelligence in a virtual environment. By combining teamwork, creative problem-solving and a friendly competition of ideas, the hackathon aims to turn students' contributions into meaningful proposals for the future of the Alliance.