



COIMBRA GROUP, A TRADITION OF INNOVATION



COIMBRA GROUP: COMMITMENT

Founded in **1985** the Coimbra Group is an association of **long-established European multidisciplinary universities of high international standard.**

The Coimbra Group is committed to creating special academic and cultural ties in order to **promote internationalisation, academic collaboration, excellence in learning and research, and service to society.**

It is also the purpose of the Group to **influence European educational policy** and to **develop best practice** through mutual exchange of experience.

COIMBRA GROUP: FACTS AND FIGURES



- **39** Universities from **23** European countries
- **1,229M** students
- **224 000** staff (teaching, research, admin.)
- **36 000** students in Erasmus mobility to/from the CG (**16%** of the total number of Erasmus students in Europe)
- **Multi-billion €** total annual Research budget



COIMBRA GROUP: MEMBERS

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COIMBRA GROUP: ORGANISATION CHART

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Working Groups by pillar of primary interest

Research	Education	Outreach
Research Support Officers	Doctoral Studies	Heritage
Social Sciences & Humanities	Education Innovation	Development Cooperation
Life Sciences	Academic Exchange and Mobility	Latin America
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	Employability	

Coordination by EB members
Support from policy officers at CG Office (Brussels)



COIMBRA GROUP: NEW WORKING GROUP STRUCTURE, SINCE 2015

WG	Summary of the proposed work plans (2016-2018)
Research Support Officers (RSO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development on research management and leadership (training workshops) • Policy foresight: analysing policy background of funding environment (incl. EU), lobby at DG Research • Networking between meetings: staff exchanges, use of each other's contacts/networks, partners in proposals
Social Sciences & Humanities (SSH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying for European and global research funding for SSH • Research: Interdisciplinary conferences and joint projects to highlight the visibility and relevance of SSH research • Education and employability: Boosting the image of SSH graduates on the labour market.
Life Sciences (LS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coimbra Group European Master in Infection Biology • Collaboration in teaching and research in the Master's Programme "Stem Cell Biology - Artificial Organs" • Capacity Building Project: scientific training of pre-master students in LS • Collaboration in joint actions with the DS, STEM and EMP WGs

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<p align="center">Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Summer School “PROTEOMICS – from Introduction to Clinical Applications”, Iași (RO), 9-14 July 2017 • Testing phase for On-line Lecture Series • Collection of good practices in attracting young people to STEM fields • Promotion of academic cooperation in STEM programmes • Cooperation with other WGs: new teaching with ancient scientific instruments (HER WG)
<p align="center">Doctoral Studies (DS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision training and support (publication); • What is a PhD (employability); • QA&E in doctoral education; • CG-UNICA Joint Workshop

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<p>Education Innovation (EDU)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three seminars on learning spaces, virtual mobility, assessment and feedback • Quality work within the group • Dissemination of outputs is a challenge • Wider participation of staff from CG universities to our seminars is welcome
<p>Academic Exchange and Mobility (AEM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange best practices • Share recommendations and innovations with external partners • Create new opportunities: short term programmes, internships, International Credit Mobility, management of IROs, etc.

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Employability (EMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employability of PhDs • International internships • Business models for career services
Heritage (HER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding the online exhibition created by the University of Edinburgh: representative objects from university collections; themes to be curated; connections between universities via the mobility/biography of objects; • Videos of main historic buildings of each university (YouTube); • Meeting in Padova November/December 2017; • Conference on „Relevance of academic heritage in research contexts“ (working title): Salamanca, June 2018.

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<p>Development Co-operation (DC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Summer Schools or intensive training programmes both in Europe and third countries (Novi Sad, Würzburg, Togo, Myanmar) • Sharing practices on study programmes on development cooperation and area studies • Search engine to share knowledge on development cooperation projects implemented in CG universities
<p>Latin America (LA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in EU-CELAC Academic Summit (and related events) • Improved cooperation with other networks • Alumni as CG ambassadors



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