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THE COIMBRA GROUP: A TRADITION OF INNOVATION



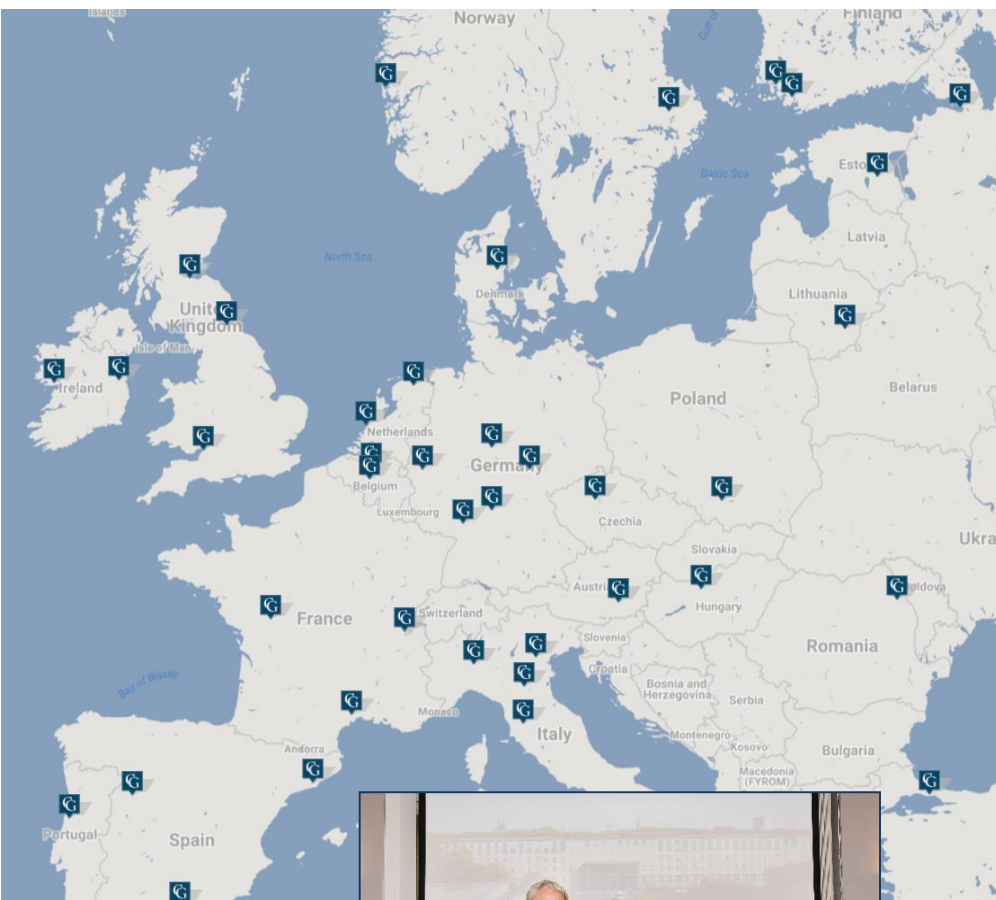
COIMBRA GROUP: COMMITMENT

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 in that year **36 000** students had undertaken Erasmus mobility to/from CG universities (**16%** of all Erasmus students in Europe)
- **Multi-billion €** total annual Research budget



26/10/17: University of Cologne, new CG member

COIMBRA GROUP: MEMBERS

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Barcelona (ES)

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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	

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

Recent network-wide events:

- Annual general assemblies (2016: Poitiers; 2017: Edinburgh)
- High Level Seminar for Research Policy on “**Research Infrastructures and the European Innovation Council**” (27-28 Oct. 2016, Venice)
- CG-UNICA “**Navigate your career!**” international training workshop for PhD candidates (15-18 Oct. 2017, Dubrovnik)
- High Level Seminar on Education Policy for Rectors and Vice-Rectors on “**Internationalisation of the Curriculum**” (13-14 Nov. 2017, Dublin)

Forthcoming network-wide events:

- High Level Workshop on **Lifelong Learning and Employability** with European Parliament (24 Jan. 2018, Brussels)
- Annual Meeting with General Assembly in Salamanca in conjunction with USAL 800th anniversary (30 May – 1 June 2018)
- High Level Seminar for Research Policy on “**Impact of Research and Innovation: definitions and metrics**” (6-7 Dec. 2018, Venice)

Recent policy and position papers:

- 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)
- Position paper on **the future Research and Innovation Programme – FP9** (10 Oct. 2017)

