

SGroup Annual Meetings



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**University
of Minho**

Hosted by the University of Minho
Guimarães, Portugal
25 - 27 October 2022

- ▀ Liaison Officers' Meeting
- ▀ General Assembly
- ▀ Think Tank Academy Conference



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

LIAISON OFFICERS' MEETING

Tuesday, 25 October 2022 (all times in GMT)

Venue: Campus de Couros, R. de Vila Flor 166, 4810-225 Guimarães

Please note arrivals are expected to take place on 24 October/during the morning on 25 October

13:15	Accreditation
14:00	Opening speech Dr Arnim Heinemann, SGroup President and Prof Dr Filomena Soares, Vice-Rector for Education and Academic Mobility of the University of Minho
14:10	Presentation of SGroup results in 2022
	14:10 – Overview of events, activities and projects developed in 2022 14:25 – Feedback from Liaison Officers
14:45	Announcement of the activities for 2023
	14:45 – Launch of the preliminary plan of activities (including Staff Week, PhD Initiative, Summer Schools, events, ICon Call for 2022) 15:00 – Feedback from Liaison Officers
15:30	Interactive session on SGroup Communication Agata Mannino, SGroup Executive Committee member responsible for Communication
16:30	Coffee break
17:00	Workshop ‘Internationalisation of Higher Education for Society’ (IHES) Exploring the concept and how to implement IHES activities in your university Facilitated by Marina Casals, University of Rovira i Virgili, with participation of other IHES project partners
18:00	Open space ‘Identifying European University Area challenges and the role of SGroup in addressing them’ Dr Arnim Heinemann, SGroup President
18:30	Liaison Officers’ Group photo
20:00	Welcome Dinner Venue: Restaurante Café Oriental , Largo do Toural 11, 4810-427, Guimarães

II THINK TANK ACADEMY CONFERENCE AT THE SGROUP ANNUAL MEETINGS

“Social Innovation on campus and beyond”

Wednesday, 26 October 2022 (all times in GMT)

Venue: Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321, 4810-225 Guimarães

Activities open to the public upon registration ([here](#)) – online participation available

08:30	Accreditation
09:00	Welcome address Dr Arnim Heinemann, SGroup President and Dr Rui Vieira de Castro, Rector of the University of Minho
09:10	Panel 1 – “Universities and students as actors of Social Innovation in Higher Education”
	09:15 – The role of higher education institutions for social innovation Prof. Dr. Katri-Liis Lepik, Associate Professor of Management, Tallinn University Hosted by the Think Tank for China
	09:30 – Engaging young students as drivers for innovation Carlos de Sousa Santos, Resilience Manager at Human Power HUB Hosted by the Think Tank for the Social Mission of Universities
	09:45 – Q&A and Discussion with the audience
10:05	Coffee break
10:30	Panel 2 – “Social impact and outreach of universities”
	10:35 – Colombian universities beyond the campus: social impact and projects with communities Camilo Villa, Head of Cooperation for Research and Networks, University of Los Andes Hosted by the Think Tank for Latin America
	10:50 – An African perspective: social transformation and the interaction of a university with its immediate town/community Dr Leslie van Rooi, Senior Director: Social Impact and Transformation, Stellenbosch University Hosted by the Think Tank for Africa
	11:05 – Social responsibility in research practice – the need to protect and expand interdisciplinarity for engagement beyond academia Dr Michael Strange, Associate Professor of International Relations, Malmö University Hosted by the Think Tank for Doctoral Education
	11:20 – Q&A and Discussion with the audience
11:45	Short break
12:00	Final Ceremony of the SGroup PhD Training and Contest
	Presentations of 3-mins pitches by the finalists: Deanna Tepper, La Trobe University; Diana Kisakye, University of Bayreuth; Mitchka Shahryari, University of Lille; Nitesh Godara, Norwegian University of Science and Technology; Radu-Dan Irini, PhD candidate, Babes-Bolyai University Award ceremony: attribution of first place, certificates and ICon mobility grants
13:00	Lunch At the venue (Sala dos Espelhos)

