

# INTERREGIONAL MEETING IN COIMBRA

11 | 12 | 13 MARCH 2025

## CHARME

Digital Cultural Heritage Activities across Multiple European regions - Interreg Europe

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11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

**9:00 Public presentation of the EUI – European Urban Initiative**

*“Coimbra Sustainable Tourism – Large Language Model”*

**Convento São Francisco**

Welcome by the Mayor of Coimbra

**12:00 Guided tour to the Convento São Francisco**

Convento de São Francisco was initially designed to house Franciscan monks, but the building was later abandoned and served as premises for a woolen factory until 1976. It was later acquired by the Municipality of Coimbra and restored as part of the construction of the Cultural and Congress Centre of Convento de São Francisco. It is a good example and a practice that shows how a historic monument can embrace a new life and a new approach without losing its main architectural features.

Presentation by Municipality of Coimbra.

**13:00 Lunch – Restaurante O Cordel Maneirista (R. Carlos Alberto Pinto de Abreu 4)**

### 15:00 Presentation of Coimbra's 1<sup>st</sup> best practice

#### Almedina Tower - Municipal Museum of Coimbra

The Almedina Tower was the main medieval watchtower over the entire walled city. It protected the main gateway to the city walls of Coimbra, whose foundations date back to the time of Islamic occupation. They were part of the complex of gates and towers that made up Coimbra's Wall, which was almost two kms long. It is now home to the Walled City Centre, an interpretive center that provides an insight into Coimbra's medieval history.

Presentation by Berta Duarte and Walter Rossa (DARQ - Department of Architecture, University of Coimbra).

Almedina Tower | Walled City Centre



### 17:00 Guide tour to Anto Tower - Municipal Museum of Coimbra

This tower of medieval origin is part of Coimbra's old city walls currently hosting the Coimbra Guitar and Fado Centre, which is part of the Coimbra Municipal Museum. It's a place to learn about the history of Fado and the Coimbra guitar, an important intangible heritage of the city.

Presentation by Municipality of Coimbra.

### 20:00 Dinner – “Restaurante Oito” (Praça 8 de Maio)



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**10:00 Visit and presentation - Monastery of Santa Cruz**

Founded in 1131 with the approval and encouragement of King Afonso Henriques (first King of Portugal) for the Order of St Augustine, it was the most influential monastery in the city and contributed to the country's cultural, economic and political development. In 2003 the church was recognized as a National Pantheon. The architectural and artistic complex was dismantled during the 19th century, leaving only a few parts, namely the church, the cloister and the City Hall. This presentation aims to visualize the Monastery of Santa Cruz in the year of the beginning of its demolition (1834). The project aims to collect and systematize documentary and iconographic information on the architectural history of the monastery and, at the same time, reconstruct the complex and some of the artistic elements that have disappeared using 3D digital technology. Presentation by Rui Lobo (CES - Social Studies of Coimbra).

**13:00 Lunch – “Restaurante Papa” (R. Alexandre Herculano 37)**

**14:30 Meeting with the Vice-Rector for External Relations and Alumni of the University of Coimbra, João Nuno Calvão da Silva**

**15:00 Guided tour to the University of Coimbra**

By signing the "Scientiae Thesaurus Mirabilis", King Dinis created the oldest university in the country and one of the oldest in the world. The document, dated 1290, established the General Studies, which were recognized by Pope Nicholas IV in the same year. With more than seven centuries of history - almost 735 years old - the University of Coimbra has a unique tangible and intangible heritage, a cornerstone in the scientific culture of Europe and the world and has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2013. Presentation by University of Coimbra.



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## 17:00 Presentation of Coimbra's 2nd best practice

### Science Museum of the University of Coimbra:

The museum hosts the oldest Portuguese museum collection of natural history and scientific instruments, inseparable from the Jesuit and Pombaline building heritage, to which are associated other collections that reflect the evolution of the University of Coimbra and its influence in Portugal and the world.

The Science Museum of the University of Coimbra is an interactive science museum that aims to provide visitors of all ages an entertaining environment in which to discover science.

This presentation aims to present a project of design and multimedia that reveals the digitization of the collection of African masks, in a total of about 150 artifacts. Presentation by Paulo Trincão (Science Museum) and Sandra Santos (DARQ - Department of Architecture, University of Coimbra).

## 20:00 Dinner - Casa das Caldeiras - dinner and Fado de Coimbra (R. Padre António Vieira 5)

The *Casa das Caldeiras* was built in 1941 to house the machinery that generated thermal energy for the old University Hospital and restored according to a project by Architects João Mendes Ribeiro and Cristina Guedes, in respect for the history of the place. The imposing boilers acquired from the English firm S.E. de C. Babcock & Wilcox in 1939 dominate the space, which has just reopened as a cafeteria and bar.

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## 09:00 Meeting: CHARME partners –Municipality of Coimbra

## 10:00 Thematic workshop – *Cultural heritage in the digital era. Documentation and communication strategies to foster culture as a value platform for tourism.*

### Noble Hall of the Municipality of Coimbra

In cooperation with the Advisory Partner of CHARME – University of Pavia

**Presentations of all CHARME partners** with the participation of Coimbra's stakeholders.

## 13:00 Lunch – Restaurante Solar do Bacalhau (Rua da Sota, 10)



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**15:00 Presentation of Coimbra's 3<sup>rd</sup> best practice**

**TUMO - Centre for Creative Technologies:**

The TUMO program, an innovative and collaborative educational project, offers young people free, quality training in 8 learning areas, combining self-learning activities, workshops and advanced laboratories. Students take part in workshops at various levels (beginner, intermediate and advanced), which culminate in the development of individual or group projects.

Presentation by Filipa Cunha e Mafalda Mendonça.

**16:00 Closing Session of the CHARME Interregional meeting in Coimbra with the presence of the Mayor of Coimbra**

Sharing results with the city and envisaging our common future regarding international cooperation



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