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The Institute for Higher Education, I.P. (IES) is a public institute with special status, integrated into the indirect administration of the Portuguese State, with administrative and financial autonomy and its own assets. The IES is responsible for coordinating and implementing public policies in the field of higher education in Portugal, including the management of the Erasmus+ Programme for Education and Training, the promotion of internationalisation, participation in international networks, and the attraction of international students.

Its mission is to support the development, quality and innovation of the Portuguese higher education system, ensuring access, equity and student success, while strengthening institutional capacity and fostering cooperation at national, European and international levels. The IES plays a key role in aligning national higher education policies with broader European priorities, contributing to a more inclusive, competitive and future-oriented education system.

Study & Research in Portugal is a strategic initiative led by the IES to promote Portugal as a destination for international students, researchers and academics. The initiative highlights the country's higher education and research ecosystem, showcasing study programmes, research infrastructures and opportunities across Portuguese institutions.

The platform provides comprehensive and practical information on academic pathways, research opportunities, visas and residence permits, as well as integration and support services for international students and researchers. Through targeted international communication campaigns, participation in global education fairs and partnerships with higher education institutions and international networks, *Study & Research in Portugal* aims to strengthen the global visibility of Portuguese higher education and research.

By promoting Portugal's academic excellence, openness and quality of life, the initiative contributes to enhancing the country's international attractiveness and reinforcing its position as a welcoming, innovative and competitive destination for study and research.

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LUSO-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) is a private, non-profit, financially independent Portuguese institution.

Its main goal is to contribute towards Portugal's development by providing financial and strategic support for innovative projects by fostering cooperation between Portugal and the USA.

Since 2014, FLAD also operates its own study abroad program, the Study in Portugal Network – The gateway for US Higher Education to study abroad in Portugal.

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FULBRIGHT COMMISSION PORTUGAL

The Fulbright Commission Portugal was created in 1960 through a diplomatic agreement signed between the Portuguese Government and the Government of the United States of America. Since then the Commission has been administering the Fulbright Program of Educational Exchange in Portugal. In 2015 a new agreement was signed between the U.S. and Portugal, which contributed to the reinforcement of cooperation in the areas of education and science between the two countries, within the scope of the Fulbright Commission activity. The Fulbright Commission has developed an important role in the promotion of mutual understanding between the USA and Portugal, through its triple mission in the areas of education and science:

- offering opportunities for the exchange of scholars, researchers and students;
- delivering quality orientation and information services focused on the educational systems of both countries; and
- organizing knowledge-sharing initiatives.

The Fulbright Commission has been deeply involved in the activities developed by Portuguese higher education institutions to attract U.S. students, scholars and researchers and supports them in their internationalization strategies concerning the U.S.. The Commission lead the efforts to establish a sustained representation of the Portuguese Higher Education and Research system at NAFSA and has been part of the organizing committee of the Study and Research in Portugal delegation at NAFSA for the last years.

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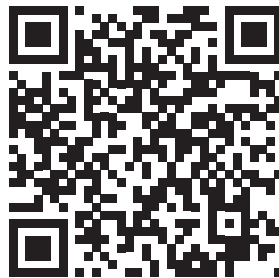
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YOUR BUSINESS CARD CAN BECOME A TREE IN PORTUGAL!

Welcome to the Portugal Pavilion at NAFSA 2026!

Internationalization can be eco-friendly!

For NAFSA 2026, we have reduced the number of giveaways and chosen a more sustainable approach.

Join the initiative One Business Card = One Tree

The Study & Research in Portugal Pavilion, coordinated by the Institute for Higher Education, I.P. (IES), brings together the promotion of Portuguese higher education and research with a strong environmental commitment. All information about Study & Research in Portugal will be shared directly with you via email.

By leaving your business card you are contributing to a meaningful initiative: the Institute for Higher Education, I.P. commits to planting one tree for each business card collected, supporting reforestation efforts in Portuguese regions affected by forest fires.

Your participation not only supports environmental sustainability, but also strengthens the connection between Portugal and the international academic community. All contacts collected by the IES will be recorded and shared with the Higher Education Institutions present at the Study & Research in Portugal Pavilion, fostering future academic cooperation.

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Study in Portugal Network (SiPN) is a specialized study abroad provider based in Lisbon, Portugal, created and managed by FLAD - a major Portuguese Foundation whose mission is to promote the development of Portugal through bilateral relations with the United States.

SiPN is a multi-university consortium of Lisbon-based universities: ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Universidade de Lisboa and Universidade Nova de Lisboa that aims to attract and support students and faculty from the United States to come to Portugal on various study abroad experiences. Since 2016, SiPN also established a summer program in partnership with the University of the Azores.

SiPN offers semester and summer study abroad programs, including research and internship opportunities.

Additionally, each year we welcome in Portugal a large number of short-term faculty-led programs tailored to the needs and requirements of the program director and the respective home University in the United States.

