

**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.

## MEMBERS

Integrated PhD Members: 54 | Integrated PhD Students: 44  
I Collaborator Members: 53 | Staff: 2

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

### (PhD fields of Integrated Members)

Tourism: 24,1% | Psychology: 9,3% | Economy: 16,7%  
Management: 13% | Environmental Sciences: 9,3%  
Geography: 1,9% | Quantitative Methods: 5,6% | Sociology: 11,1%  
Sports Sciences: 5,6% | Other Fields: 3,7%

## HIGHLIGHTS 2018-2023

**€ 5.96** of total funding:

**Million** € 0.52 Million from pluriannual (base) funding (FCT)  
€ 0.45 Million from pluriannual (programmatic) funding (FCT)  
€ 4.99 Million from project funding (91%) from international funding

**534** indexed articles

**391** articles in journals with Scopus indexed (94 in 2023, with 72,3% in Q1 or Q2)

**254** books' chapters

**15** books (author)

**100** books/journals (editors)

**129** R&D projects (68,9% international)

**25** consulting projects

**74** international research stays

**15** scientific awards

**17** international conferences

**137** seminars

**36** short courses

**5** active support to PhD programmes

**45** PhD thesis concluded

**10** postdoctoral researchers

**8** FCT/CinTurs PhD scholarship 2020 and 2021

**273** 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

## OUTSTANDING AWARDS 2018-2023

- 2023 - EuroCHRIE Best Paper Award 2023, EuroCHRIE - The Hospitality & Tourism Educators: Luís Pereira  
2023 - Prémio Carreira Sul 2023, Order of Portuguese Psychologists: Saul Neves de Jesus  
2023- STAR Lifetime Career Award 2023, STAR Society: Saul Neves de Jesus  
2022 - Eminent person for the 3rd Amsterdam ICSSH, International Conference on Social Science & Humanities (ICSSH): Sónia Moreira 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  
2019 - Career Prize (honorable mention), Order of Portuguese Psychologists, Portugal: Saul de Jesus  
2018 - Emerald Literati Award for Outstanding Author Contribution: Adão Flores & Elsa Pereira  
2018 - Scientific Merit Medal, Science 2018, FCT, Portugal: João Guerreiro

## R&D PROJECTS 2018-2023

### Coordination of 31 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)  
Determinación de compuestos fenólicos y su bioaccesibilidad en mieles y productos derivados (aqua-mel) del suroeste de la península ibérica (2021)  
SoMovED (Erasmus+ KA2; 2020-2023)  
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)  
Caracterización de mieles y produtos derivados (2018-2019)  
EuroGadiana (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)  
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)  
TRIANGLE (Erasmus +; 2016-2019)  
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 15 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)  
ACCES4ALL (FCT, CRESC Algarve 2020, Norte 2020; 2017-2019)  
CREATOUR (FCT; CRESC Algarve 2020; Lisboa 2020; 2016-2020)  
WARECAMO (FCT; 2016-2018)  
+ participation in 25 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 November 2024