Date *May 2026*

1. General Information

Acronym of the national network:	*Swissun (soon to become UNIC Switzerland)i*
Full Name of the National Network:	*Swiss University Continuing Education*
Country:	*Switzerland*
Year of Establishment:	*2002*
Official Website:	*www.swissuni.ch (to be changed soon)*

2. Contact details

Representative of the National Network

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End date of the mandate	*renewed yearly at GA in autumn*

3. Background

Please provide a brief description of your network (maximum 200–300 words), including:

- Date of establishment
- Founding purpose
- Membership structure (e.g., number and type of member institutions)
- Key milestones or achievements
- Governance structure (if relevant)

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The Swiss Association for University Continuing Education, Swissuni, was founded in 2002. Its headquarters are in Bern. Its aim is to promote university continuing education in Switzerland and collaboration between the continuing education departments of universities (cantonal universities and Federal Institutes of Technology).

All continuing education departments at Swiss universities and Federal Institutes of Technology are represented, and their management teams, together with a representative from swissuniversities, work closely together to coordinate their activities.

The members of Swissuni are the directors of continuing education departments at Swiss universities, or individuals appointed by those departments. Universities without a continuing education department may appoint as a member a member of staff from their institution who is responsible for continuing education matters within the university.

The presidency is a three-person body: a president and two vice-presidents.

The main achievements since its creation are:
- A strong and active network, united in sharing experiences and solving problems
- A shared database of continuing education programmes (recently reviewed) and common statistics (in progress)
- Reference documents produced by working groups (quality, ECTS and equivalence)
- A source of links and information regarding the authorities (Swissuniversities)
- Political influence through its members' participation in key groups and the drafting of position papers
- Sharing of the results of monitoring work carried out by each member

4. Focus

Please describe the main objectives and areas of activity of your National Network. Your response may include:

- Core mission and strategic goals
- Main areas of work (e.g., accreditation, policy advocacy, coordination, training, research, etc.)
- National and/or international collaborations
- Services provided to members
- Current priorities

Swissuni promotes university continuing education through collaboration between all continuing education departments, and in particular through:

- the sharing of information and experiences
- collaboration between academic and non-academic organisations and institutions at national and international level
- collaboration with swissuniversities
- statements on university continuing education policy
- the development of quality criteria for continuing education
- a shared database listing the continuing education programmes of all member universities
- the implementation of innovative joint projects
- participation in international continuing education networks

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5. Key Activities (Optional)

Please list up to 5 major ongoing or recent initiatives, projects, or programmes.

Invitation of international experts on MC

Coordination on MC developement

Exploration of Futures of Continuing Education

Change of name of the Association

Advocacy

6. Additional Information (Optional)

Any other relevant information you wish to share (publications, annual events, statistics, strategic plans, etc.).

Swissuni: Liens et ressources http://www.swissuni.ch/liens-et-ressources/

Recommandations for Quality Developement
http://www.swissuni.ch/file/download/11/Criteres_de_qualite_2010.pdf

Recommandations for ECTS system applicable to UCE
http://www.swissuni.ch/file/download/12/ECTS_FR.pdf

Position Paper on Micro-credentials
http://commonweb.unifr.ch/Acad/Formation/Pub/Mailing/NICHT_LOESCHEN_Swissuni%20Micro-Cedentials_F.pdf

7. National Network's social media pages (Optional)

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