FLAD-SiPN is a Gilman Global Partner

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

SiPN's is especially interested in sharing new program features, such as:

- FLAD/SiPN- Gilman Scholarship
- SiPN Semester long programs:
 - Emerging Topics in Engineering, Technology & Sustainability, in partnership with Instituto Superior Técnico – Lisboa
 - Advanced Liberal Arts in Lisbon, in partnership with Faculdade de Letras – Lisboa
- SiPN-promoted Internship and Research Opportunities
- SiPN's capacity to develop customized programs
- (NEW!) SiPN Semester Opportunities at U.Porto



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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Founded in Porto in 1982, CESPU is currently the biggest higher institution teaching Health in Portugal offering more than a hundred specialized study programmes (undergraduate, master's, doctoral and postgraduate). CESPU is characterized by its pioneering spirit, innovation & excellence in health education, sustained growth, loyalty to the specialization principle, internationalization of European vocation and emphasis on social/humanitarian assistance by providing health care services to the communities.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The main objective of CESPU is to become a reference institution in the area of health in Europe and around the world. Providing modern infrastructures with cutting-edge technology and a multicultural and linguistic academic environment, CESPU is looking for promising students and specialized teachers and researchers in the area of Health as well as international institutions of excellence to develop cooperation projects related to Health and Wellbeing with significant impact on communities.



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The Polytechnic University of Cávado and Ave (IPCA) is the most recent Portuguese public Higher Education Institution, founded in 1994. Located in a region known for its significant economic activity and by the youth of its population, IPCA has played an important role of development agent in the region, being present in five municipalities of the Cávado and Ave Valley (Barcelos, Braga, Guimarães, Famalicão and Vila Verde). Despite its youth and numerous challenges, IPCA enjoys a very high reputation for its educational performance and applied research. Its duly accredited and innovative academic offer is widely recognised at national and international levels.

IPCA has six dynamic Schools in the following broad fields: Design, Management, Engineering & Technology, Hospitality & Tourism, and Sports, Wellness & Biomedical Systems, offering a broad range of Bachelor (1st cycle), Master and Professional Master (2nd cycle), PhD (3rd cycle) and Professional Short-cycle Courses (TeSP). A student population of more than 7800 students together with more than 770 teaching and technical and administrative staff make IPCA an important reference in the Portuguese Higher Education landscape.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The remarkable degree of interaction with other institutions and the society in general is worth of reference. Internationalisation has been a priority since its very beginning, and, as such, it is a core transversal element of IPCA's Mission & Strategic Plan. Recognising that internationalisation is a key element to obtain and maintain a high quality level of its areas of intervention - education, applied research and engagement with society-, and to promote the Institution in a growing competitive academic world, IPCA has been making considerable effort to consolidate its international dimension in many categories which reinforce and complement each other, fostering institutional cohesion, inclusiveness, sustainability and aiming at attaining greater relevance. IPCA is also a founding member of the European University RUN-EU (Regional University Network.EU), which brings together ten like-minded regionally focused HEIs committed to societal transformation in their regions in the context of new and emerging regional and global challenges and, in particular, sustainable regional development. The pro-active participation in such international academic cooperation projects and the fostering of strategic alliances, co-creation platforms and collaborative networks are an explicit and integrated part of IPCA's internationalization and modernization strategy. IPCA intends to use the unique opportunities of international cooperation as a quantum leap for systemic change and for enhancement of its international dimension and institutional growth.



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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

With over 3500 students and 400 staff members, the Polytechnic University of Beja (IPBeja) is the only higher education institution in Baixo Alentejo, thus playing a key role in the life and development of this extensive, sparsely populated and mostly rural region located in the south of Portugal.

IPBeja is a public higher education institution. It was created in 1979, and its mission is to provide and disseminate applied, technical-professional knowledge, research and experimental development, with a special focus on vocational, lifelong and advanced technical education and training.

IPBeja has a network of over 200 partners worldwide, comprising higher education institutions, research centers and public and private organizations. Besides the participation of its students and staff in international mobility programmes, IPBeja is also an active partner of a great number of international cooperation and research projects.

Putting a premium on the promotion of healthy lifestyles and wellbeing of its community, IPBeja also participates in the FISU Healthy Campus programme (holding the Platinum certificate) and is also a founding member of the European University Alliance HEROES.

At present, IPBeja main challenges rely on promoting sustainable and inclusive approach, attracting even more national and international students; strengthening the national and international cooperation; increasing applied research and the student's inclusion and employability levels.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Polytechnic Institute of Beja is highly committed with internationalization and considers it one of the strategic axes upon which the Institute's development is based. IPBeja aims to:

- Reinforce the partner's network worldwide and strength the international cooperation projects and activities in the fields of education, research and capacity building;
- Intensify the attraction of international students, promoting a sustainable and inclusive approach;
- Promote the exchange and mobility opportunities for students and staff, incoming and outgoing, including blended mobility (Erasmus BIP);
- Disseminate the academic offer and promote IPBeja as a prospective partner for innovative applied research projects.
- Increase the participation in strategic partnerships and collaborative projects.



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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Polytechnic University of Coimbra (PUC) comprises six schools with approximately 11096 students and 1330 staff members, including teachers. PUC Schools provide higher education programmes in many fields. These include agricultural sciences, education and arts, administration, marketing and business, media and communication sciences, tourism and sports, gastronomy, health technologies and engineering.

All schools offer programmes at different qualification levels. These include Higher Professional Technical Courses, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees and post-graduate education. PUC has recently launched three new PhD Programmes:

- PhD in Agri-Food and Environmental Sustainability,
- PhD in Sports Science,
- UNIGreen Joint PhD in Agri-Food Science, Technology and Biotechnology.

PUC also engages in high-quality applied research across several of its subjects within its schools.

