



XXXI General Assembly of the CGU

Navigating Challenges in Scientific Production

P R O G R A M M E

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

09:00 – 09:30 • Previous meeting with the participants – Meeting point Hotel Miracorgo.

09:30 – 10:30 • Transport from Hotel Miracorgo to Cultural Activity at Douro.

10:30 – 15:00 • Cultural activity and lunch at River Douro, a UNESCO World Heritage Region (*comfortable attire is recommended*).

15:00 – 16:00 • Transport from Douro to Hotel Miracorgo and to UTAD.

17:00 – 20:00 • Executive Committee meeting | Rectorate Building – Meeting Room 3rd floor.

20:00 – 20:30 • Transport from UTAD to Hotel Miracorgo.

MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

08:00 – 08:30 • Transport to UTAD – Meeting point Hotel Miracorgo.

08:30 – 09:15 • Registration of participants | Rectorate Building – Átrio da Reitoria.

09:30 – 13:00 • Compostela Connection on Sustainability | Átrio da Reitoria.

13:00 – 14:45 • Lunch | Restaurante Panorâmico UTAD.

14:45 – 15:15 • Transport from UTAD to Claustros Governo Civil – Vila Real City Center.

15:30 • Official opening of the XXXI General Assembly of the CGU | Claustros Governo Civil – Vila Real City Center.

15:45 – 17:30 • General Council Meeting | Claustros Governo Civil – Vila Real City Center.

17:30 – 17:45 • Awards of prizes of the Research Pitches Contest | Claustros Governo Civil – Vila Real City Center.

17:45 • End of session.

18:00 – 19:15 • Change to formal dress at Hotels.

Dress code:

Women: Cocktail attire (dress or tailored pants with a dressy top).

Men: suit or well-tailored blazer with dress pants and a dress shirt.

19:15 – 19:30 • Meeting point: Hotel Miracorgo. Transport from Hotel Miracorgo to Quinta do Paço.

19:30 – 20:30 • Presentation Ceremony of the XXIX International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia | Quinta do Paço, Vila Real.

20:30 • Welcome drink | Quinta do Paço, Vila Real.

21:00 • Gala Dinner | Quinta do Paço, Vila Real.

23:00 – 23:30 • Transport from Quinta do Paço to Hotel Miracorgo.

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

Compostela Dialogues in Higher Education

The challenges of increasing scientific production and the aligned objectives for increasing competitiveness and development.

08:30 • Meeting point Hotel Miracorgo – Transport to UTAD.

09:00 – 09:15 • Introduction to the Compostela Dialogues in Higher Education | **Laboratory Buildings – Auditoriums.**

Carla Martins, President of GCU

09:15 – 10:00 • **Lecture:** 'Commodities for scientific production. A new business market?'

Ricardo Simões, Head of Innovation, CCDR-Norte

10:00 – 11:00 • **Round table:** 'Recent evolution of the scientific quality production. Is it a real problem or a disruption on the established traditional publishing models?

- Pedro Rodrigues, Vice-rector of the University of Porto (moderator)
- Ricardo Simões, Head of Innovation, CCDR-Norte (panellist)

Compostela Café

The impact of international university ranking.

11:00 • Presentation to the Compostela Café | Laboratory Buildings – Auditoriums.

Parallel thematic panels:

- *The importance of positioning on international rankings for institutional credibility* | Laboratory Buildings – Auditoriums.

Rui Vieira de Castro, Rector of the University of Minho.

- *The different ranking scenarios and its comparability* | Laboratory Building – Auditoriums.

Diana Esther Woolfolk Ruíz, Assistant Dean for International Affairs of CETYS University.

Conclusions of the Compostela Café | Laboratory Buildings – Auditoriums.

13:15 – 13:30 • Closing of the XXXI General Assembly of the CGU | Laboratory Buildings – Auditoriums.

Presentation of the marble shell to the host university.

13:30 • Lunch | Restaurante Panorâmico UTAD.

15:00 • UTAD Campus Visit.

15:45 • Transport from UTAD to Casa de Mateus – Vila Real.

16:00 • Casa de Mateus free tour.

17:30 • Group visit to Mateus Palace.

18:30 • Transport from Casa de Mateus to Hotel Miracorgo & UTAD.

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Compostela Connection on Sustainability

15th September, 2025



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

9:30 – 9:45 h · Presentation of the Compostela Connection on Sustainability.

Panel (members of the Working Group of Sustainability):

- Carla Martins, President of the Compostela Group of Universities.
- David Green, Vice-chancellor of the University of Worcester (UK).
- Carina Eriksson, Director of International Relations at Karlstad University (SE).

9:45 – 10:15 h · What is sustainability really about? Strong sustainability and Higher Education, research-based illustrations.

- Speaker: Carina Eriksson, Director of International Relations at Karlstad University (SE).

10:15 – 10:45 h · Best practices of Sustainability at our CGU member universities.

Panel:

- David Green, Vice-chancellor of the University of Worcester (UK).
- Cristina Matos, University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (PT).
- José Celso Freire-Junior, São Paulo State University Júlio de Mesquita Filho-UNESP (BR).
- Questions and answers.

10:45 – 11:15 h · Coffee Break.

11:15 – 12:30 h · Round table discussion: Sustainability Higher Education.

Moderators: David Green and Carina Eriksson.

- Group discussions.
- Sum-up of discussions.

12:30 – 13:00 h · Launching of the **"Compostela Sustainability Awards 2025"**.

Presenter: Carla Martins, President of the Compostela Group of Universities.

13:00 h · Lunch.