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31 May 2024

Coimbra Group Annual Conference and General Assembly 2024, Full programme, 4-8 June

Please note that changes are possible and all times are in local Finnish time (UTC+03:00).

The updated programme can be found at www.utu.fi/coimbragroup2024.

Tuesday 4 June

Programme: Coimbra Group Executive Board Meeting.

Location: [The Main Building of the University of Turku](#) (Yliopistonmäki, 20014 University Hill, please follow the signs)

>>[Join the virtual Campus Tour before the visit](#)

Meeting Room: Joutsen & Oterma.

14:00–18:00 Executive Board Meeting



Wednesday 5 June

Programme: Meeting of the Coimbra Group Executive Board, Coimbra Group Representatives and Working Group Chairs, Working Group meetings, Working Group meetings or workshops/ Inter-working group meetings. Evening programme: Evening Reception by the city of Turku.

Location: [Arken](#) (Tehtaankatu 2, 20500, please follow the signs) >>[Map of Arken](#)

8:00 The registration desk opens. *If you have luggage with you, please inform the registration desk. Your luggage will be stored in Arken in a locked room.*

9:00–10:00 Meeting of the Coimbra Group Executive Board, Coimbra Group Representatives and Working Group Chairs, Helikon (A202)

10:15–13:00 Working Group meetings

Academic Exchange and Mobility (AEM) Working Group Meeting	The Strand (B307)
Heritage (HER) Working Group Meeting	Radiatorn (E101)
Social Sciences & Humanities (SSH) Working Group Meeting	Saussure (M128)
Education Innovation (EDU) Working Group Meeting	Westermarck (C101)
Global Partnerships (GP) Working Group Meeting	Helikon (A202)
Employability (EMP) Working Group Meeting	Atlas (G105)
Latin America (LA) Working Group Meeting	Camera Obscura (E201)
Doctoral Studies (DS) Working Group Meeting	Goethe (L104)
Research Support Officers (RSO) Working Group Meeting	Jöns Budde (M218)
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Working Group Meeting	Nikander (D110)
Equality & Diversity (ED) Working Group Meeting	Voltaire (M127)
Life Sciences (LS) Working Group Meeting	Valhall (D206)



13:00–14:00 *Lunch, Kårkafé Arken*

14:00–15:00 **Working Group meetings** and group photo (there will be a group photo of each Working Group, one big group photo will be taken on 6 June in the Public Conference)

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15:00–17:00 Inter-Working Groups Meeting on Artificial Intelligence (1–2 participants/ WG, upon nomination by each WG), Källan (C201)

15:00–17:00 “Decolonizing the University”, Inter-Working Groups Workshop (open to all), Helikon (A202) [Download the material here](#)

15:00–17:00 "Good Practices in Science Communication", Inter-Working Groups Workshop, Kramer (M220) [Download the material here](#)

17:15–18:15 Meeting of the Coimbra Group Executive Board, Coimbra Group Representatives and Working Group Chairs, Helikon (A202)

19–20:30 Evening Reception by the city of Turku (for those who have registered for the event)

Location: [Turku City Hall](#) (Aurakatu 2, 20100)

The evening is opened by Piia Elo, Deputy Mayor

After the evening reception: [Panimoravintola Koulu](#) (Eerikinkatu 18, 20100)

There is a room upstairs called Bellman reserved for Coimbra Group Conference guests starting at 19-

Drinks and food will be available for purchase.



Thursday 6 June

Programme: Coimbra Group Annual Conference, Closed Rector's Meeting Meeting, Working Group Meetings, Erasmus Student Network Meeting with Coimbra Group Universities. Evening programme: Gala Dinner.

Location: [Logomo](#) (Junakatu 9, 20100), [TEATRO Hall](#)

>> [You can follow the online streaming through this link](#)

8:00 The registration desk opens.

9:00–12:00 Public Conference: *Research and Education – Most Impactful Together*

Moderated by Irinja Paakkanen, Head of International Affairs, the University of Turku and Harriet Klåvus, Head of International Cooperation, Åbo Akademi University

9:00–9:30 Opening of the Conference

Opening Speech by Rectors of the organising universities

Jukka Kola, Rector of the University of Turku

Mikael Lindfelt, Rector of Åbo Akademi University

Dance Performance by [KDC Dancers](#)

Video greeting by Iliana Ivanova, EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Education

9:30–10:00 Keynote speech: Jani Erola, Professor, INVEST Research Flagship Centre

10:00–10:15 Commenting speech by Rector of Coimbra Group University

Toomas Asser, Rector of the University of Tartu

10:15–10:30 Questions and discussion

10:30–11:00 Coffee break



11:00–12:00 Panel Session: *Research and Education at the core of the knowledge factory*

Moderated by Piia Björn, Vice Rector and Member of the Executive Board of the Coimbra Group

Bengt Kristensson Ugglå, Professor in Philosophy, Culture & Management, Åbo Akademi University