In recent years, there has been growing emphasis on scientific research through the Institute for Applied Research (IIA). Its main goal is to combine and improve scientific resources, boost applied research, and share knowledge and technology with industry and the wider community. This initiative encourages innovation in processes, products, and services. Furthermore, PUC supports several R&D laboratories and the INOPOL Entrepreneurship Academy, a unit of the PUC. INOPOL's aims to create a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. It helps supporting the establishment and growth of start-ups and spinoff companies that are scientific grounded and innovative.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Internationalization represents a key policy in the governance of the Polytechnic University of Coimbra, aligning with the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training.

The institution prioritises strengthening its international presence, particularly in Portuguese-speaking countries and Latin America, while also seeking new funding opportunities through European programmes.

International mobility and cooperation projects are the two main pillars for consolidating and enhancing the institution's internationalisation spreading through its teaching, research, and community engagement activities.

The Polytechnic University of Coimbra provides various mobility programmes to support students, academic staff, and administrative personnel in gaining international experiences. Also to study periods, internships, and teaching or training missions within the European through the well-known Erasmus+ programme, the institution offers grants for mobility in non-European countries, including options like International Credit Mobility (ICM), IPC Latin America, and AULP Mobility.

The Polytechnic University of Coimbra (IPC) is one of eight higher education institutions that form the Green European University — UNIGreen, a consortium approved by the European Commission as part of the Erasmus+ European Universities Initiative.

UNIGreen aspires to be the leading European university in sustainable agriculture, biotechnology and environmental and life sciences, providing students and the academic community with the knowledge and skills to become active contributors to the transition towards a climate-neutral and resource-efficient economy.



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Polytechnic University of Leiria is a Portuguese higher education public institution that supports its activities in four main interconnected activities, namely education, research, innovative services to society (added value and knowledge sharing), and internationalization.

With high standards of education and research, the Polytechnic University of Leiria began its activity in 1980 and has five faculties located in the cities of Leiria, Caldas da Rainha, and Peniche.

With more than 14,500 students, it offers quality training geared towards the job market in the areas of Arts and Design, Science and Technology of the Sea, Business and Legal Sciences, Education and Social Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Health and Sports, and Tourism.

With a growing activity in terms of research (15 research units), the Polytechnic University of Leiria has in its identity an ecosystem of research and innovation oriented towards the economic and social sector of the region where it is located.

Co-leader of the European University RUN-EU, Polytechnic University of Leiria contributes to the reinforcement of the European identity supported by Innovation, Sustainability, Entrepreneurship, and Knowledge.

Characterized by its multicultural environment, it currently has 1700 students from 75 nationalities, numbers that make the institution a Global Campus.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Polytechnic University of Leiria has a long-standing history of internationalization, encompassing the mobility of students, faculty, researchers, and staff, as well as the development of joint training activities and cooperation in research and innovation projects with foreign institutions.

With a strong focus on promoting and strengthening its international strategy, the main interests and goals of the Polytechnic University of Leiria for international cooperation are:

- Establishment and reinforcement of international agreements with foreign universities.
- Promotion of international exchange and mobility (students, faculty, researchers, and staff).
- Development of international academic programs, including joint and double degrees at bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels.
- Implementation of international doctoral (PhD) programs and collaborative supervision initiatives.
- Advancement of joint Research & Development (R&D) projects.
- Recruitment of students through partnerships between institutions (bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels).
- Exchange of best practices with foreign institutions, particularly in internationalization strategies, student recruitment, and admissions processes.



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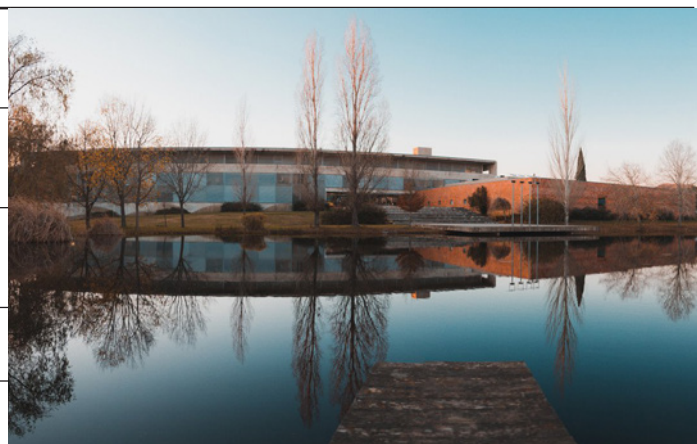
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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The Portalegre Polytechnic University is a public Higher Education institution which includes the School of Education and Social Sciences, the School of Technology, Management and Design, the School of Health, in Portalegre, and the School of Biosciences, in Elvas.

The activities of the four Higher Schools are coordinated by the Central Services, being the Social Action Services (SAS) oriented to support the student, namely on issues related to food, accommodation, psychological support and sports and recreational activities.

The Portalegre Polytechnic University also has a technology based incubator (BioBIP), a Research and Innovation Office (GII), an Entrepreneurship and Employment Office (GEE), a Centre of Languages and Cultures (CLIC), an International Erasmus Office (GRI), an R&D unit called VALORIZA, accredited by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) as VERY GOOD and a Collaborative Laboratory in the area of Biorefineries, also accredited and funded by the FCT.

In order to be ever closer to the community and to contribute to its sustained development, it offers various services through its laboratories, partnerships and support to applied research.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The participation of Portalegre Polytechnic University in internationalization activities allows students, teachers and non-teaching staff to benefit from mobility periods in one of our partners, but also to develop wider cooperation projects, either in the academic or in the research area.

The Portalegre Polytechnic University has a vast network of partnerships, not only within the Erasmus+ programme, but also with other countries, with some of them negotiating the implementation of scientific projects or joint degrees, in addition to the exchange of students, teaching and non-teaching staff.

