



# 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: 1<sup>st</sup> July (except for rectors/presidents)

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

Main Arqus Annual Conference 2024 days:

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

\* Additional meeting slots can be requested on the afternoon of 1<sup>st</sup> 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)*  
*Eva Obergfell (Rector of Leipzig University)*  
*Dorothy Kelly (Arqus Coordinator)*  
*Moderator: Rui Vieira de Castro (Rector of the University of Minho)*

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