Rector Roberto Di Pietra, University of Siena

Rector Giovanni Molari, University of Bologna

12:00 Group Photo

12:15–13:15 Lunch

13:30–14:00 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition Final

Moderator by Gunda Huskobra, member of the Doctoral Studies Working Group

14:00–15:00 Open Session on the European Universities Alliances: *Synergies between education and research: what can we learn from the Alliances?*

Moderated by Emmanuelle Gardan, Office Director of Coimbra Group

- 4EU+ Alliance, Ladislav Krištofek (Charles University)
- Arqus Alliance, Dorothy Kelly (University of Granada)
- CHARM-EU Alliance, Raúl Ramos Lobo (University of Barcelona)
- EC2U Alliance, Nicoleta Popa (University of Iași)
- ENLIGHT Alliance, Coco Norén (Uppsala University)
- Una Europa Alliance, Stanisław Kistryn (Jagiellonian University in Krakow)
- Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Unit, Higher Education, DG EAC, European Commission
- Manuel Aleixo Head of Unit, ERA, Spreading Excellence and Research Careers, DG RTD, European Commission



15:00–15:30 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition Results Announcement

3MT Jury spokesperson: Antonella Forlino, Pro Rector for Internationalisation, University of Pavia, and Coimbra Group Executive Board member

15:30–16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00–18:00 Parallel Meetings

16:00–18:00 Closed Rector's Meeting Meeting, [Meeting Room GOTO33](#) (upstairs)

16:00–18:00 Working Group Meeting Global Partnerships, [Meeting Room GOTO32](#) (upstairs)

16:00–18:00 Working Group Meetings Equality & Diversity, [TEATRO Hall](#)

16:00–17:30 The voluntary visit of the Heritage Working Group to the archaeology collection of the University of Turku, Location: [Geotalo](#) (Akatemiankatu 1, 20500 Turku)

16:00–17:30 Erasmus Student Network Meeting with Coimbra Group Universities, [TEATRO Gallery](#)

At 18.50, 19.00, 19.05, 19.10 bus transportation, departure point address: [Kauppiaskatu 6, 20100 Turku](#) (in front of Scandic hotel Hamburger Börs. The buses will also stop at Sokos hotel Seurahuone address: [Eerikinkatu 23, 20100 Turku](#))

Please note that pre-registration for the Gala dinner is required as there is a limited number of seats available.

19:30 Welcome Cocktail (for those who have registered for the event)

20:00 Gala Dinner (for those who have registered for the event)

Location: [Ruissalon Telakka, Lindblom Hall](#) (Hevoskarintie 23, 20100)

Welcome speeches

Mikael Lindfelt, Rector of Åbo Akademi University

Jani Vahto, Classic Boats Enthusiast and Specialist

Jukka Kola, Rector of the University of Turku

Table service



After the dinner: [DJ Kristian Lakari](#)

Buses back to the centre leave from Lindblom Hall, Ruissalo starting at 23:00.

There will be also bus pick up at 00:00 and 00:30.

It is also possible to return back to the city with public transportation (Föli buses) at 22:11, 23:11 and 00:11 or by taxi.

>>[Taxi](#)

>>[Föli time table from Lindblom Hall](#)



Friday 7 June

Programme: Coimbra Group General Assembly and cultural programme.

Location: [Aurum](#) (Henrikinkatu 2, 20500 please follow the signs), Lecture Hall Argentum.

>> [Map of Aurum](#)

8:00 The registration desk opens. If you have luggage with you, please inform the registration desk. Your luggage can be stored in Arken in a locked room after the General Assembly.

9:00–11:00 General Assembly

11:15–11:45 Open Session – Inspiring examples of communities of practice in higher education in Turku/Åbo

Moderated by Marko Joas, Vice-rector for Collaboration, Åbo Akademi University

Ilari Sääksjärvi, Professor, Biodiversity Unit of the University of Turku

Gunilla Widén, Vice-rector for Education, Åbo Akademi University

(partly parallel: 11:15–12:15 Executive Board meeting)

12:00–13:00 Farewell Lunch: Kårkafé Arken (Tehtaankatu 2, 20500)

13:00 Cultural Programme

[Visit to the Cathedral](#) (Guided walking tour at the Cathedral starts at 13:15)

[Visit to Paimio Sanatorium](#) (the Guided walking tour starts at 13:45)

[Visit to Kurjenrahka National Park](#) (Walk around the Lake Savojarvi)

Buses to Paimio Sanatorium and Kurjenrahka leave at 13:15 in front of Arken (Tehtaankatu)

The buses will return to the city via Arken-Börs. Estimated times back in Turku Paimio Sanarium 16.00, Kurjenrahka National Park 18.30. If needed, you can leave your luggage to Arken and pick-up them on return.



Saturday 8 June

Programme: Cruise to Naantali with Steam Ship Ukko-Pekka.

Meeting Point: Linnankatu 40, 20100.

Please be by the pier by 10:45 to pick up the ticket from the organisers.

11:00–13:00 Cruise from Turku to Naantali

Guided walking tour in English (1h)

Please see here for inspiration on [free time in Naantali](#)

[You can read more about the cruise here](#)

Return to Turku at your own pace with [Föli Bus](#) (Public transportation)