Therefore, in the extension of a Global Polytechnic with international projection, the Portalegre Polytechnic University objectives a reinforcement of international partnerships and alliances, aiming at strengthening existing ones with foreign higher education institutions; the promotion of new protocols of institutional cooperation, in the scope of other projects and international programmes focused on teaching, research and training and the increase in the number of double degree courses with foreign higher education institutions. Within this scope, it is also urgent to reinforce the promotion of new partnerships with training and academic objectives.



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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Polytechnic of Porto is the largest Polytechnic University in Portugal, with about 22,000 students, and more than 60 BSc and 80 MSc Programmes, and 7 new PhD Programmes. It involves 8 Schools in the areas of Engineering and Computing, Administration/Management and Accounting, Health, Education, Arts (Music, Theatre and Image), Design, and Hospitality and Tourism, with Undergraduate/Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in these areas. It has several research groups recognized and financed in Portugal, with a level of Excellence. It is particularly active in the areas of mobility and internationalization (gcri@isep.ipp.pt), research and innovation and entrepreneurship. Polytechnic of Porto is member of the ATHENA European University consortium, and led ATHENA at the beginning.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The internationalization of P.PORTO is part and parcel of the institutional policies, strategic planning and daily practices of what is the largest polytechnic university in Portugal.

Increasing student mobility is at the forefront of our strategy, as we regard it as a keystone in the depth and breadth of the learning opportunities, we create for both outgoing and incoming students. We also actively seek to attract full-time overseas students, from Portuguese speaking countries and elsewhere, which allows us to create an ever more multicultural and diverse educational setting within our schools.

P.PORTO was the coordinator of the European University ATHENA, taking part in a long-term network of cross-border collaboration which aligns institutional strategies as a way of promoting innovation and excellence.

P.PORTO constantly seeks opportunities to widen all manner of cooperation with international partners, namely R&D, and scientific, technical and cultural transfer to society at large. This is valid for each area of our portfolio. Our main drivers are both excellence in our teaching and learning practice and innovation in our R&D activities, which we will continue to pursue by increasing the already considerable number of agreements with other HEI, reinforce our participation in international projects and joint degrees, and widen the scope of our activities in partnership with public and private enterprises.



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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The Polytechnic University of Viseu (IPV) is a prominent public institution of Higher Education located in the central region of Portugal, and it plays a pivotal role in the skilling, upskilling and reskilling of the local population. It consists of four schools located in Viseu: the School of Education, the School of Health, the School of Technology and Management, and the Agrarian School. Additionally, there is a school of Technology and Management in the city of Lamego, which serves as a gateway to the Alto Douro Wine Region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. IPV boasts a diverse student body, comprising over 6,400 students from both national and international backgrounds, as well as a dedicated faculty of 510 members of the teaching staff and 210 non-teaching staff members. It is also home to four research centres, involving approximately 200 researchers, and an interface unit that focuses on delivering specialised services to the community.

At IPV, students have access to a wide range of academic programmes, totalling 99 options that encompass Bachelor's, Master's, Postgraduate and Doctoral degrees (the latter in partnership with other universities). These programmes are meticulously designed to align with the professional demands and practices across various fields, including Information and Communication Technologies, Teacher Training, Creative Industries, Business and Management, Nursing, Health and Social Care, Engineering and the Built Environment, Biosciences, Sport and Exercise Science, Nutrition and Dietetics.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Internationalisation plays a vital role in the positioning of IPV. More than 200 ERASMUS+ partnerships and bilateral agreements have been signed over the years with European, Asian, African and South American institutions, namely from Portuguese-Speaking Countries. On the other hand, the IPV's research strategy is based on intercultural awareness and a growing international network supported by international cooperation partnerships. The increasing number of international students who choose IPV to proceed with their academic path is also worth noting. Besides the exchange programmes, IPV has created the opportunity for international students to pursue a complete degree programme. Beyond the core responsibilities of teaching, researching and innovating, IPV has a significant role in addressing societal challenges, nationally and internationally, contributing to the development of cities and regions and to the promotion of civic engagement. European and international collaborative networks broaden the spectrum of cooperation with companies and scientific partners and bring added value to the institution. IPV is now part of the EUNICE alliance, one of the European Universities created in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. IPV intends to strengthen its international presence through a strategy that aims to reinforce existing cooperation agreements and expand international partnerships through mobility, joint study and research activities.

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The ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon was founded in 1972 as one of Portugal's first modern universities, with the central aim of studying labour and social dynamics in a rapidly changing world. Since its establishment, the university has expanded its disciplinary reach into five schools: Iscte Business School, the School of Sociology and Public Policy, the School of Technology and Architecture, the School of Social Sciences and Humanities and the School of Applied Digital Technologies . On campus, students find not only a robust intellectual tradition, with mentorship from teaching staff involved in cutting-edge research, but also a vibrant, multicultural environment. Of the approximately 14 700 students enrolled in undergraduate and postgraduate programs, nearly 20% are international, coming from 90 different countries. Furthermore, the university is actively engaged in collaborative projects, networks and partnerships around the world, including a range of educational, training and research programs supported by the European Union. Through its commitment to internationalization, innovative research and education aligned with professional standards, Iscte prepares its students for competitive careers and thoughtful lives in the 21st century.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- International partnerships for joint educational and mobility programmes
- Joint research projects and joint/double degrees
- Students' recruitment
- Study abroad programmes
- Internship and short-programmes opportunities – Summer schools, BIPs and COILs