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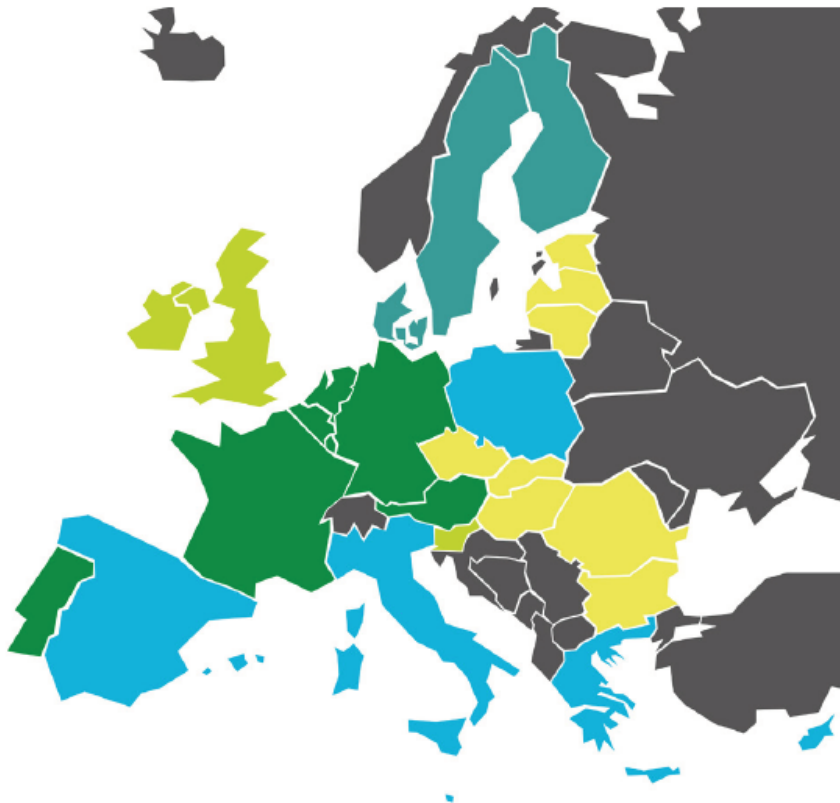
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A few indicators (1):

- 25-64 year-olds **with tertiary education doubled** over the past 20 years (36%) , those **without upper secondary education halved** (22%). **Employment rate of tertiary-educated adults is still higher than for those without** (OECD, Education Indicators In Focus #57, 2017)
⇒ **Labour market demand is keeping pace with rising educational attainment**
- **>30%** of employees possess **qualifications that are not well-matched to those required by their job**. **53%** of employees' tasks have become significantly more varied since they started their job (CEDEFOP, European skills and jobs survey, 2014)
⇒ **skill mismatch imposes costs on individuals, enterprises and societies**

A few indicators (2):

European countries according to the policy approach addressing low-skilled/qualified adults



- Remedial policy approach (BE, DE, FR, LU, AT, NL, PT)
- Liberal policy approach (IE, SI, UK)
- Preventive policy approach (DK, FI, SE)
- Regulatory policy approach and less intensive investment in education and training (EL, ES, IT, CY, MT, PL)
- Mixed policy approach (BG, CZ, EE, LV, LT, HU, RO, SK)

Source: Cedefop, based on Eurostat (labour market policy database; education and training statistics; income and living conditions statistics); OECD (product market regulation database; employment protection legislation; social expenditure database; tax database); and ICTWSS (version 4.0).

Education policy roadmap

- Implementation of the **Bologna Process** (1999), incl. **Diploma Supplement, Learning Outcomes, Mobility and Internationalisation, LLL**, etc.
- **New Skills Agenda** for Europe (European Commission, June 2016)
 SKILLS PANORAMA
Inspiring choices on skills and jobs in Europe   CEDEFOP
- Council recommendation on **Key Competences for LLL** (European Commission, January 2018)

Research and Innovation policy roadmap

- “The **post-2020 EU R&I programme** should reinforce support for **skills and competence development in EU-funded projects.**” (LAB-FAB-APP report, June 2017)

Education opportunities

- **ERASMUS+ programme** (incl. **ERASMUSPRO**) + **post-2020 programme** (**Multiannual Financial Framework?**)
- **Bulgarian EU Presidency** (Jan-June 2018):
 - access to **education and skills development at any age**
 - encouraging digital, entrepreneurial and creative **skills**
 - development of **skills and competences for the 21st century**
- **EHEA 2018 conference** in Paris (May 2018)



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Research and Innovation opportunities

- **Post-2020 FP9** (**Multiannual Financial Framework?**)

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14h30: *Assessment and future development of strategies for Lifelong Learning and Employability in Europe*

- **Joachim James Calleja**, Director of CEDEFOP, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
- **Cesare Onestini**, Director of ETF, European Training Foundation

Discussion

- **Vanessa Debiais-Sainton**, Acting Head of Unit for Higher Education, European Commission, Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
- **Dana-Carmen Bachmann**, Head of Unit for VET, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Discussion

16h: *Coffee break*

16h30: Case studies at Coimbra Group Universities and potential for generalisation

- **Eika Berit**, Pro-Rector, Aarhus University
- **Nathalie Martin-Papineau**, Vice-Rector, University of Poitiers
- **Ilaria Poggiolini**, Vice-Rector, University of Pavia
- **Wijnand Aalderink**, Director, Career Services and Corporate Relations, University of Groningen

Discussion



LLL & EMPL WORKSHOP: PROGRAMME

17h45: Discussion panel: Learnings, strategies and future actions

With **speakers from the first session** and representatives from Coimbra Group Working Groups:

- **Francesca Helm**, Vice-Chair of the Coimbra Group Working Group on Education Innovation, University of Padova
- **Maria Cristina Pita**, Chair of the Coimbra Group Working Group on Employability, University of Salamanca
- **Jette Hammer**, Vice-Chair of the Coimbra Group Working Group on Employability, Aarhus University

18h25: Closing remarks

19h00: Networking cocktail at the European Parliament (Rue Wiertz no. 60, 1047 Bruxelles)



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