Activities exclusive to SGroup representatives attending in-person

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	Room 0.16	Room of the United Nations University
14:30	<p>Workshop – “How to implement and follow-up with institutional strategies for global engagement”</p> <p>Co-design and usability analysis of elements of a preliminary framework for evaluation of institutional global engagement/internationalization</p> <p>Facilitated by Cecilia Christersson</p> <p>For SGroup General Assembly Representatives and Senior Executive Representatives</p>	<p>Forum discussion – “SGroup’s Think Tank Academy Community as a platform to address core challenges of Higher Education and international cooperation”</p> <p>Reflections, feedback and suggestions</p> <p>Facilitated by the Think Tank Academy Coordinators</p> <p>For SGroup Liaison Officers</p>
	Sharing of good practices and discussion in groups groups to highlight common strategic goals and identify institutional challenges for implementation	Open space for suggestions and feedback on the role and functioning of the Think Tank Academy as a whole
	Collaborative process focusing on how to follow-up an institutional strategy for global engagement/internationalization	Group discussions to identify relevant topics regarding cooperation between Europe and China, Africa, and Latin America
	15:30 – Short break	15:30 – Short break
	15:40 – Conclusion and invitation for the SGroup Leadership Forum	15:40 – Launch of the second questionnaire “Measuring the Impact of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in Higher Education”
	16:00	Coffee break
16:30 18:30	Roundtables on sustainable and digital transition of global Higher Education	
	<p>1: “Exploring synergies between the European Innovation Agenda and the European University Agenda”</p> <p>Room 016</p> <p>For SGroup General Assembly Representatives and Senior Executive Representatives</p>	<p>2: “Challenges and opportunities of working with sustainability in our universities”</p> <p>Room 018</p> <p>For SGroup Liaison Officers and Think Tank Academy Coordinators</p>
	17:40 – Short break	
	18:00 – Presenting and debating the conclusions of each roundtable in a plenary	
	18:30 – Conclusion	
20:00	<p>Gala Dinner and delivery of the Impact Award 2022</p> <p>Venue: Hotel de Guimarães, R. Eduardo Manuel de Almeida 202, 4810-440 Guimarães</p>	

Thursday, 27 October 2022 - University of Minho, Guimarães, Portugal (All times in GMT)

	Internal Business Meeting (IBM) For SGroup General Assembly Representatives; Senior Executive Representatives; and Liaison Officers with Proxy Letters	Projects Incubator For SGroup Liaison Officers
	Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321, 4810-225 Guimarães	Campus de Couros, R. de Vila Flor 166, 4810-225 Guimarães
08:40	Accreditation	
09:00	Official opening of the SGroup General Assembly 2022 Dr Arnim Heinemann, SGroup President and Dr Rui Vieira de Castro, Rector of the University of Minho	09:00 – Exploring cooperation in Blended Intensive Programmes Presentation of SGroup PhD BIP proposal; BIP Poster session. Mar Fernandez, SGroup Executive Committee
	Appointment of chair (elections)	
	Approval of the minutes from the General Assembly meeting 2021	
	Review of activities November 2021 – October 2022 Joana Freitas, SGroup Projects Manager	
	Finances – Financial report and certificate 2021 – Proposed revised Budget 2022 – Budget 2023 and proposal of membership fees 2023 – Appointment of auditors Sofia Abreu, SGroup Executive Secretary	09:30 – World Café of project proposals/ideas Adina Fodor, SGroup Executive Committee and Joana Freitas, SGroup Projects Manager – SGroup’s Erasmus+ projects and roles – Future SGroup project focused events – Sharing current project possibilities in SGroup and/or from members 10:00 – Group work: part 1
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Election of Executive Committee Members	11:30 – Group work: part 2
	SGroup Action Plan 2023	
	General Assembly 2023 Any other business/Questions and discussion	12:30 – Presentation of the ideas developed in groups in plenary and conclusion
13:00	Official closing speech and Group photo of the 34th Annual Meetings of SGroup and lunch At Teatro Jordão	
14:30 17:30	Social Programme Meeting point at 14:20h in the main entrance of the City Hall of Guimarães <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reception in the municipality by the Vice President of Guimarães, Dr^a Adelina Pinto - Guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Historical Center of Guimarães including a visit the Castle and Paço dos Duques 	