



Coimbra  
**Group**  
UNIVERSITIES

A TRADITION  
OF INNOVATION

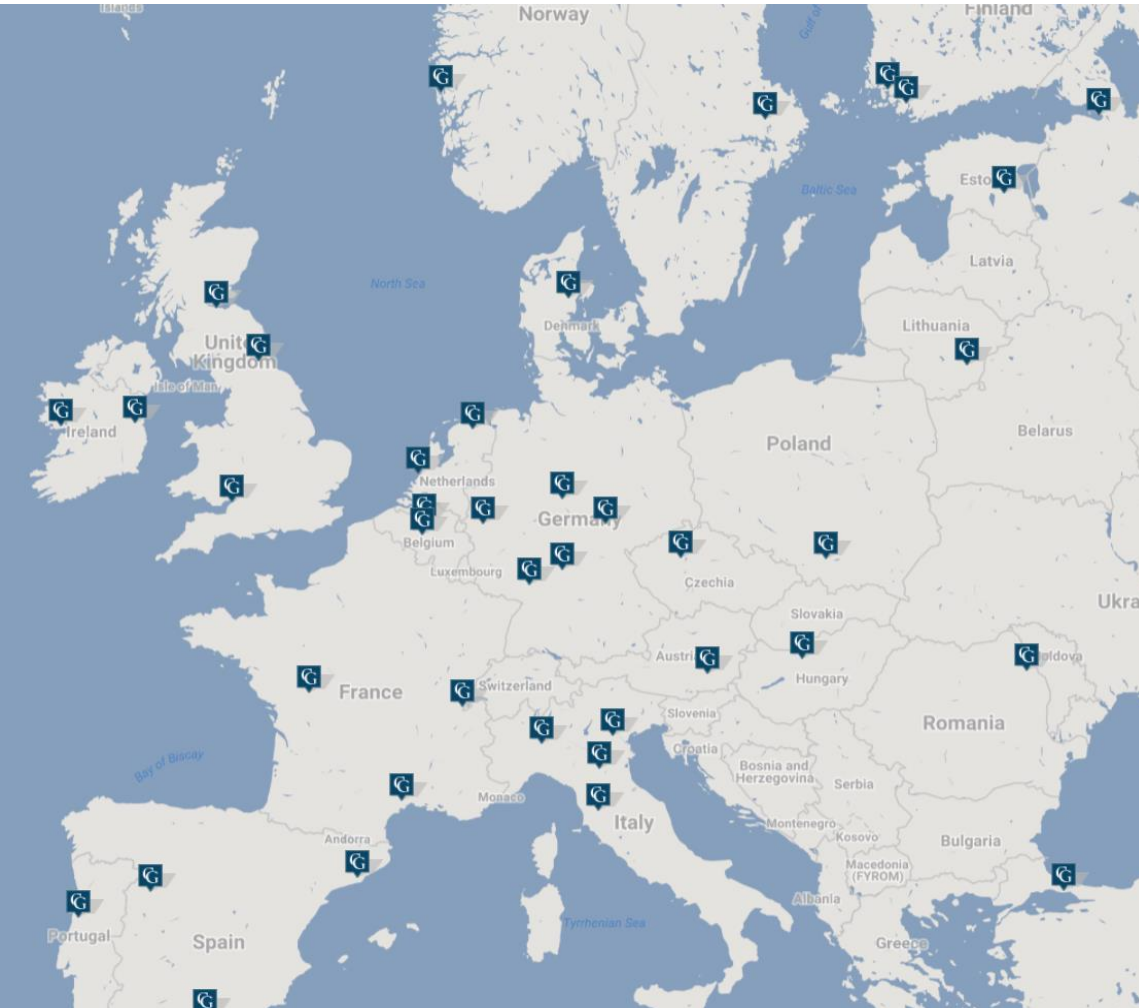


# COMMITMENT

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 Europe<sup>1</sup>
- **10.5% of all ERC grants** awarded in FP7, H2020 and Horizon Europe benefitted CG Universities<sup>2</sup>
- **> 1.500 ERC projects worth € 2 billion**<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> *Latest available overview: 2014*

<sup>2</sup> *Latest available overview: 2022*

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\* **Founding members (1985)**

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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)

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# MEMBERS OFFICIALLY INVOLVED IN ALLIANCES OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES (PILOT PHASE)

## **CHARM-EU\***

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## **Una Europa\***

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KU Leuven (BE)

## **EC2U\***

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Poitiers (FR)  
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## **ENLIGHT**

