



COIMBRA GROUP, A TRADITION OF INNOVATION



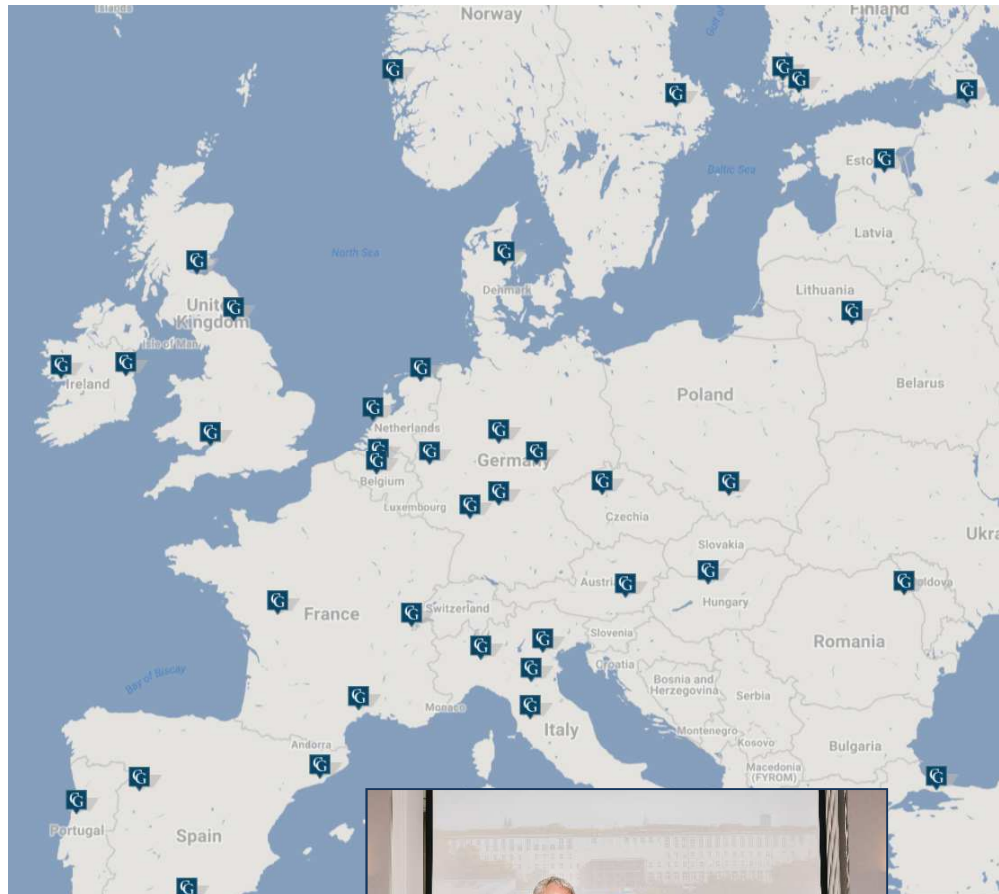
COIMBRA GROUP: COMMITMENT

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 Group to **influence European educational 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 **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

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)

Padova (IT)

Pavia (IT)

Poitiers (FR)

Prague (CZ)

St. Petersburg (RU)

Salamanca (ES)

Siena (IT)

Tartu (EE)

Turku (FI)

Uppsala (SE)

Vilnius (LT)

Würzburg (DE)

Åbo (FI)



COIMBRA GROUP: ORGANISATION CHART

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 EB members
Support from policy officers at CG Office (Brussels)



COIMBRA GROUP: NEW WORKING GROUP STRUCTURE, SINCE 2015

WG	Activities
Research Support Officers (RSO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development on research management and leadership (training workshops) • Policy foresight: analysing policy background of funding environment (incl. EU), lobby at DG Research • Globalisation of research funding: beyond EU funding
Social Science & Humanities (SSH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint SSH research proposals under Horizon2020 • Lobbying for SSH in Horizon2020 and more generally • Interdisciplinary conferences on European topics • Initiatives on joint degrees and employability
Academic Exchange and Mobility (AEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge sharing for IRO staff: best practices • Mobility expertise • Student Exchange Network (intra-group mobility) • Continuing Professional Development of the academic members of CG Universities



