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The TeDIS Program on Innovation (since 1999), the TEN Program on Sustainability (2003), and the Ageing Program (2014) are VIU's Thematic Programs, carrying out research and advanced education programs.

VIU's thematic programs stem from the need to bring together scholars, professionals, decision makers and citizens in a continuous dialogue on our society's challenges.

VIU Members as well as other national and international stakeholders from a variety of sectors are involved in interdisciplinary research and advanced educational projects, fostering international cooperation, developing capacity building and supporting dissemination of research results.

This approach has allowed to develop innovative networks of experts, to explore emerging focus areas, and to promote multidisciplinary topics.

The networks are at the heart of the activities of the thematic programs, which find fulfillment both in research funded by the European Union and in higher-education activities that are integrated into the VIU academic programs, such as PhD Academies, Graduate Seminars and Summer Schools.

Program on Innovation | TEDIS

Research and higher education in the fields of innovation as a key driver analyzed in two different focus areas: sustainable logistics and mobility policies, both for freight and passengers; enterprise competitiveness through design and creativity within globalization processes of the global economy.

The TeDIS Program:

_ is a member of the ALICE network that develops strategy for research innovation in logistics and supply chain management and supports the implementation of EU Programs for research;

_ is partner of the H2020 project SPROUT, Sustainable Policy Response to Urban Mobility Transition and in the Interreg projects such as SUSPORT, Sustainable Ports; PROMARES, Promoting maritime and multimodal freight transport in the Adriatic Sea;

_ contributes to the VIU academic programs with the Summer School on Advanced Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management and in the recent years with a graduate seminar on *Rethinking Manufacturing, Consumption and Globalization in the Era of Automation* and a PhD Academy on *Mobility challenges for future society*.

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Program on Sustainability | TEN

Research and higher education activities on Sustainable Development and the SDGs that engage scholars, professionals, decision-makers and citizens in a comprehensive exploration and critical examination of the environmental, economic, social and cultural dynamics. Communication of science and research results, with a special focus on environmental issues, the green economy and their relation to cultural heritage are key areas of the TEN Program. We engage the public in a wide-reaching debate to match the needs of research, while building trust in science. A strong inter- and multidisciplinary approach is adopted to promote the interaction within the quadruple helix - industry, academia, government and citizens in activities that include capacity building, knowledge sharing and dissemination.

The TEN Program:

- _ participates in H2020 projects, including as coordinator of QUEST on Science Communication (2019-2021), partner and WP-Leader in H2020 project MUHAI on Artificial Intelligence (2021-2024);
- develops know-how exchange programs in the field of Cultural Heritage and Climate Change, with experience in the Balkans (SMACH project, Central European Initiative, 2021-2022);
- _ supports VIU membership in the networks ASVIS, Italian alliance for Sustainable development and UNGC, United Nations Global Compact;
- _ contributes to the VIU Academic Programs with courses on Sustainable Development, and Science Communication
- _ co-organizes the 2023 PCST Symposium on Science Communication.

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Ageing Program

Research and capacity-building activities with the goal of furthering the understanding of the ageing process from an interdisciplinary perspective, referring to the various domains such as economics, health sciences and sociology, in order to identify critical areas that affect health and social care of older people and address the challenges of demographic and societal changes in Europe and in the rest of the World. An important focus is dedicated to longitudinal panel studies and micro-data sets. Target groups include experts and stakeholders, PhD candidates, university researchers and professors, medical and social care professionals.

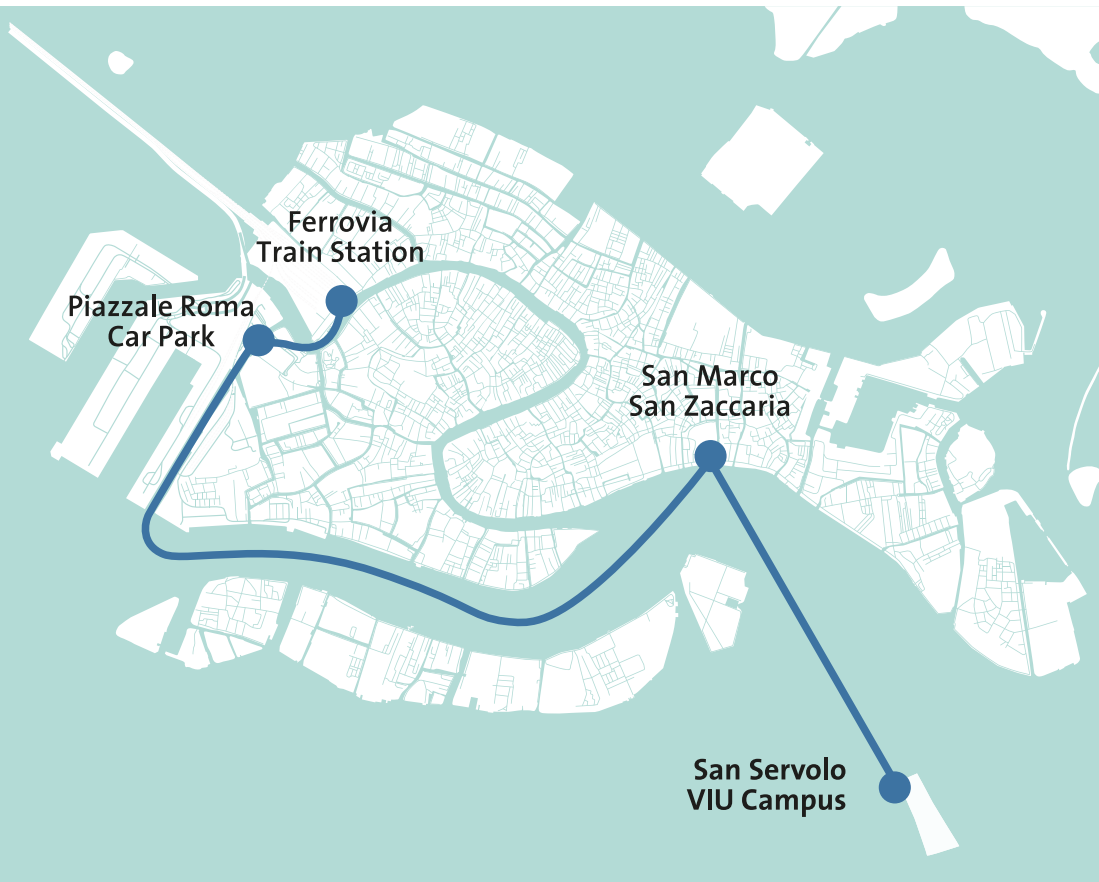
The Ageing Program:

- _ is involved in the EICA, European Interdisciplinary Council on Ageing, the first scientific organization in Europe specifically fostering the knowledge transfer of Ageing research outcomes to various professional groups, policy makers, and the general public mainly through advanced educational programs;
- _ contributes to the VIU academic programs with the annual editions of the Summer Institute on Ageing, and a new Summer School on The Age Criterion in the Allocation of Limited Resources during a Pandemic;
- _ promotes a series of webinars and e-learning courses in collaboration with EICA related to ageing, medical, ethical, and legal issues.

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