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

ISPGAYA – Instituto Superior Politécnico Gaya – is a private, non-profit polytechnic institution located in Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto), Portugal. Founded in 1990, ISPGAYA has established itself as a higher education institution committed to academic excellence, applied research, and close connections with the surrounding community and business sector. The institution comprises two schools: an Engineering School and a Business School, offering undergraduate and master's degrees, as well as postgraduate and lifelong learning opportunities. All programmes are developed in line with the Bologna Process, ensuring full compatibility with European standards of higher education.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ISPGAYA – Instituto Superior Politécnico Gaya – views internationalization as a key driver of quality, innovation, and global visibility. Its strategy is built on five main axes. First, international mobility for both students and staff, largely supported by Erasmus+, in Europe and beyond. Second, academic and scientific cooperation, through participation in international networks, projects, and joint programmes that strengthen research and teaching. Third, internationalization at home, by embedding global perspectives into curricula, increasing the number of courses taught in English, and hosting international events. Fourth, recruitment and support of international students, primarily in full-time programmes, complemented by summer schools and tailored support services. Finally, international image and communication, with a focus on multilingual promotion, digital presence, and participation in education fairs. ISPGAYA seeks to position itself as a modern, inclusive, and globally connected polytechnic, contributing to academic excellence, employability, and sustainable development.



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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The University of Beira Interior (Portugal) traces its origins back to the Polytechnic Institute of Covilhã (IPC), in 1973, and became a university in 1986. Combining modern facilities with stunning natural surroundings, UBI offers an inspiring environment for learning and personal growth.

Known for innovative, hands-on education, it integrates practical projects, internships, and networking opportunities to prepare students for a fast-changing global market. With 5 faculties and 18 research units, UBI ranks 3rd nationally for research quality, fostering collaboration and cutting-edge discoveries. Its vibrant community of 9,000 students includes 1,700 internationals from 50 countries, creating a truly multicultural campus that promotes interdisciplinarity and strong connections with industry.

As a comprehensive university, it promotes multidisciplinarity and synergies between research groups and between them and the outside world, emphasising the possibility for students to interact with industry and the consumer market, exploring their interests and contributing to groundbreaking discoveries.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Internationalisation is one of UBI's core strategic pillars, built on strengthening cooperation with leading teaching and research networks, active participation in international projects, and attracting top talent. A key priority is forging partnerships across Europe and the Mediterranean, fully aligned with the European Union's scientific strategy. At the same time, UBI is expanding its cooperation with regions such as the Middle East and Asia, tapping into their innovative potential.

This strategy encompasses the promotion of mobility for faculty, researchers, staff, and students, while fostering a multicultural and inclusive campus and ensuring strong 'internationalisation at home'. Designed as a medium- and long-term process, it aims to position UBI as a truly global, cosmopolitan, and competitive university through the following objectives:

- Foster a culture that values internationalisation at every level, internally and externally
- Increase funding dedicated to internationalisation initiatives
- Strengthen UBI's active role within the European Alliance UNITA Universitas Montium
- Enhance UBI's visibility and presence on the international stage

The ultimate goal is to prepare the academic community for a global, competitive, and borderless world, making internationalisation a tangible part of UBI's daily operations—a university with its doors open to the world.



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Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Católica) was created in 1967 by Decree of the Holy See and was officially recognized by the Portuguese State in 1971. We are a nationwide University present in 4 major cities, Oporto, Lisbon, Braga and Viseu. Our commitment to excellence in teaching and research, social responsibility and respect for the diversity of our common world, has granted us top positions in many fields of study and the respect of our partners and the Portuguese society in general.

We are a global brand and we pride ourselves on being members of International Federation of Catholic Universities, the Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils; EUA – European University Association; AULP – Portuguese Language University Association; Europaeum, a Network of leading European Universities; and the Transform4Europe Alliance. We have hundreds of higher education institutions partners around the globe. Our students, scholars and staff participate in international programs every year, as part of the university's internationalization mission. Católica offers a wide range of high-quality programs in Humanities, Arts, Technologies, Social Sciences and Health Sciences. Católica aims to be a front-runner in terms of innovation, promoting cutting-edge research, high quality education and international drive. We cultivate the international vocation that sustains the humanist catholic tradition of higher education development and knowledge promotion. Our vision is to be a leader in global education and in the production of science for the common good. Our goal is to produce life-changing science, educated and responsible citizens and forward-looking entrepreneurs.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Universidade Católica Portuguesa (UCP) has been building a path towards the development of global teaching and the internationalization of its campus, looking forward to strengthening ties with global higher education and research institutions that are leaders in their fields, so that strong partnerships may be born benefiting all sides. Built locally to inspire globally, the University seeks to convey its values, based on Christian humanism, hoping that these may attain a global impact.



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The University of Coimbra (UC) is a Portuguese public research-oriented university with over 735 years of history. Since then, UC has continued to strengthen its international standing through a combination of Tradition, Modernity and Innovation, and is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site, since 2013.

UC is an HEI for creation, critical analysis, transmission and dissemination of culture, science and technology which, by means of research, teaching and community services provision, contributes to the economic and social development, the environmental protection, the promotion of social justice and informed and responsible citizenship, and the consolidation of knowledge-based sovereignty.

Strongly committed to the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, UC is the most sustainable university in Portugal, according to Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 2025.

