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.

Tuesday, 2 July *(Annual Conference Day 1)*

9:00-9:45   **Opening Session: "Connecting universities, addressing challenges"**

Rui Vieira de Castro (Rector of the University of Minho)

Dorothy Kelly (Arqus Coordinator)

Fernando Alexandre (Minister of Education, Science and Innovation)

9:45-11:00   **Plenary Session: The positive potential of research assessment reform**

Keynote: Elizabeth Gadd (Vice-President of CoARA Steering Board)

Panel: Ruth Ladenheim (Arqus IAB) + Eloy Rodrigues (University of Minho)

Moderator: Peter Riedler (Rector of the University of Graz)

11:00-11:45   Coffee Break

11:45-13:00   **Plenary Session: Role of universities as places of sanctuary in challenging times**

Keynote: Gemma Irvine (Co-Chair of Scholars at Risk Maynooth and Vice President for Equality and Diversity at Maynooth University)

Panel: Eva Egron-Polak (Arqus IAB) + Eirini Aivaliotou (Student Council)

Moderator: Eva Obergfell (Rector of Leipzig University)

13:00-14:30   Lunch

14:30-15:45   **Plenary Session: European University Alliances - An opportunity to rethink internationalization strategies in higher education**

Keynote: Pedro Texeira (Full Professor at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Porto and Director of CIPES - Higher Education Policy Research Centre)

Panel: Laura Czerniewicz (Arqus IAB) + Student Council (TBC)

Moderator: Eeva Leinonen (President of Maynooth University)

Wednesday, 3 July *(Annual Conference Day 2)*

14:45-16:00   **Plenary Session: Connecting alliances, addressing challenges together**
Irene Martín (CIVIS Alliance)
Daniela Craciun (ESEU project / ECIU Alliance)
Aleksandar Šušnjar (FOCI project / YUFE Alliance)
Roberto Zanino (UNITE! Alliance)
Moderator: Dorothy Kelly (Arqus Alliance Coordinator)

16:00-16:30   Coffee Break

16:30-17:15   **Arqus Awards' ceremony**
Winner of the Arqus Teaching Excellence Award for enabling research-based teaching
Winner of the Arqus Teaching Excellence Award for Enabling Students Innovators Award 2023
Green Mobility Days Award
Moderator: Manuel Costa (Pro-Rector of the University of Minho and former chair of the Education Board)

17:15-18:00   **Closing Session**
Tore Li (Arqus IAB)
Mireille van Poppel (Chair of the Arqus Executive Council, Univ. of Graz)
Matthias Middell (Vice-Rector for Campus Development: Cooperation and Internationalisation)
Dorothy Kelly (Arqus Coordinator)
Moderator: Rui Vieira de Castro (Rector of the University of Minho)

* WEST time: Western European Summer Time (GMT+1)