

THE 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 Coimbra Group to **influence European education and research policy** and to **develop best practice** through mutual exchange of experience.



### COIMBRA GROUP: FACTS AND FIGURES



- 39 Universities from 23 European countries
- **>1,4M** students
- >226 000 staff (teaching, research, admin.)
- The latest overview (2014), showed that **36 000** students had undertaken Erasmus mobility to/from CG universities (**16%** of all 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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### **COIMBRA GROUP: ORGANISATION CHART**

### **Working Groups**

by pillar of primary interest

Research	Education	Outreach
Research Support Officers	<b>Doctoral Studies</b>	Heritage
Social Sciences & Humanities	<b>Education Innovation</b>	<b>Development Cooperation</b>
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)



#### **Recent activities:**

- High Level Seminar for Research Policy on "Research Infrastructures and the European Innovation Council" (27-28 Oct. 2016, Venice)
- Position paper on the mid-term review of Horizon 2020 European Research and Innovation Programme (11 Jan. 2017)
- Position paper on the mid-term review of Erasmus+ Programme (23 May 2017)
- First response to the "Lab-Fab-App" report on post-H2020 Research and Innovation programme (1 Sept. 2017)



# **Recent activities (continued)**

- CG-UNICA "Navigate your career!" international training workshop for PhD candidates (15-18 Oct. 2017, Dubrovnik)
- Position paper on the future Research and Innovation **Programme – FP9** (10 Oct. 2017)
- Input into "Tallinn Call for Action" by the Estonian EU Presidency and participation to **Tallinn Conference** on "European Research Excellence – Impact and Value for Society" (12 Oct. 2017)
- High Level Seminar on Education Policy for Rectors and Vice-Rectors on "Internationalisation of the Curriculum" (13-14 Nov. 2017, Trinity College Dublin)



# **Recent activities (continued)**

- High Level Workshop on **Lifelong Learning and Employability** at the European Parliament (24 Jan. 2018, Brussels)
- Participation to First Education Summit, Brussels (25 Jan. 2018)
- Participation to stakeholders' meeting at DG EAC on "European Universities" (7 Feb. & 26 March 2018)
- CG statement on the Bologna Process (24 April 2018)
- Participation to EHEA Ministerial conference, Paris (23-25 May 2018)



# **Recent activities (continued)**

Joint meetings with other major University Associations (26 Feb. 2018, 12 June 2018, 25 June 2018): joint statements on FP9 on 21 March 2018 and on 15 June 2018. Joint amendments to FP9 regulations sent to European Parliament on 29 June 2018

## Forthcoming activities:

- High-Level Seminar for Research Policy on "Defining and measuring impact of research: an inter-disciplinary and intersectoral approach" (6-7 Dec. 2018, Venice)
- High-Level workshop on Engagement to Society and "Poitiers
   Declaration" at the European Parliament (early 2019)



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