UC promotes excellence, interdisciplinarity and internationalisation, in alignment with the Horizon Europe pillars: Health; Climate, Energy & Mobility; Natural Resources, Agrifood & Environment; Digital, Industry & Space; Heritage, Culture & Inclusive Society.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

With a long internationalisation experience, the University of Coimbra is a global academic institution and provides a strong multicultural environment in its 4 campi. It welcomes students from more than 120 nationalities and maintains an extensive network of international partnerships, reflected in around 2,000 Erasmus+ IIA and 300 bilateral agreements worldwide. With more than 20% of its 29,000 students being international, the UC serves as a bridge between Portuguese-speaking communities and the rest of the World.

UC actively promotes the internationalisation of its students and staff through enhanced academic, professional and cultural experiences in education, research and international engagement. UC also plays an active role in the EC2U Alliance, fostering integrated cooperation across Europe. Erasmus+ is a cornerstone of UC's international activity, supporting large-scale mobility and joint academic initiatives, including Erasmus Mundus programmes. Additionally, cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries remains a strategic priority, reflecting UC's historical, cultural and linguistic ties.

Building on this experience and its participation in international networks such as the Coimbra Group, Utrecht Network and other global consortia (SYLFF Network, Associação de Universidades de Língua Portuguesa), UC is open to a wide range of collaborative initiatives, including:

- International mobility (Students, Staff, Researchers)
- International Masters and PhDs Programs
- Joint Research & Innovation projects.



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Universidade Europeia, IADE and IPAM, institutions of higher education in Portugal, stand out for their capacity for innovation and their unique academic model based on experiential learning, which combines human knowledge and the most advanced technology. With more than 270 international agreements and 500 company partnerships, the group presents more than 120 different programs divided between undergraduate, master's, PHD and Executive Education Programs. There are more than 60 nationalities present in the 4 campuses.

Universidade Europeia aims to prepare its students to become the global professionals of the future, with all the necessary skills to achieve professional success anywhere in the world. It is a reference in the teaching of such diverse areas as Management, Human Resources, Sports, Psychology, Tourism and Law.

IADE-UE was recognized for three consecutive years as one of the 50 best Design schools in Europe and integrates institutions of international reference such as CUMULUS (International Association of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media), EDCOM (European Institute for Commercial Communications Education), and UNIDCOM/IADE, a research unit accredited and funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology. At IADE students can find areas connected to the creation world, such as Design, Communication, Marketing, Photography, Computer Engineering and Technologies.

IPAM, located in Lisbon and Oporto, was the first Marketing School in Portugal and has trained thousands of students in more than 38 years of existence. The teaching model combines theory and practice, taught by a

faculty with business experience and through real-world challenges which are posed to students by companies and which follows market trends and seeks to train professionals capable of transforming businesses through a marketing vision (Marketing Leads Business).

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Universidade Europeia, IPAM and IADE proudly state the long tradition of student exchange with several educational institutions, annually welcoming more than half a hundred students from several countries, including Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Chile, and the United Kingdom, among many others. Our Global Programs allow us to offer Bachelor's and Master's degrees taught 100% in English, allowing the establishment of new partnerships for international cooperation around the world. If your institution is looking for new partners in any of the scientific fields we offer, we are the right institutions to choose. Currently we have a research centre focused on Design, Communication and Marketing with several offers in those thematic areas, as well in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Gaming. Additionally, our research in Tourism & Hospitality, Management and Psychology is growing. Having a strong focus on Sustainability and the Green Transition, most of our research is applied and focused on value towards society. Please do reach out to know more about our exciting projects.



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The University of Évora (UÉ) comprises the Institute for Research and Advanced Training, together with five Schools: Arts, Social Sciences, Science and Technology, Health and Human Development, and the School of Nursing.

At UÉ, a unique teaching and learning dynamic is promoted through the integration of theoretical and practical knowledge. This approach encourages both students and academic staff to develop their skills, supported by the infrastructure necessary to foster scientific research and innovation.

Being part of the University of Évora means belonging to a community with a strong academic spirit and a deep commitment to enhancing the region's resources. The city of Évora is safe and peaceful, rich in history and tradition, and welcoming to both students and researchers. The campus extends throughout the city, and we believe that everyone who studies or works here contributes to the enrichment of our institution.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The University of Évora is committed to strengthening international cooperation by fostering academic exchange, collaborative research, and knowledge transfer. We aim to build strong partnerships with institutions worldwide, promoting mobility opportunities for students and staff, and contributing to global scientific and cultural development.



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U.Porto is one of the most prestigious Higher Education Institutions in the EU and Portugal's second largest university. Spread across 3 campuses, with 15 schools and 48 research units, U.Porto has a community of 54,000 students, 3,900 teachers and researchers and 1,840 administrative staff. With over 330 graduate and undergraduate degrees, U.Porto offers a diverse range of courses and programmes covering all study areas and levels of Higher Education.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In recent years, U.Porto consolidated its position among the top 100 European Universities and the top 350 worldwide, standing out as the Portuguese university with the highest standards and reputation. As a research university, U.Porto is the largest producer of science in Portugal, responsible for the development of several successful technologies and companies. These are enough reasons for more than 6,000 international students, from more than 100 nationalities, to choose U.Porto as their university every year.



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Lusíada University, founded in 1986, is one of the oldest Portuguese private university and is a historical reference in the movement that has propelled consolidated and valued private education in the Portuguese university system. From an early age it gained a national and international dimension, with university centers operating in the two main Portuguese cities (Lisbon and Porto) and in the northern city of V.N. Famalicão, where it installed an essentially technological university campus.

