

Year of establishment: 2007

Host Institution: University of Algarve (UAlg), Portugal

National Status: R&D Unit funded by FCT (Foundation for Science and Technology, Portugal)

FCT Classification: Very Good

Executive Board

Patrícia Pinto (Coordinator)

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Major Scientific Areas

Social and Economic Geography

Economics and Management

Sociology

MISSION AND GOAL

CinTurs is an interdisciplinary Research Centre that combines knowledge and approaches from different Social Sciences aiming to promote the sustainable development of tourist destinations across their environmental, economic, and socio-cultural dimensions and to enhance the well-being of tourists, host communities, and those working in the tourism sector.

STRATEGIC GUIDELINES AND ACTIVITIES

- Multidisciplinary research and collaborative processes
- Internationalization
- Strong ties with the region
- Commitment to excellence in scientific production
- Sturdy support to advanced training (PhD & PostDoc levels)
- Strong involvement in relevant actions for society
- Initiation of undergraduate and master students to research
- Active organization of conferences, seminars and short courses.

FACILITIES

Working spaces are located at UAlg (Campus of Gambelas), mainly in the Faculty of Economics (building 8). In this building, the centre's facilities are:

- 1 secretariat office
- 1 open space area for visiting researchers
- 1 meeting room for advanced courses/ scientific meetings
- 2 auditoriums for seminars/ conferences
- 2 computer labs and 1 office for IT support

CinTurs also disposes of 3 offices for researchers, a step from UAlg's auditorium (building 4).

General facilities next to CinTurs location are also the Central Library. UAlg also provides administrative support in financial matters, due to the tight interaction between CinTurs and UAlg.

RESEARCH AREAS

Tourism, Territories and Environment focuses on the symbiotic relationship between tourism and territories, aiming to produce and disseminate knowledge to reduce the negative environmental impacts of tourism, preserve the biodiversity, lessen carbon footprints, and promote the responsible use of resources in tourist destinations.

Keywords: Blue tourism; Circular economy in tourism; Tourism and climate change; Carbon neutral tourism; Coastal sustainability; Tourism environmental impacts; Environmental sustainability management; Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in tourism; Landscape planning and management; Nature-based solutions (NBS); Nature-based tourism; Destination sustainable development; Sustainable operations in tourism; Green event management; Regenerative Tourism.

Tourism and Hospitality Management focuses on producing and transferring knowledge to manage competitive organizations and destinations based on innovation, new products and experiences, enhanced human resources, and new marketing approaches while promoting socially responsible entrepreneurship, good governance, and economic growth.

Keywords: Destination Planning and Governance; Social Responsibility in Tourism and Hospitality; Destination and Hospitality Branding and Image; Tourism and Hospitality Demand Forecasting; Human Resources Management in Tourism and Hospitality; Innovation in Tourism and Hospitality; Political Economy of Tourism; Tourism Economic Impacts; Tourism Experience Management; Air Transportation Management; Entrepreneurship in Tourism; Consumer Behaviour in Tourism and Hospitality; Law and Tourism; Attractions Marketing and Management; Destination management.

Tourism, Leisure and Society focuses on the interrelationships between people's lives, leisure practices and tourism flows, aiming to produce and disseminate knowledge about both sides of the sociocultural impacts of tourism: its positive effects on travellers and host communities, and its potential negative impacts on culture and society.

Keywords: Accessible and Inclusive Tourism; Co-creation and Emotions in Tourism; Cultural and Creative Tourism; Tourism happiness and Flow; Heritage, Museums and Cultural Mapping; Lifestyle Mobilities and Second Home Tourism; Overtourism and Antitourism Social Movements; Positive Tourism and Wellbeing; Tourism Sociocultural Impacts; Sports, Events and Tourism; Tourism and Gender Issues; Tourism and Resident's Well-being; Work-leisure New Relationships; Tourism Gentrification; Community-based Tourism.

HIGHLIGHTS 2018-2023

€ 6.31 of total funding:

- Million € 0.66 Million from pluriannual (base) funding (FCT)
- € 0.45 Million from pluriannual (programmatic) funding (FCT)
- € 5.20 Million from project funding (58% of project funding from international sources)

- 548 indexed articles
- 393 articles in journals with Scopus indexed (94 in 2023, with 72,3% in Q1 or Q2)
- 242 books' chapters
 - 12 books (author)
 - 97 books/journals or special issues (editors)
- 700 scientific communications
- 130 R&D projects (66,2% international)
- 36 consulting projects
- 74 international research stays
- 11 scientific awards
- 18 international conferences
- 137 seminars/webinars
- 36 short courses
 - 6 active support to PhD programmes
- 35 PhD thesis concluded
 - 9 postdoctoral researchers
 - 8 FCT/CinTurs PhD scholarship 2020 and 2021
- 256 MSc dissertations concluded
- 105 undergraduate and master students enrolled in research
 - 2 scientific journals edited:
 - Journal of Tourism, Sustainability and Well-being (JTSW), indexed in Web-of-Science
 - Tourism and Management Studies (TMS), indexed in Scopus

MEMBERS

Integrated PhD Members: 48 | Integrated PhD Students: 45
Collaborator Members: 62 | Staff: 2