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Groningen (NL)  
Tartu (EE)  
Uppsala (SE)

## **ARQUS\***

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Graz (AT)  
Padova (IT)  
Vilnius (LT)

## **4EU+**

Heidelberg (DE)  
Prague (CZ)  
Geneva (CH)

## **Circle U.\***

Aarhus (DK)  
Louvain (BE)

## **EUniWell**

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Leiden (NL)



- Actively engage in the implementation of the **European Research Area**, more specifically Actions 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13 and 14
- Reform of **research assessment**
- **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**

- Longstanding participation in **EU Higher Education Stakeholder Groups**
- Participation in **EU core group for the drafting and governance of the future EU agreement on Reforming Research Assessment**: *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**

- **Public Seminar ‘Mobility. Civicness. Sustainability. The Future of European City Campuses’ ([link](#))**  
*27 October 2022, University of Siena*
- **High-Level Seminar on Education Policy: ‘From Learning Spaces to Learning Environments’ ([link](#)) (CG only)**  
*9-10 November 2022, University of Uppsala*
- **Seminar ‘Built heritage of Universities - use, re-use, hidden stories, conservation and aspects of interpretation’ (CG only)**  
*14 November, University of Tartu*

- **Public Conference: ‘Internationalising Higher Education: Safety Abroad, Interculturality at Home’** (final dissemination event of the [UNISAFE](#) and [TICKET](#) projects - [link](#))  
*13 December 2022 afternoon, Brussels*
- **Public conference ‘Reflecting on peace in Ukraine: long-term narratives, wars of disinformation, peace diplomacy and peace building’** (by invitation)  
*23 -24 January 2023, hybrid Brussels and online*
- **2023 Annual Conference & General Assembly** ([link](#))  
*31 May-2 June 2023, University of Cologne (Germany)*

- **“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.**

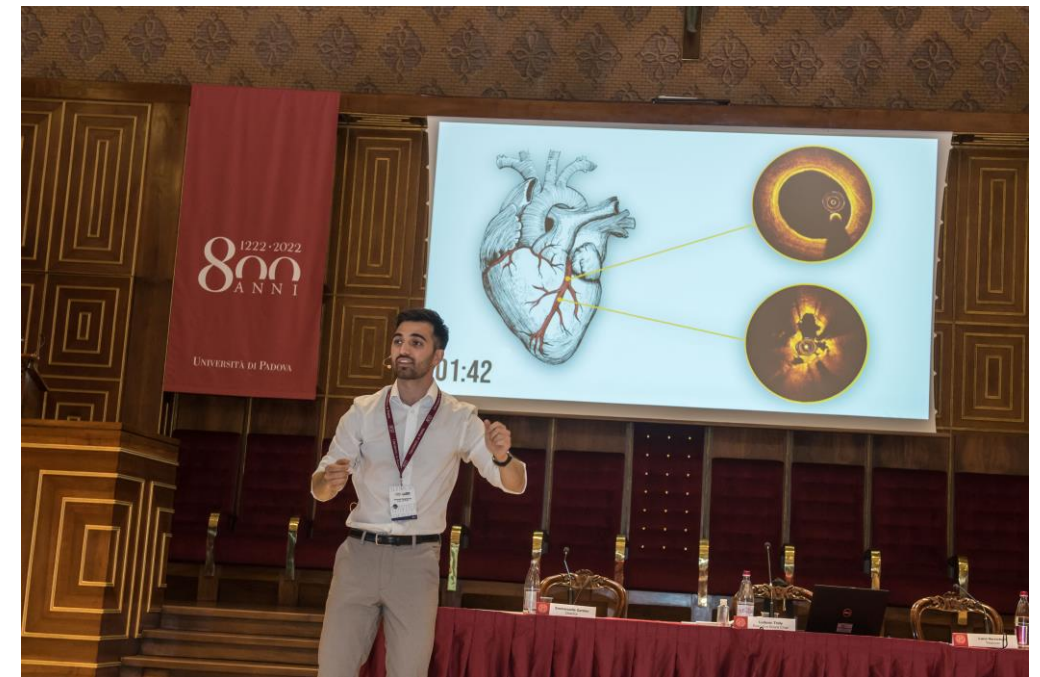
- **2022 Key Figures:**

- ❖ **88** scholarships offered (44 to women, 44 to men)
- ❖ **609** eligible applicants
- ❖ **20** CG host universities

- **Opening of the next call for applications:** end January 2023

# 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 2022, a total of **23 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 Meeting in June.





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