At present, Lusíada University is attended by about 6000 students in all three cycles of study and have a significant body of more than 500 highly qualified teachers.

All undergraduate, masters and doctoral courses were subject of rigorous and demanding evaluation processes by the National Agency for the Evaluation of Higher Education (A3 ES), being duly accredited.

Lusíada University is a member of the European University Association (EUA), an organization that brings together the main universities (public and private) of the countries of the European Union, and a member of the Portuguese Association of Private Higher Education (APESP), one of the founders of the European Union of Private Higher Education (EUPHE).

The dimension of scientific research has been increasingly valued in recent years, and the following centers operate: CEJEA (Center for Economic and Environmental Legal Studies), COMEGI (Center for Research in Organizations, Markets and Industrial Management), CITAD (Territorial Research, Environment and Design), CIPD (Center for Research in Psychology and Development), CLIPIS (Center for Research on International and Security Policy) and CLISIS (Center for Research in Social Work)

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Lusíada University provides: Education; Internship; work abroad; Student recruitment; Institutional exchange agreements; Student advising; Teaching and instruction. Lusíada University is interested in partnership opportunities to: Receive students from abroad, Send students abroad, Exchange faculty, Exchange administrators or staff, Collaborate on joint research projects and Develop joint/dual degrees.

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ULisboa is responsible for making the city of Lisbon one of the great European capitals of culture and science, as it welcomes more than 9,000 foreign students every year from more than 100 countries – about 17.5% of its 51,917 students, who are seeking high-quality education as well as different cultural experiences, delightful weather, and the hospitality that Lisbon and Portugal have to offer.

ULisboa is currently Portugal's largest and most well-ranked university and one of Europe's largest. Located in the heart of the city, it provides its entire community with the best and most diverse academic programs and vows to deliver a uniquely enriching experience.

From Lisbon to the World

As an institution of education and science committed to the progress of society, ULisboa is based on the creation, transfer, and social and economic reinforcement of knowledge and culture.

ULisboa is set on promoting its cohesion and spirit of identity; on attracting the best students; on fostering interaction with industry and public authorities; on encouraging the renewal, qualification, and mobility of human resources; on reinforcing its intervention and influence skills within strategic international scenarios; on the consolidation of a Quality Management System; on providing culture for the university and for the city of Lisbon; on encouraging social responsibility and sports, health, and well-being, as well as improving the infrastructures available for the academic community.

ULisboa's values:

Intellectual freedom and respect for ethics; societal innovation and development; democratic participation; social and environmental responsibility.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ULisboa offers extensive possibilities for international mobility through bilateral partnerships with institutions of international prestige, as well as through the opportunities offered by its participation in the Erasmus+ Programme. The Erasmus+ Programme plays a central role within ULisboa's internationalization strategy, offering students and staff the possibility to participate in various European and international academic experiences during their studies.

Currently, ULisboa takes part in the different actions of the Erasmus+ and Horizon2020 Programmes. ULisboa is part of the Unite! alliance, one of the European Universities created in 2019 in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. In 2020, the Unite! alliance was reinforced in its research and innovation dimensions, as one of the selected projects from Horizon2020.

ULisboa intends to strengthen its potential for intervention and influence in strategic international areas by maintaining a strong focus on Portuguese-speaking countries and by contributing to a broader use of the language as an institution of reference in teaching Portuguese as a foreign language. By establishing new partnerships, ULisboa seeks to attract an increasing number of international students and to promote international cooperation by establishing agreements for scientific and academic cooperation with higher education institutions in different countries outside the EU. Agreements and existing partnerships contemplate the different study cycles and joint degrees.

Last but not least, ULisboa's network of strategic industry, corporate, public and civil society partnerships has a footprint through the world, as well as the innovations and entrepreneurial minds based or born in the institution which prove a major impact on a number of Sustainable Development Goals



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Técnico Lisboa is the School of Architecture, Engineering, Science and Technology of the University of Lisbon, known in Portuguese as Instituto Superior Técnico (IST). Técnico was created in 1911 and since then, a thorough education in basic sciences, complemented by specialized training that is kept up-to-date with technological progress, has always been the basis of IST's educational system. It is also the key to the high quality of engineers that the school has trained generation after generation and the important role that many of them have played in Portugal's development. Since its foundation, IST has continued to grow in terms of quality and quantity, making increasingly important contributions to Portugal's social and economic development. High-quality university education and R&D, in increasing synergy with the economic sector, are the hallmarks of today's IST. This is why it is considered, both in Portugal and abroad, as one of the great schools of engineering, science and technology, on a par with the best Schools in the world. Técnico has 3 campuses with privileged access to Lisbon's main points of interest and a wide range of cultural, leisure and sports activities.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Técnico offers Bachelor, Master and PhD programmes, Lifelong Training, Short Courses and Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I) activities, which are essential to provide an education based on the top international standards. It's a school highly internationalized, which promotes the relationship between university-business-society and encourages innovation, entrepreneurship, job creation and knowledge.

Técnico has strengthened its international partnerships and its presence in international mobility programmes with the best Schools in the world. The partnerships cover about 50 countries, across the 5 continents and the international collaboration focus on enhancing teaching and student learning through the development of cross-border partnerships for collaborative projects, research, exchanges or degree programmes and on strengthening the development of partnerships with highly ranked institutions.