OUTSTANDING AWARDS 2018-2023

- 2023 - Best Presentation Award, Conference DSOTT 23 'Diversity & Sustainability - Opportunities and Threats in Tourism: Fatemeh Bagheri & Manuela Guerreiro
- 2023 - EuroCHRIE Best Paper Award 2023, EuroCHRIE - The Hospitality & Tourism Educators: Luís Pereira
- 2022 - Emerald Literati Award for Outstanding Reviewer, Emerald Publishing: Dora Agapito
- 2022 - Eminent person for the 3rd Amsterdam ICSSH, International Conference on Social Science & Humanities (ICSSH): Sónia Cabeça
- 2021 - 1st place Best Paper Award at the 6th World Research Summit for Tourism and Hospitality, Rosen College of Hospitality Management, University of Central Florida, USA: Patrícia Pinto & Ana C. Campos
- 2020 - Career Prize, Order of Economists - Algarve regional delegation, Portugal: João Albino Silva
- 2020 - SUNx Best Paper Award, t-Forum 2020 Global Conference: Patrícia Pinto & Jorge Ramos
- 2020 - Eduardo Fayos-Sola Best Paper Award for Tourism Innovation, t-Forum 2020 Global Conference: Dora Agapito & Patrícia Pinto
- 2019 - Prémios Ciências do Desporto (honorable mention in the category 'History and Sociology of sport'), Olympic Committee of Portugal: Elsa Pereira & Margarida Mascarenhas
- 2018 - Emerald Literati Award for Outstanding Author Contribution: Adão Flores & Elsa Pereira
- 2018 - Scientific Merit Medal, Science 2018, FCT, Portugal: João Guerreiro

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

(PhD fields of Integrated Members)

Tourism: 23% | Management: 21% | Economics: 17% | Sociology: 15%
Sports Sciences: 8% | Environmental Sciences: 6% | Quantitative Methods: 4% | Psychology: 4% | Geography: 2%

R&D PROJECTS 2018-2023

Coordination of 28 international projects

- Exploring the strategic application of Gameplan event social impact methodology for the men's Rugby League World Cup 2021 in Doncaster (2022)
- Portal to Portugal: usage of the project method to form key competences among students (2022)
- CultHera (Erasmus+; 2022-2023)
- DMOcracy (2022)
- ATLAS (2020-2021)
- iHERITAGE (ENI CBC MED Sea Basin Programme; 2020-2023)
- SUSTowns (Interreg Med Programme; 2019-2022)
- ACCESS2SEA (Interreg Atlantic Area; 2019-2022)
- BEST MED (Interreg Med Programme; 2019-2022)
- EuroGuadiana (Interreg V POCTEP; 2019-2023)
- finMED (Interreg Med Programme; 2018-2022)
- Creainnovation (Interreg Med Programme; 2018-2022)
- BLUE CROWDFUNDING (Interreg MED Programme; 2019-2022)
- TrailGazersBid (Interreg Atlantic Area; 2019-2022)
- TunaRoute (EMFF; 2018-2019)
- SUGERE (2018-2023)
- 4H-CREAT (2017-2020)
- Atlantic Social Lab (Interreg Atlantic Area; 2017-2023)
- RESTORE (Horizon 2020; 2016-2021)
- CHIMERA (Interreg MED Programme; 2016-2020)
- LOCAL4GREEN (Interreg MED Programme; 2016-2020)
- PELAGOS (Interreg MED Programme; 2016-2020)
- PROTEUS (Interreg MED Programme; 2016-2020)
- MAESTRALE (Interreg MED Programme; 2016-2020)
- ShapeTourism (Interreg Med; 2016-2018)
- ENEPLAN (Erasmus+; 2015-2020)
- VECTOR (Erasmus+; 2015-2019)
- INSPIRATION (Horizon 2020; 2015-2018)

+ participation in 58 international projects under the Interreg Med, Interreg V-A Spain-Portugal, Horizon 2020, Erasmus +, COST, CAPES and EuroQoI frameworks and Tekes – The Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation and European Union

Coordination of 16 national projects

- SEARM-FIT (FCT; 2023-2024)
- YOUTH&WELL-BEING (Fundação 'la Caixa'; 2022-2023)
- SHIFT (FCT; 2022-2025)
- SciTour (CRESC2020; 2021-2023)
- GuestIC (SI I&DT; 2021-2023)
- MONITUR (CRESC2020; 2021-2023)
- HoSt Lab (CRESC2020; 2021-2023)
- Health and well-being of the Portuguese citizens:
 - impacts of the COVID-19 (Fundação 'la Caixa'; 2020-2022)
- TurExperience (CRESC Algarve 2020; 2019-2023)
- RESTUR (CRESC Algarve 2020; 2019-2023)
- BIODES (FCT; 2018-2022)
- GRAMPCITY (FCT; 2018-2022)
- Utilização do EQ-5D-5L na Medição da Qualidade de Vida (2018-2019)
- ACCES4ALL (FCT, CRESC Algarve 2020, Norte 2020; 2017-2019)
- CREATOUR (FCT; CRESC Algarve 2020; Lisboa 2020; 2016-2020)
- WARECAMO (FCT; 2016-2018)

+ participation in 28 national projects under the FCT, Portugal 2020, CRESC Algarve 2020, Mar 2020, PO Algarve 21, FCT, PRODER and ARDITI frameworks

MAJOR CONFERENCES UPCOMING

- 17th Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal (Special focus: Tourism Economics), Faro, 5-7 July 2024
- IV International Conference Tourism & History, Faro, 21-22 Nov. 2024
- THE INC (Tourism, Hospitality and Events International Conference), June 2026