



THE COIMBRA GROUP: A TRADITION OF INNOVATION

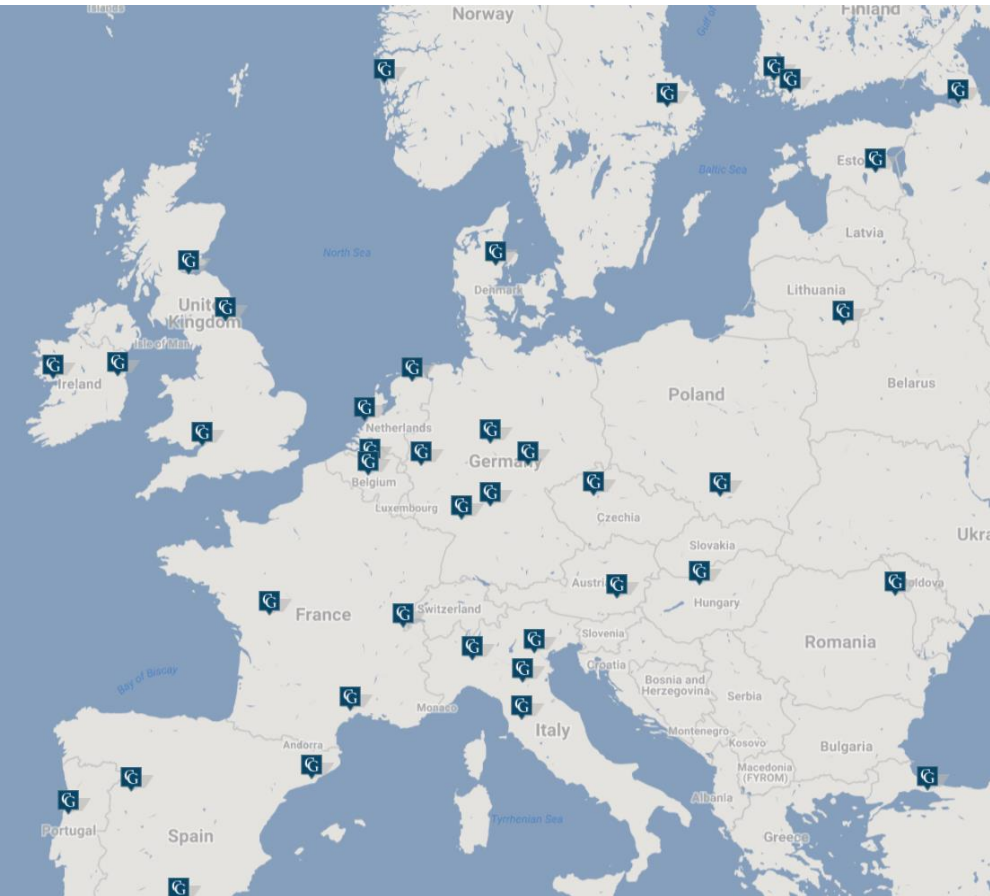


COIMBRA GROUP: COMMITMENT

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.



- Founded in **1985**
- **40*** Universities from **22** 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
- **10.5% of all ERC grants** awarded in FP7, H2020 and Horizon Europe benefitted CG Universities²
- **> 1.500 ERC projects worth € 2 billion**²

[*] *The membership of St. Petersburg State University (Russia) was suspended on March 10, 2022*

¹ *Latest available overview: 2014* ² *Latest available overview: 2022*



COIMBRA GROUP: MEMBERS

Aarhus (DK)*

Barcelona (ES)

Bergen (NO)

Bologna (IT)*

Bristol (UK)

Budapest (HU)

Coimbra (PT)*

Dublin (IE)*

Durham (UK)

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Galway (IE)*

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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)

* **Founding members (1985)**

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COIMBRA GROUP: ORGANISATION CHART

Executive Board

Ludovic Thilly Chair	Cláudia Cavadas Vice-Chair	Beatrix Busse	Danny Donoghue	Dorota Malec
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Tartu	Bergen	Turku	

