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We are

Founded in 1911, the University of Porto (U.Porto) is a comprehensive HEI, with a strong emphasis on:

1) quality of Education, Research and Innovation; 2) social and economic valorization of knowledge and 3) international cooperation.

We stand for

Virtus unita fortius agit (Union is strength) – our motto

To create scientific, cultural and artistic knowledge, to reinforce the commitment with the community and society in general and to contribute to the global social, economic and cultural development in a sustainable perspective.

Our strengths

- High quality education and research;
- Scientific, cultural, artistic and technological freedom
- Highly qualified teaching staff and researchers
- High quality of students (national and international)
- Internationalization
- Well equipped campus embedded within the city
- Strong commitment of the Academic Community

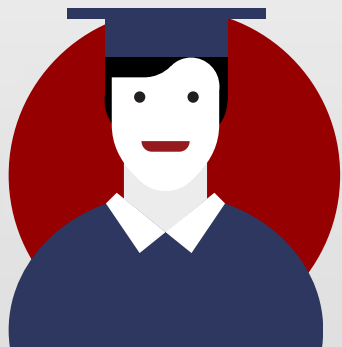


Faculties
(with integrated
research units)



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31.309
Students

19% of which are
international
(including mobility)

Our achievements

- Currently, the U.Porto is the most international of Portugal's universities, thanks to its quality and active cooperation with hundreds of higher education institutions worldwide.
- **QUALITY** | U.Porto is a modern university, committed to providing excellent education, research and social commitment, as well as innovation in many different fields of knowledge.
- **ATTRACTIVENESS** | The schools of the U.Porto are the most sought after not only by the brightest Portuguese students, but also by the thousands of young people who come to Portugal each year to enrich their academic experience.
- **KNOWLEDGE** | U.Porto is a Research Institution, thanks to the work of hundreds of highly-qualified researchers concerned with responding to the multiple needs of society.
- **INNOVATION** | U.Porto is an innovative and entrepreneurial university committed to fostering the qualities and talents of its members. In Schools and in our Park of Science and Technology, the U.Porto helps transform ideas into successful projects.
- **LEADERSHIP** | With a high placement rate of its graduates in the workforce, U.Porto produces leaders in all areas of knowledge. That makes our alumni – both Portuguese and international – one of our greatest points of pride.
- **OPENNESS** | U.Porto is an institution open to society and to the world, maintaining direct connections with regional businesses and institutions as well as with the best universities on the planet.
- **MULTICULTURALISM** | Boasting the most multifaceted and cosmopolitan academic community in Portugal, the U.Porto campus has all the facilities needed to guarantee the best academic, social and cultural experience.
- **PRESTIGE** | U.Porto is known worldwide and is among the best 100 universities in Europe according to top international rankings.



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Research
Centres

Sciences and Technology
Fine Arts and Humanities
Social Sciences
Health and Life Sciences

24,8%

of the
papers produced
in Portugal

Our approach

Quality in all areas of activity

Openness to the community and to the world

Driving force for economic, social, cultural, artistic and scientific development in Northern Portugal and in the country as a whole.

Our strategy

Excellence in Teaching, Research and Internationalization

Internationalization (cooperation, mobility, projects)

Diversity Third Mission relevant know-how




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U.Porto SDG focus


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
Vaccinate your family to protect them and improve public health.

Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



4 QUALITY EDUCATION
Help children in your community to read.

Goal 4: Quality Education


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5 GENDER EQUALITY
Call out sexist language and behaviour.

Goal 5: Gender Equality

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8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
Buy from green companies that are equal opportunity employers.

Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth


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9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Think of innovative new ways to repurpose old material.

Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Bike, walk or use public transportations to keep our cities' air clean.

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
Raise your voice against discrimination.

Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
Get the SDGs in Action app to learn about the Goals and ways to help achieve them! [SDGs in action.com](https://sdgsinaction.com)

Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals



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UNIVERSITY OF PORTO: OUR ENGAGEMENT TO SDGs

- Committed to developing innovative joint initiatives (including international) and generate relevant synergies with external stakeholders
- Cooperation towards development: cooperating with partner universities from developing countries
- Win-win collaborations: strong partnerships built on trust and mutual respect
- Target: north-south but also foster south-south engagement (Intra-ACP and Intra-Africa) and strengthen north-north cooperation



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U.PORTO SDG STRATEGY – interrelation between SDGs and internationalisation

96 Erasmus+ (+ credit mobility projects and Intra-ACP and the new Intra-Africa projects)

14 Capacity Building for Higher Education Projects (since 2014)



Rec-Mat (<http://rec-mat.up.pt>)

Coordinated by U.Porto, joins partners from Argentina, Brazil and Europe with the core aim of contributing to promote mobility in HE between EU and LA, by reducing barriers and building LA HEIs capacity to implement a fairer recognition process.



BUzNet (<http://buznet.up.pt/>)

Coordinated by U.Porto, joins 4 European and 4 Uzbek HEIs with the aim to increase the life standards of the Uzbek population, through curriculum development towards better veterinary and zootechnical teaching, which will result in better technical support and safer animal products reaching the general society.



NutriSEA

(<http://www.nutrisea.eu>)

Coordinated by University of Gent (Belgium) is a Network of Universities and Enterprises for Food Training in Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar) that aims to reform curricula related to food production at BA and MA levels in line with the new regional and local market developments.



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U.PORTO SDG STRATEGY – impact of our SDG focus on internationalization



SDGs 4, 10, 16

Platform 4Syria - Special support to the training and integration of highly skilled Syrian refugees in Portugal. Since the beginning of the conflict, U.Porto provided full support, including tuition fees, accommodation and linguistic training for 12 students (enrolled in full master/PhD)



SDGs 4,10

Capacity Building for teachers of East Timor National University
More than 20 professors enrolled for full master/PhD each academic year



SDGs 4, 16, 17

Classes without Frontiers – international students are the “lecturers”
Last academic year there was a total of 133 international students participating in 111 classes, from 49 countries of the 5 continents and impacted more than 1500 students in schools.



SDGs 4, 16

Junior University -It is the largest national program of introduction to the University environment, involving young students **challenging problems** and help developing their **critical thinking**.





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U.PORTO SDG STRATEGY – impact of our SDG focus on research

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- SDGs 7, 11, 15
- EE+@FLUP – Promotion of a bigger efficiency and sustainability in the energy field
 - U-Bike Portugal

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- SDGs 3, 17
- Discoveries CTR Regenerative and Precision Medicine
 - DOCnet: a system analysis NETWORK towards precision medicine
(Diabetes & obesity at the crossroads between Oncological and Cardiovascular diseases)

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- SDG 5
- Bonds, Limits and Violence: preventing gender violence in school

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- SDG 11
- Future Cities
 - Safe Cities

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- SDG 14
- Simultaneous removal of organic and inorganic pollutants in water



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U.PORTO'S RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Reintroduce funding programmes for international cooperation (e.g. Erasmus Mundus ACP), create or reinforce others, with emphasis on SDG

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Introduce SDG in the Quality Assessment of HEI

RECOMMENDATION 3:

Introduce the values of SDG in the curricula of all qualification levels



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Thank you for your attention!

