



A tradition of innovation

General Presentation, June 2024

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.

One of the pioneering actors in the creation of Erasmus+, the co-creation of the European Universities Initiative, and the development of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).



Facts and figures

- 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

Executive Board

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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)



CG Members involved in Alliances of European Universities

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)

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)



Alliances of European Universities with CG Members & CG partnership



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



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With CG as Associated Partner

Executive Board Priorities & Forthcoming Events

2023-2024



Executive Board Priorities 2023-2024

- Play the role of a **scientific scene-setter of themes** and articulate a **solid vision in societal engagement and open science**

Two topics come to the fore when assessing CG's own identity and strengths:

- **Civic and societal engagement**
- **Open Science**



Executive Board Priorities 2023-2024

- **Help shaping and pioneering EU policies** that are relevant for its members:
 - **EU Multi-Annual Financial Framework**
 - **European Education Area**
 - **European Research Area**, more specifically for Actions 3,4 (CG co-sponsor), 5, 6, 8, 11, 13 (CG co-chair) and 14
 - **European Strategy for Universities**
 - **European Universities Initiative**
 - **Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe**
 - **Research Careers and Research assessment**
 - **Impact of Brexit and Strengthening collaboration with Switzerland**
 - **International Cooperation**



Executive Board Priorities 2023-2024

- Drive **CG's internal development** through new initiatives:
 - **Deepening our connection to CG members and the professional communities** (pilot calls for the allocation of targeted funding to Coimbra Group Working Groups).
 - Continuing the discussions on the **future of the network**
 - Making proposals on **membership enlargement**



Forthcoming Meetings & Events 1/2

- **SSH WG Educational Workshop on “*Changing times in the SSH*”**
17-18 October, Charles University
- **Employability WG Professional Training Workshop “Teaching, learning and assessment of future skills for employability”**
Oct/Nov 2024, Trinity College Dublin
- **Academic Exchange and Mobility WG meeting**
12-13 November 2024, Heidelberg University
- **STEM WG Workshop “*Active learning in STEM disciplines*”**
14-15 November, University of Padova
- **SSH WG Conference “*Old Cities, Former Capitals and the Nation-State Building in Europe (18th-20th centuries): regional and national identities*”**
20-21 November 2024 tbc



Forthcoming Meetings & Events 2/2

- **2024 High Level Seminar on Education Policy: “(Generative) Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education”**
Biennial Seminar for CG Rectors and Vice-Rectors
21-22 November 2024, Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- **Doctoral Studies Working Group meeting**
22 November 2024, online
- **Heritage Working Group Winter School “Intangible Cultural Heritage: Methodological Challenges and Opportunities”**
9-10 December 2024, University of Groningen
- 🎂 **CG 40th Anniversary Climate Symposium**
Inaugural Event for CG Rectors and Students
24-26 March 2025, Durham University
- 🎂 **CG 40th Anniversary Annual Conference and General Assembly**
10-13 June, University of Bologna



Institutional Partnerships

- **AUGM - Asociación de Universidades Grupo Montevideo**
since 2006
- **GCUB - Grupo Coimbra de dirigentes de Universidades Brasileiras**
since 2012
- **OAS - General Secretariat of the Organization of American States**
since 2017
- **UDUAL - Association of Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean**
since 2017
- **Erasmus Student Network International**
since 2021
- **EDEN Digital Learning Europe**
in process of institutionalisation

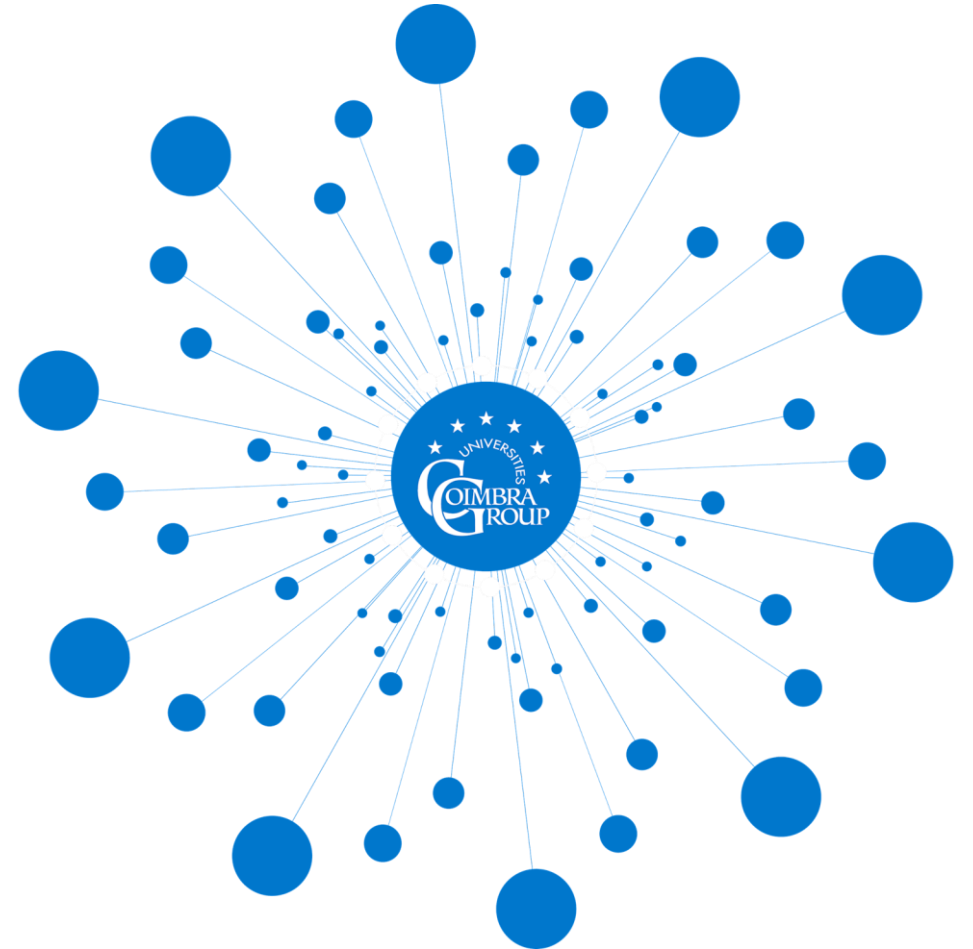


EU Projects

- **EUNIVERSE (2023-2026) - European Universities United in / for Values and Diversity**
<https://www.euniverse-project.org>

This Erasmus+ project aims at improving **students' mobility and integration** by implementing **European values and civic engagement** initiatives into learning activities that boost student skills and intercultural understanding.

The learning activities being devised by the project are challenge-based. They aim to empower students, by getting them more involved in campus life and their institutions. In time students will become instrumental in developing and diffusing an inclusive and international mindset. The consortium also believes that the implementation of EU values is bound to impact the institutional environment of students and staff.



Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

- Since 2017 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 2024, the video entries of PhD students from **25 CG Universities** competed in the first virtual round (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.



Scholarship Programmes

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.**

2023-2024 Key Figures:

- **74** scholarships awarded (30 LA, 30 Africa, 14 EN)
- **33 ♀** and **41 ♀**
- **879** applicants
- **19** CG host universities

Next Call for applications: January 2025



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