COIMBRA GROUP: 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)



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** With the Coimbra Group as Associated Partner*

CHARM-EU*

Barcelona (ES)
Budapest (HU)
Dublin (IE)
Montpellier (FR)
Utrecht (NL)
Würzburg (DE)
Åbo Akademi (FI)

Circle U. *

Aarhus (DK)
Louvain (BE)

EC2U *

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

Una Europa *

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

4EU+

Heidelberg (DE)
Prague (CZ)

ARQUS

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(IT) Vilnius (LT)

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Cologne (DE)
Leiden (NL)

ENLIGHT

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Uppsala (SE) ⁸

- Strengthen **Coimbra Group advocacy activities**, in particular on:
 - ❖ **European Research Area**
 - ❖ **European Strategy for Universities**
 - ❖ Further roll-out of the **European Universities initiative**
 - ❖ **Synergy between higher education, research and innovation**, traditionally a hallmark of Coimbra Group universities
- Continue assisting Coimbra Group universities in their **management of the COVID-19 crisis on all sides**
- Continue strengthening **Coimbra Group engagement with society**
- Continue developing policies, tools and guidelines **to limit the impact of BREXIT on Universities' core activities**

- Longstanding participation in **EU Higher Education Stakeholder Groups**
- Participation in **EU core group for the drafting of the future EU agreement on Reforming research assessment: [Link](#)**
Supported by internal CG task group
- Close coordination with other leading European university associations for the representation of the university sector in the **governance of the European Research Area (ERA): [Link](#)**
- Participation in consultation meetings on the **ERA Policy Agenda and development/implementation of specific ERA Actions**
- **CG internal task group on post-Brexit UK-EU exchange and cooperation**

- **High-Level Seminar on Education Policy: “From Learning Spaces to Learning Environments”** ([link](#))
9-10 November 2022, University of Uppsala (Sweden)
Event geared towards Rectors, Vice-Rectors for Education
In cooperation with the Education Innovation Working Group
- **UNISAFE Project Final Dissemination Conference**
tbc 13-14 December 2022, Brussels (Belgium)
- **2023 Annual Conference & General Assembly** ([link](#))
31 May-2 June 2023, University of Cologne (Germany)

Coimbra Group Annual Meeting & General Assembly

7-10 June 2022, University of Padua (Italy)

«Universa Universis» Academic Freedom in a Transforming World
[Link to full report, replay and photo gallery.](#)

➤ *9 June morning - Public Conference*

- “800 years of Academic Freedom: lessons from the past to shape the future” (first session)
- Perspectives from the European Universities Alliances (second session)

➤ *9 June afternoon - Closed Rectors’ Meeting*

- Theme: Reform of Research Assessment

- **“Universities’ response to the Covid-19 crisis: What have we learnt so far?” (Coimbra Group Report)**
December 2021 - [Link to the report](#)
- **“Why Latin America Matters” (collection of essays by LA WG)**
November 2021 - [Link to the Book](#)
- **Coimbra Group Statement on the Rolling out of the European Universities Initiative after the pilot phase**
June 2021 - [Link to the statement](#)
- **Key takeaway messages on post-Brexit UK-EU exchange**
April 2021 - [Link to the policy document](#)

- **UNSAFE - Security and Safety on HEIs Students and Staff Moving Abroad**
2019-2022 - [Link to the project](#)
- **E-NOTE: European Network On Teaching Excellence**
2020-2023 - [Link to the project](#)
Supported by internal CG task group
- **CALOHEEx - Measuring and Comparing Achievements of Learning Outcomes in Higher Education in Europe – Extension**
2020-2022 - [Link to the project](#)
- **CALOHEE II - Measuring and Comparing Achievements of Learning Outcomes in Higher Education In Europe**
2019-2022 - [Link to the project](#)

- **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.**

- **2022 Key Figures:**

- ❖ Almost **80** scholarships offered
- ❖ **20** participating host universities
- ❖ Deadline **15 April 2022**



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