RD&I activities cover a wide range of topics, from key aspects to projects with a strong involvement of industry. In this sense, Técnico also aims to establish and to develop strategic alliances with well positioned HEI and companies, in order to add more value to society. It is our goal to provide opportunities for internships, experiential learning and community engagement. Addressing complex global challenges and contributing to a fairer world requires a new generation of professionals trained with a new mindset and strong scientific and technical skills in emerging areas.



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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The University of Minho (UMinho) is a prestigious Portuguese higher education institution, established in 1973, located in Braga and Guimarães. It is a comprehensive university comprising 12 Schools and Institutes, offering 59 bachelor's degrees, 2 integrated master's programs, 126 master's degrees (including 5 European master's programs), and 58 PhD programs. All its Schools and Institutes are recognized nationally and internationally for their academic and scientific excellence. UMinho is strongly committed to knowledge valorization and fosters a dynamic research environment, with over 574 ongoing R&D projects, 31 research units, 9 technology and innovation centres, 13 collaborative laboratories, 50 patent families, and 51 spin-offs. The university also hosts the MIT Portugal Program, a strategic partnership involving Portuguese universities and industry partners. UMinho has 20.566 students, including 1.700 PhD and 2.343 international students, 1.737 teachers and researchers, and 909 technical, administrative and management staff.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The University of Minho (UMinho) is a dynamic and young Portuguese university, widely recognized for its academic excellence across a broad spectrum of disciplines, including Architecture and Design, Humanities and Performing Arts, Economics and Business, Law, Social Sciences, Engineering, Education, Psychology, Sciences, Medicine, and Nursing. Deeply committed to internationalization, UMinho welcomes thousands of international and exchange students, faculty, and researchers each year, representing more than 80 countries around the world. As an active member of the Arqus European University Alliance, UMinho promotes cross-border collaboration in education, research, innovation, and mobility. UMinho cultivates a culture of excellence, creativity, innovation, and diversity. Attracting global talent and expanding international partnerships are central to its mission of generating, sharing, and applying knowledge. Situated in Northern Portugal, a region where rich historical heritage meets a vibrant and youthful energy, UMinho offers an outstanding academic and personal experience.



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NOVA, a global and civic university.

NOVA University Lisbon is the result of one of the most ambitious transformations of the Portuguese higher education system, with an academic offer designed to develop citizens committed to the development of the country and the world. By prioritising interdisciplinarity, internationalisation, and research excellence, it stands out for an education focused on employability and entrepreneurship.

With nine academic units across four municipalities in the Lisbon metropolitan area, it offers courses in fields such as Science and Technology, Economics, Law, Healthcare, and Social Sciences. It has approximately 25,000 students, 20% of whom are international, hailing from 110 countries.

NOVA is actively committed to major social challenges, aligning itself with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the European Green Deal, always guided by a global and civic vision in service to society.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

A Strategic Vision for Global Engagement

As a leading European institution, NOVA University Lisbon is defined by its identity as a Global and Civic University. Its international strategy is not merely focused on expansion, but on the transformation of higher education into a tool for global social and economic impact.

The university's international agenda is built upon four fundamental pillars:

- **Attracting Global Talent:** Through initiatives like the Supernova foundation programme, NOVA actively seeks to attract the brightest minds from around the world, fostering a diverse campus where 20% of the student body is international.
- **Research Excellence & Interdisciplinarity:** By promoting international research clusters, the university addresses complex global challenges that require cross-border collaboration and an interdisciplinary approach.
- **Alignment with Global Agendas:** All international cooperation is guided by a commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the European Green Deal, ensuring that academic progress serves the common good.
- **Mobility and Employability:** NOVA prioritises the mobility of students and staff, equipping graduates with the “global competencies” required to build successful, borderless careers in an increasingly interconnected job market.



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The Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies (ESHTE) is a higher education institution dedicated to providing highly qualified education and training in the fields of tourism, hospitality, and gastronomy. It is located in one of Portugal's main tourism hubs — Lisbon, Cascais, and Estoril. ESHTE benefits from a privileged setting and excellent infrastructure, which foster the development of education and research.

Currently, ESHTE is in the process of joining the system of institutions acting under NOVA University of Lisbon and will soon adopt the name NOVA ESHTE, further strengthening its position in the national and international academic landscape.

The institution maintains a strong connection with the business sector, actively collaborating with organizations in the industry to align its educational offerings with labour market demands. This close relationship contributes to high employability rates among its graduates and helps train professionals prepared to work in a global, dynamic, and competitive sector.

The in-job component is a central element of ESHTE's pedagogical model, including mandatory internships in public and private entities. At the same time, the institution regularly promotes conferences, seminars, field trips, and workshops with national and international experts, reinforcing students' contact with professional reality.

ESHTE has strengthened its links with the United States, particularly through partnerships with major international hotel chains (Hilton, Marriott, and InterContinental) and luxury resorts, including Boca Raton and others in New York State.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ESHTE also develops strategic partnerships with various national and international institutions, promoting joint projects and initiatives that facilitate knowledge transfer between academia and industry. It also has an Advisory Board composed of stakeholders from the tourism, business, and professional training sectors, ensuring a structured connection to the market.

Support for professional integration is further strengthened through the careers and employment department, which provides access to internships, employment, and continuous training opportunities for students and graduates.

With a strong focus on applied research and collaboration with the external community, ESHTE is an institution oriented toward innovation and value creation in the tourism sector. Through the continuous updating of its study programs and close collaboration with the industry, it prepares professionals capable of responding to the challenges and opportunities of a constantly evolving global sector.





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