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WG	Summary of the proposed work plans (2016-2018)
Doctoral Studies (DS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a PhD within CG?• CG co-tutelle and mobility• Doctoral Supervision: best practices, guidelines, recommendations, policy paper• 3-min-thesis: competition at CG level
Education Innovation (EDU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thematic seminars on Learning Spaces, Virtual mobility, Assessment/evaluation, Internationalisation of curricula• Webinars on education innovation• Reviewed case studies of good practice in education innovation, contribution to reports and policy documents• Joint research in education



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WG	Summary of the proposed work plans (2016-2018)
Employability (EMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students international virtual fairs, webinars on soft skills • Platform for international internships • New tools to support career development of graduates/PhDs • Annual Career Service Staff Training Week
Life Sciences and Health (LSH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote students' interest and vocation through exchanges • Networking for participation in H2020 projects on LSH • Build-up of a common educational platform



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WG	Activities
Development Co-operation (DC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing access to funding for development /cooperation/pooling across the globe • Joint database of ongoing projects and partnerships • Sharing best practices in applications to E+ KA2 • New joint diploma (incl. e-learning, summer schools) • Joint partnership with new target regions
Heritage (HER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Universities and the European culture of knowledge’: five workshops on heritage and the links between institutional history and that of research and science • ‘Communications and visibility of cultural heritage’: documentary, joint portal, prototype of a virtual exhibition platform, joint H2020 projects



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WG	Activities
Latin America (LA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuation of successful previous LA Task Force• Link with Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities (CGUB) and Grupo Montevideo• New exchange programme for PhD Students and Researchers between CG and CGUB
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best practices in STEM promotion towards young people• Monitoring/contributing to EU policymaking in education and research on STEM• Dissemination of STEM research• Develop cooperation in the STEM academic fields• Liaison with the SSH and Life Sciences WGs



COIMBRA GROUP: ACTIVITIES

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)



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- 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)



COIMBRA GROUP: HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH POLICY

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)



The Coimbra Group in Capacity Building initiatives funded by the European Commission

Ongoing and completed projects



COIMBRA GROUP: PROJECTS I

Funded in 2017 (ongoing)

- Erasmus+ Capacity Building – “ICMED: International Credit Mobility: a new challenge for the Mediterranean Region”, coordinated by the University of Padova
- Erasmus+ Capacity Building – “YEBO! Development of the Internationalization of PhD studies in South-Africa”, coordinated by the University of Montpellier
- Erasmus+ Capacity Building – “CHINLONE: Connecting Higher education Institutions for a New Leadership On National Education” (Myanmar), coordinated by the University of Bologna

Completed

- INSPIRE, Erasmus Mundus Action 2 (Lot 10 South Africa), coordinated by Uppsala University
- Feasibility Study into the Relevance of a TUNING approach for Higher Education in Africa: www.tuningafrica.org. Funded by the European Commission



COIMBRA GROUP: PROJECTS II

- LEMONOC (LEarning MObility with NON-industrialized Countries), coordinated by Leuven University College (KHLeuven). Main objectives: improve the quality of learning mobility with the Global South within European higher education institutions and provide a platform to discuss trends, share ideas and experiences (www.lemonoc.eu). Completed in 2016. Funded by Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Commission
- AUDIS (African Universities International Dimension Strengthening), co-ordinated by the University of Padova and involving 12 African universities, on capacity building of International Relations Offices at African higher education institutions. Completed in November 2009. Funded by the Edulink programme of the European Commission
- RE-FORM, a joint Moroccan-European initiative the aim of which was to create a forum for debate, mutual exchange of experience and good practice, and the foundation for future inter-university co-operation with exchanges of students and academics. Completed in May 2008. Funded by the Tempus programme of the European Commission



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