



Coimbra
Group
UNIVERSITIES

A TRADITION
OF INNOVATION

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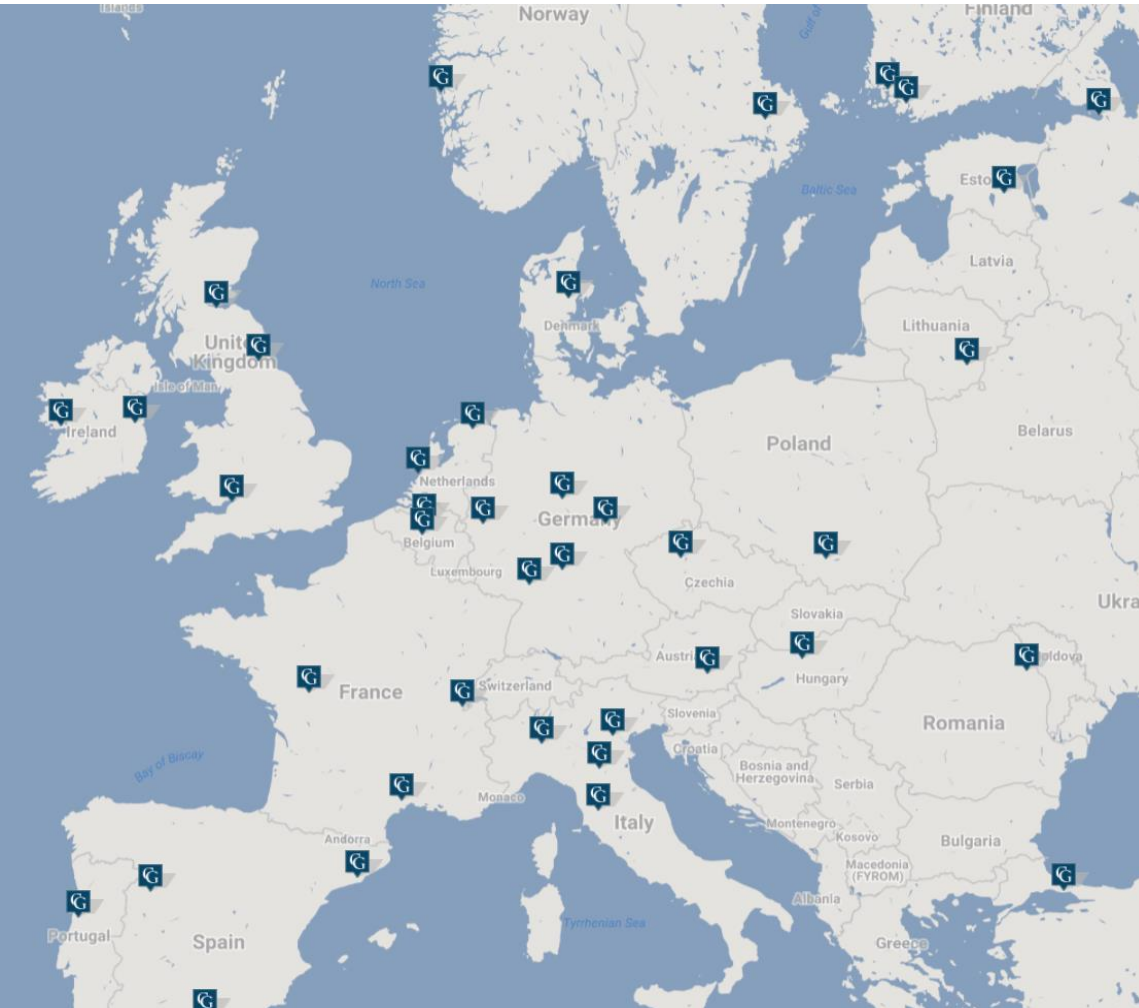


COMMITMENT

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.



- Founded in **1985**
- **40** Universities from **22** European countries
- **> 1,4M** students / **> 232 000** staff members (teaching, research, admin.)
- **14.4% of all signed grants in H2020:**
 - **25%** of all RIAs, IAs and CSA projects awarded under **Pillar II**
 - **12.5%** of all ERC funded grants
 - **15.5%** of all MSCA funded projects
- **21% of all signed grants in HEU:**
 - **26%** of all RIAs, IAs and CSA projects under **Pillar II**
 - **11,7%** of all ERC funded grants
 - **20.85%** of all MSCA funded projects
- **>16%** of all Erasmus+ grants to/from CG universities

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	Equality and Diversity

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

Aarhus (DK)

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Bergen (NO)

Bologna (IT)

Bristol (UK)

Budapest (HU)

Coimbra (PT)

Dublin (IE)

Durham (UK)

Edinburgh (UK)

Galway (IE)

Genève (CH)

Göttingen (DE)

Granada (ES)

Graz (AT)

Groningen (NL)

Heidelberg (DE)

Iași (RO)

Istanbul (TR)

Jena (DE)

Köln (DE)

Kraków (PL)

Leiden (NL)

Leuven (BE)

Louvain (BE)

