



THE COIMBRA GROUP: A TRADITION OF INNOVATION



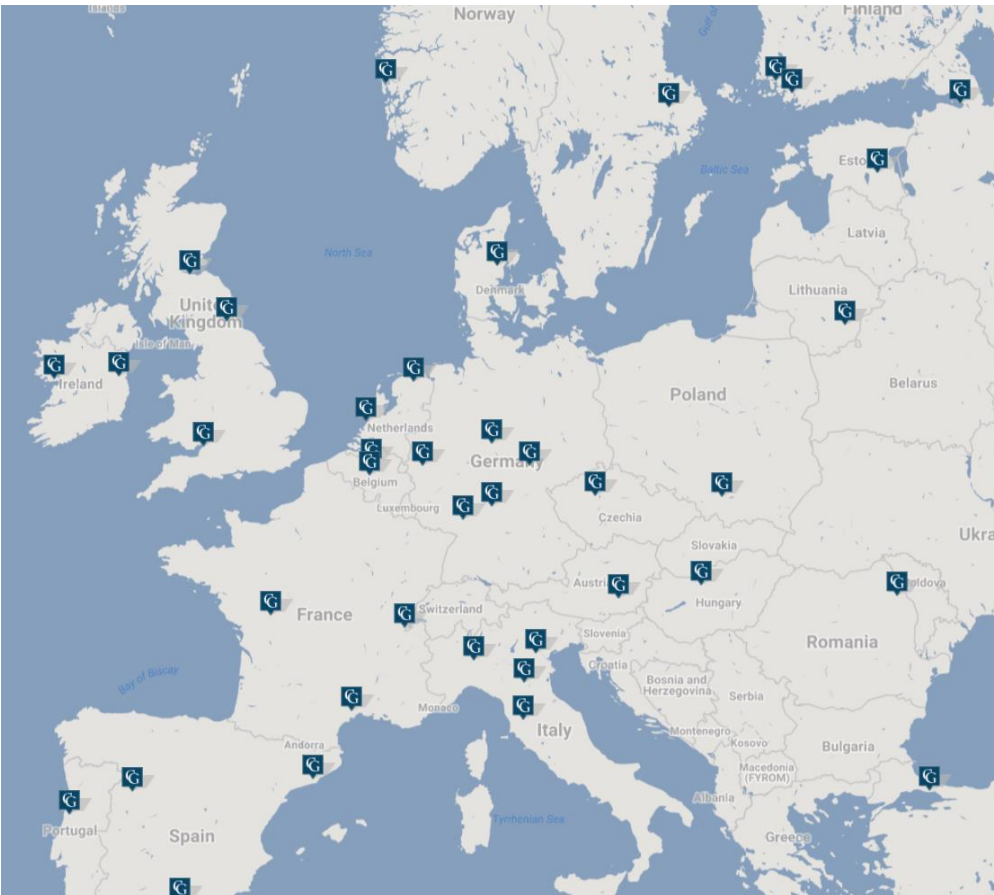
COIMBRA GROUP: COMMITMENT

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



- Founded in **1985**
- **41** Universities from **23** European countries
- **>1,4M** students
- **>232 000** staff members (teaching, research, admin.)
- **Students Erasmus+ mobility to/from CG universities: >16%** of all Erasmus+ students in Europe¹
- **Multi-billion €** total annual Research budget

¹ latest available overview: 2014



COIMBRA GROUP: MEMBERS

Aarhus (DK)*

Barcelona (ES)

Bergen (NO)

Bologna (IT)*

Bristol (UK)

Budapest (HU)

Coimbra (PT)*

Dublin (IE)*

Durham (UK)

Edinburgh (UK)*

Galway (IE)*

Genève (CH)

Göttingen (DE)*

Granada (ES)*

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Siena (IT)*

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Turku (FI)

Uppsala (SE)

Utrecht (NL)

Vilnius (LT)

Würzburg (DE)*

Åbo (FI)

COIMBRA GROUP: ORGANISATION CHART

Executive Board

Ludovic Thilly Chair	Jürgen Barkhoff Vice-Chair	Cláudia Cavadas	Danny Donoghue	Johnny Laursen
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Anne Fraïsse Honorary President	Tomas Zima	Rosario Rizzuto	Pilar Aranda Ramirez
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Peter Mathieson	Luc Sels	Jukka Kola (Appointed Expert)	
Edinburgh	KU Leuven	Turku	

COIMBRA GROUP: ACTIVITIES

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	Equality and Diversity (NEW)

Coordination by Executive Board members
Support from Policy Officers at CG Office (Brussels)

Recent Activity:

- 20 March 2020: **Coimbra Group briefing paper** on Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education
- 29 May 2020: **Coimbra Group report** on Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education and Research
-> [Link](#) to the report



Recent activity:

- CG representation in DG EAC working groups on **the future Erasmus programme (2021-2027)**
- Monitoring & analysis of the “**European Universities Initiative**” developments:
 - ➔ **Stakeholder meetings** with DG EAC (June & Nov. 2019, Jan. & Feb. 2020, Brussels)
 - ➔ **CG webinar on European Universities Alliances**, 10 June 2020: 500 participants
 - ➔ [Link](#) to the **Key Takeaways**
 - ➔ CG as an **Associated Partner to 8 Alliances**
 - ➔ **32 out of 41 CG member universities** now involved in an Alliance



Conclusions



Long-term funding is crucial to ensure alliances' sustainability

Needed:

- ★ CLEAR DEFINITIONS
- ★ REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

Alliances have proved to be real

GAME CHANGERS



SUSTAINABILITY remains a **CHALLENGE**





COIMBRA GROUP: MEMBERS OFFICIALLY INVOLVED IN ALLIANCES OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

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COIMBRA GROUP: ALLIANCES OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES WITH COIMBRA GROUP MEMBERS

With the Coimbra Group as Associated Partner:

CHARM-EU

Barcelona (ES)
Budapest (HU)
Dublin (IE)
Montpellier (FR)
Utrecht (NL)

Una Europa

Bologna (IT)
Edinburgh (UK)
Kraków (PL)
KU Leuven (BE)

EC2U

Coimbra (PT)
Iași (RO)
Jena (DE)
Pavia (IT)
Poitiers (FR)
Salamanca (ES)
Turku (FI)

Circle U.

