Statement of the CGU to condemn the Russian military actions in the Ukraine

The Compostela Group of Universities, representing the academic community, condemns the unprecedented malicious aggression of the Russian Federation against the territorial integrity of another independent country, constituting a grave violation of international law. We wish to express our solidarity with the Ukrainian people and especially with our university colleagues, friends, families and students, as we share the bitterness of all peaceful nations over an unacceptable disrespect and barbarian attack against the most fundamental values of the civilized world. A chain of events, completely unimaginable just a very few days ago and so distant from what we could have imagined would still be possible in the 21st century makes us, the international academic community, stand alert, but united to continuously raise our voice for mutual respect, human dignity, peaceful solutions and future cooperation with those who deserve it - those who respect the universally established international legal order and practices, born from the tragedies of WWII, which until very recently we would have thought never could be repeated in a modern world.

Santiago de Compostela, 28.02.2022

The Executive Committee of the Compostela Group of Universities.