



Arqus Annual Conference 2024

“Connecting universities, addressing challenges”

02-04 July 2024

University of Minho

Campus de Gualtar, Rua da Universidade, Braga

Expected arrival day: 1st July (except for rectors/presidents)

Expected departure day: 4th July (except for rectors/presidents)

Main Arqus Annual Conference 2024 days:

- **Tuesday, 2nd July:** Day 1 - full day (including Board meetings)
- **Wednesday, 3rd July:** Day 2 - full day (including WG meetings)
- **Thursday, 4th July:** Day 3 - half-day (meetings upon request + campus visits)

* Additional meeting slots can be requested on the afternoon of 1st of July, only if necessary.



Programme

Monday, 1 July *(arrival day for Annual Conference participants and internal meetings)*

14:00-14:30 Arrival of participants / Optional pre-registration for participants

14:30-15:30 **Parallel Pre-meetings I**
Comms Team Meeting
Student Council *(optional)* *
WG Meetings (WG05, WG09, WG10)

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 **Parallel Pre-meetings II**
Comms Team Meeting
Student Council *(optional)* *
WG Meetings (WG02, WG05, WG09, WG10, WG12, TF3 (WG14))

19:30 Executive Council dinner (with guests)

19:30 Free dinner *(self organised)*



Tuesday, 2 July (Annual Conference Day 1)

8:15-8:45	General Registration	
9:00-9:45	<p>Opening Session: "Connecting universities, addressing challenges"</p> <p><i>Rui Vieira de Castro (Rector of the University of Minho)</i> <i>Dorothy Kelly (Arqus Coordinator)</i> <i>Fernando Alexandre (Minister of Education, Science and Innovation)</i></p>	Open session on YouTube
9:45-11:00	<p>Plenary Session: The positive potential of research assessment reform</p> <p><i>Keynote: Elizabeth Gadd (Vice-President of CoARA Steering Board)</i> <i>Panel: Ruth Ladenheim (Arqus IAB) + Eloy Rodrigues (University of Minho)</i> <i>Moderator: Peter Riedler (Rector of the University of Graz)</i></p>	Open session on YouTube
11:00-11:45	Coffee Break / Group Photo	
11:45-13:00	<p>Plenary Session: Role of universities as places of sanctuary in challenging times</p> <p><i>Keynote: Gemma Irvine (Co-Chair of Scholars at Risk Maynooth and Vice President for Equality and Diversity at Maynooth University)</i> <i>Panel: Eva Egron-Polak (Arqus IAB) + Eirini Aivaliotou (Student Council)</i> <i>Moderator: Eva Obergfell (Rector of Leipzig University)</i></p>	Open session on YouTube
13:00-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:45	<p>Plenary Session: Education (title TBD)</p> <p><i>Keynote: Pedro Teixeira (former Secretary of State for Higher Education in the Portuguese Government)</i> <i>Panel: Laura Czerniewicz (Arqus IAB) + Student Council (TBC)</i> <i>Moderator: Eeva Leinonen (President of Maynooth University)</i></p>	Open session on YouTube
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15-18:15	<p>Arqus Board Meetings (in parallel)</p> <p><i>Education Board Meeting</i> <i>Research & Innovation Board Meeting</i> <i>Societal Engagement Board Meeting</i> <i>Transversal WGs with Executive Council chair & deputy chair</i></p>	Internal meetings
19:30	Reception and Gala Dinner	

Wednesday, 3 July (Annual Conference Day 2)

9:00-9:30	Arrival of participants	
9:30-11:00	Parallel WG meetings + Arqus Executive Council (I) <i>Arqus Executive Council</i> <i>Comms Team</i> <i>WG02/Climate; WG02/Digital; WG02/Heritage; WG03; WG04;</i> <i>WG05; WG06; WG07; WG08; WG09; WG10; WG11; WG12; WG13;</i> <i>WG14</i>	Internal meetings
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-13:00	Parallel WG meetings (per WG) + Arqus Executive Council (II) <i>Arqus Executive Council</i> <i>Comms Team</i> <i>WG02/Climate; WG02/Digital; WG02/Heritage; WG03; WG04;</i> <i>WG05; WG06; WG07; WG08; WG09; WG10; WG11; WG12; WG13;</i> <i>WG14</i>	Internal meetings
13:00-14:15	Lunch	
14:15-14:30	Inauguration monument 50th anniversary of the University of Minho	Internal meeting
14:45-16:00	Plenary Session: Connecting alliances, addressing challenges together <i>Irene Martín (CIVIS Alliance)</i> <i>Daniela Craciun (ESEU project / ECIU Alliance)</i> <i>Aleksandar Šušnjar (FOCI project / YUFE Alliance)</i> <i>Roberto Zanino (UNITE! Alliance)</i> <i>Moderator: Dorothy Kelly (Arqus Alliance Coordinator)</i>	Open session on YouTube
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break / CoPs' Poster Session	
16:30-17:15	Arqus Awards' ceremony <i>Winner of the Arqus Teaching Excellence Award for enabling research-based teaching</i> <i>Winner of the Arqus Teaching Excellence Award for Enabling Students</i> <i>Award WG8 (TBC)</i> <i>Award WG9 - Green Mobility (TBC)</i> <i>Moderator: Manuel Costa (Pro-Rector of the University of Minho and former chair of the Education Board)</i>	Open session on YouTube
17:15-18:00	Closing Session <i>Tore Li (Arqus IAB)</i> <i>Mireille van Poppel (Chair of the Arqus Executive Council, Univ. of Graz)</i> <i>Eva Obergfell (Rector of Leipzig University)</i> <i>Dorothy Kelly (Arqus Coordinator)</i> <i>Moderator: Rui Vieira de Castro (Rector of the University of Minho)</i>	Open session on YouTube
19:30	Closing Cocktail (with the Mayor of the city of Braga)	



Thursday, 4 July *(departure day for Annual Conference participants)*

9:00-9:30	Arrival of participants
9:30-11:00	Campus visits & (optional) Parallel sessions -upon request- (I) Arqus Student Council * Management Team CoPs (TBC) WG02/Climate, WG02/AI, WG03, WG05, WG06, WG08, WG09, WG10, WG11, WG12, WG13, WG14 Campus visits to different facilities of UMinho
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Campus visits & (optional) Parallel sessions -upon request- (II) Arqus Student Council * Debriefing meeting organising committee AC 2024 & AC 2025 CoPs (TBC) WG02/Climate, WG02/AI, WG03, WG08, WG09, WG10, WG11, WG13, WG14 Campus visits to different facilities of UMinho
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:30	Visit to the city of Braga

** The Student Council is invited to use all available slots as they see fit, bearing in mind participation in meetings of other bodies (Arqus Boards, WG meetings, etc).*