Aarhus (DK)
Louvain (BE)

ARQUS

Bergen (NO)
Granada (ES)
Graz (AT)
Padova (IT)
Vilnius (LT)

4EU+

Heidelberg (DE)
Prague (CZ)

ENLIGHT

Galway (IE)
Göttingen (DE)
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- **Internationalisation: The Benchmarking Project**

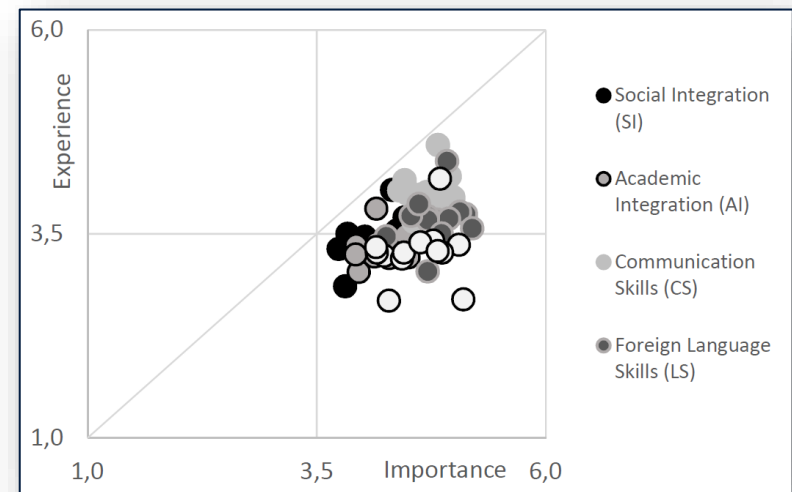
A new tool: the Global Education Profiler, GEP

- ☞ integrating student and staff surveys: **16 700 students and 7 200 staff**
- ☞ providing **high-quality data for members and network**
- ☞ benefiting **network** by actively disseminating **good practice** and underpinning **policy development**

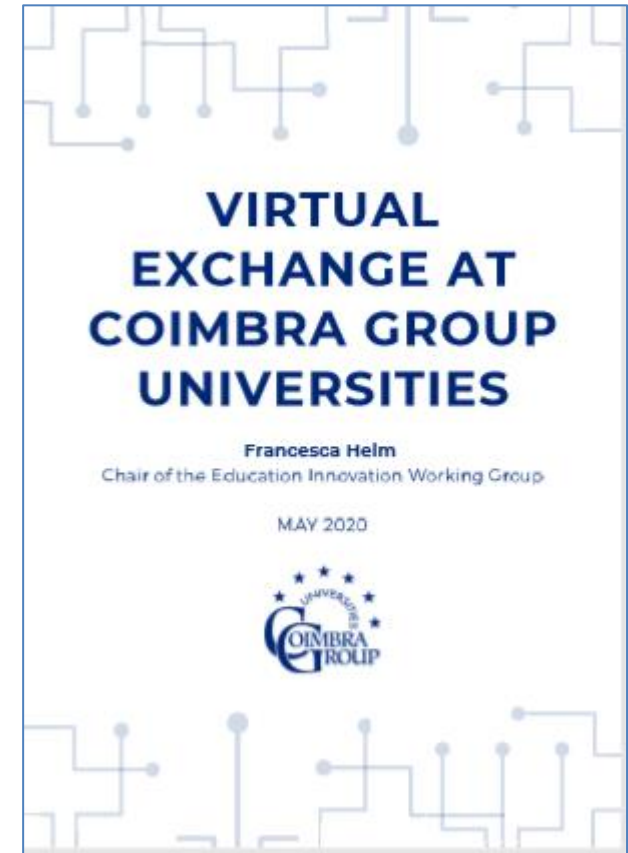
Benchmarking outcomes delivered at **Coimbra Group high-level seminar on Education Policy, 2-3 Dec. 2019, Tartu**

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First article published in journal “Internationalisation of higher education” (Sept. 20) -> [Link](#)



- Report on “Virtual Exchange at Coimbra Group Universities” (May 2020)
-> [Link](#)
- Coimbra Group Position Paper on the new Digital Education Action Plan (September 2020) -> [Link](#)



- **Media campaigns** with other major Research University Associations on financing of next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
#EUInvestinKnowledge



The Coimbra Group called on the EU Institutions and national policy makers to strengthen the investment in Knowledge via ambitious budgets for both **Horizon Europe AND Erasmus+ programmes**

- CG Participation to DG RTD prospective reflections and expert workshops on “Towards a 2030 Vision on the European Universities of the Future” -> [Link](#) to the First Study

Forthcoming activities:

- Coimbra Group **Annual Meeting** (15-18 June 2021, Charles University, Prague) - Public Conference debate on “Sustainable Universities in the 21st century” (SDG 16)
- High-Level Seminar for Research Policy, “**The Coimbra Group meets the United Nations**” (21-22 October 2021, Geneva)



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