

International Consortium for Educational Development Network Profile

<p>Network Name URL</p>	<p>AsdUni – <i>ASsociazione italiana per la promozione e lo sviluppo della Didattica, dell'apprendimento e dell'insegnamento in UNIversità</i> (Italian association for the development of learning and teaching in university) www.asduni.it</p>
<p>Mission / Aim / Focus</p>	<p>AsdUni aims to support the development of student-centered innovation in teaching and assessment in higher education, as well as the development and recognition of high skills for academics, promoting study and theoretical-methodological reflection, cooperation and research at national and international level between Universities, teachers, researchers and experts.</p> <p>AsdUni objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing a network of universities, national and international, that promotes research to improve teaching, innovate teaching and learning practices, develop teaching professionalism in higher education • promoting seminars and conferences to create a permanent area of study and reflection on the issues of educational development as well as university teaching and learning and to foster high skills in teaching • disseminating, through the AsdUni journal, theoretical and empirical models to innovate teaching and learning and to design, implement and value staff development
<p>Brief History</p>	<p>AsdUni was born in 2018 as a scientific association and follows the national, European and international efforts to innovate teaching and learning, qualify academics' skills and support, also through scholarship, teachers to enhance students' learning experience.</p> <p>The association was created after a joint research carried out by 7 Italian universities to map academics' beliefs, practices and needs for improvement (Felisatti & Clerici, 2020). This large-scale joint research generated the desire to build a permanent network to investigate teaching and learning in higher education, to promote sharing and mutual learning on educational development practices in a Country where staff development has a very recent history.</p>

	AsdUni organised so far four national conferences (see below) and participated as partner in several institutional and national events and programs.
Membership types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary member: individual membership for persons who pay the annual registration fee established by the Assembly (60 EURO). • Supporting member: institutional membership for universities/research centers that, in addition to the ordinary fee, offers extraordinary voluntary contributions (annual fee: 150 EURO) • Corresponding member: individual membership for doctoral student, postdoc or other people who are not university staff but collaborate with academic institutions (annual fee: 30 EURO)
Legal Structure	Association disciplined by the Italian civil code https://asduni.it/statuto/ https://www.asduni.it/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/DEF-Regolamento-ASDUNI-rev23lug.pdf
Governance / Operating Structure*	<p>The Assembly is composed of all AsdUni members.</p> <p>The Executive Committee is composed of 9 members elected by the Assembly among its members. Among Executive Committee members the President, the Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer are elected.</p> <p>The Secretary may be supported by an external expert to manage all administrative duties.</p> <p>Executive Committee description: https://asduni.it/about-us/direttivo/</p>
Funding Sources	<p>Members fees (private donations are also possible).</p> <p>Fees for conferences or educational development events.</p> <p>Applications for national grants are envisaged although not applied yet.</p>
Activities** Detail separately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and scientific publications on the topics of innovation, assessment and teaching in higher education • Conferences and events • Professional development, i.e. workshops, summer schools, training programmes

- Permanent special interest groups: <https://asduni.it/sig-special-interest-groups/>
- Networking among institutions to establish joint initiatives
- Establishment of a national framework of academics' professional standards
- Establishment of a national register for accredited educational developers
- Links with associations and international experiences

Conferences carried out in the 2017-2020 period:

- June 27th-28th 2017: conference “Ricerca e formazione per lo sviluppo professionale della docenza universitaria: Un approccio di sistema” [Research and training towards academics' professional development: a systemic approach] – AsdUni and University of Bari Aldo Moro
- May 23rd-24th 2019: conference “Faculty development e valorizzazione delle competenze didattiche dei docenti nelle università italiane [Faculty development and appraisal of academics' teaching competences in Italian universities] – AsdUni and University of Genova
- June 24th-25th 2020 – online Conference “Didattica, riconoscimento professionale e innovazione in Università.” [Teaching, professional recognition and innovation in higher education] – AsdUni and University of Bari Aldo Moro
- October 29th-30th 2020: online conference “Faculty development per l'innovazione didattica universitaria” [Faculty development towards innovation in higher education] – AsdUni and University of Genova
- AsdUni members contributed as instructors to several educational development programs, i.e. at the University of Catania, Politecnico di Torino, University of Pisa, University of Trento, University of Foggia.

Special interest groups established in 2020 (each group meet bi-monthly to share practices, discuss relevant topics with the final aim to prepare a report collecting information, practices, experiences, reflections):

- Peer observation and mentoring
- Academic development programs: from pedagogy to disciplines
- How to begin academic development: structures and organizational issues

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition and appraisal of academics' teaching competences • Online training and faculty development • Research and scholarship on academic development • Impacts and evaluation of academic development
Publications	<p>Open access peer review online journal "EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING. Research and Practices" (2 issues per year, ISSN 2499-507X): https://www.francoangeli.it/Riviste/sommario.aspx?IDRivista=215&lingua=IT</p> <p>previous issues (not open access): https://www.francoangeli.it/Riviste/sommario.aspx?IDRivista=183&lingua=EN</p>
Special initiatives	<p>It is AsdUni's intention to develop an Italian framework of academics' professional standards in order to recognise and appraise academics' commitment to quality teaching within a context where research outputs are monitored through a national accreditation, which doesn't exist for teaching.</p>
Connections with other networks, agencies, etc	<p>First contacts with Red Internacional de Evaluación Formativa y Compartida en Educación</p>
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Other relevant information	<p>/</p>
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