Montpellier (FR)

Montpellier 3 (FR)

Padova (IT)

Pavia (IT)

Poitiers (FR)

Prague (CZ)

Salamanca (ES)

Siena (IT)

Tartu (EE)

Turku (FI)

Uppsala (SE)

Utrecht (NL)

Vilnius (LT)

Würzburg (DE)

Åbo (FI)

CG MEMBERS OFFICIALLY INVOLVED IN ALLIANCES OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES



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



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Galway (IE)
Göttingen (DE)
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Bergen (NO)
until Oct 23
Granada (ES)
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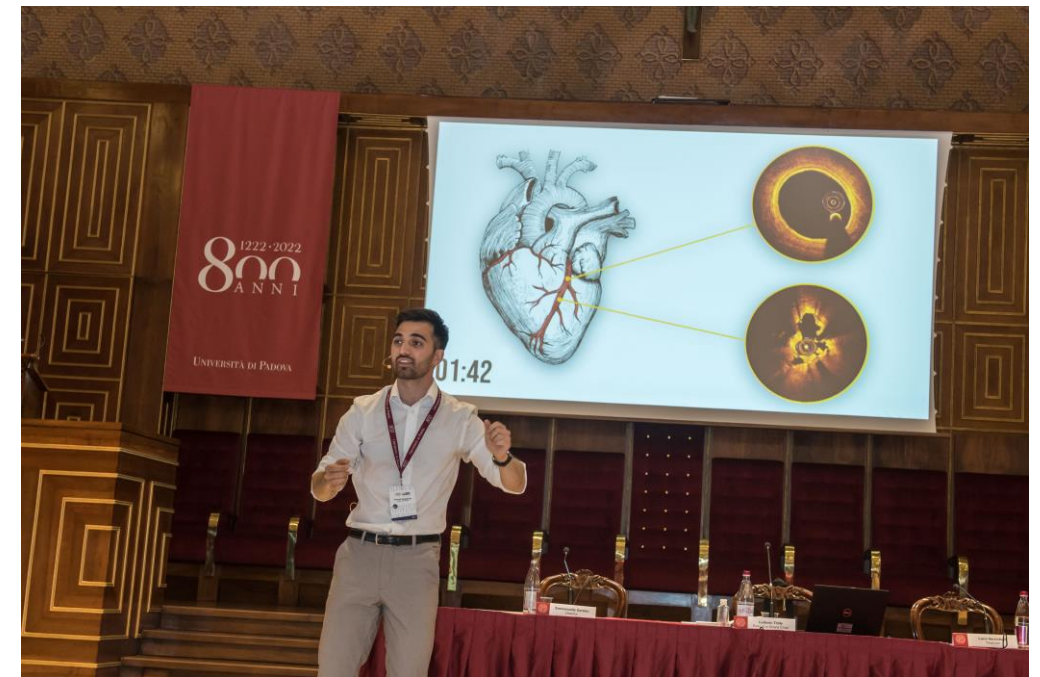
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- Actively engage in the implementation of the **European Research Area**, more specifically for Actions 3, 4 (co-sponsor), 5, 6, 8, 11, 13 (co-chair of the sub-group) and 14
- Reform of **research assessment** (CG member of the COARA)
- **European Universities Initiative**
- **European Strategy for Universities**
- Continue strengthening **Coimbra Group engagement with society**
- Continue developing policies, tools and guidelines **to limit the impact of BREXIT on Universities' core activities**

- **Final Conference of the European Network On Teaching Excellence Erasmus+ project “Higher Education Teaching Excellence and the Future of the European Education Area”** ([link](#))
21 June 2023, Brussels
- **2023 High Level Seminar on Research Policy**
Focus on ERA Policy Action 13 on support to excellence in R&I at universities
Biennial Seminar for Rectors and Vice-Rectors for Research of CG Universities
November 2023, Brussels
- **SSH WG International Conference on “Climate Change and SSH”**
(jointly with EU Alliances)
16-17 November 2023, Kraków
- **HER WG International Seminar on Universities’ Difficult Heritage**
18-19 March 2024, Prague

THREE-MINUTE THESIS (3MT) COMPETITION

- Since 2015 the Coimbra Group has organised a 3MT competition at network level.
- The 3MT challenges **PhD students** to describe their research to a general audience in English in less than three minutes.
- In 2023, a total of **26 CG universities** took part in this competition by presenting to the CG the winner of their own institutional competition.
- **Three finalists** are then shortlisted among all winners. They compete during the CG live final taking place at the CG Annual Conference in June.



- **Background:**

Since 1999 the Coimbra Group has offered young researchers from outside the EU the **opportunity to carry out part of their research for a period of one to three months at a Coimbra Group University.**

- The CG scholarship programme for short research stays in Europe is intended **for young researchers and staff from universities in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa and the European Neighbourhood.**

- **2023 Key Figures:**

- ❖ **90** scholarships offered (44 to women, 44 to men)
- ❖ **879** eligible applicants
- ❖ **21** CG host universities

- **Next Call for applications** (January 2024): www.coimbra-group.eu/scholarships

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