

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 OBJECTIVES

- Consolidate interdisciplinary research and collaborative processes
- Commitment to excellence in scientific production
- Strengthen international collaborations
- Sturdy support for advanced training
- Enhance industry partnerships, innovation and knowledge transfer
- Strong involvement in relevant actions for society
- Strong ties with the region.

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; Impacts and Applications of AI in Tourism and Hospitality.

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.

HOST 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.

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) \ Manuela Guerreiro (Co-Coordinator) \ Luís Pereira (Co-Coordinator)
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Major Scientific Areas Social and Economic Geography \ Economics and Management \ Sociology

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MEMBERS

Integrated PhD Members: 53
Integrated PhD Students: 49
Collaborator Members: 69
Staff: 2

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

PhD fields of Integrated Members

Tourism: 28,3%
Psychology: 9,4%
Economics: 15,1%
Management: 9,4%
Environmental sciences: 5,7%
Geography: 3,8%
Quantitative methods: 5,7%
Sociology: 13,2%
Sports sciences: 5,7%
Other fields: 3,8%

HIGHLIGHTS 2024

€ 0.30 Million of total funding
 € 0.13 Million from pluriannual (base) funding (FCT)
 € 0.11 Million from pluriannual (programmatic) funding (FCT)
 € 0.06 Million from project funding
 (14%) from international funding
128 indexed articles
107 articles in journals with Scopus indexed
 (with 80,4% in Q1 or Q2)
58 books' chapters
4 books (author)
15 books/journals (editors)
34 R&D projects (79,4% international)
13 consulting projects
38 international research stays
3 scientific awards
3 international conferences
43 seminars
4 short courses
5 active support to PhD programmes
8 PhD thesis concluded
4 postdoctoral researchers
64 MSc dissertations concluded
7 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

R&D PROJECTS 2024

Coordination of International projects

- Path4Med - Demonstrating innovative pathways addressing water and soil pollution in the Mediterranean Agro-Hydro-System (Horizon Europe programme; 2024-2027)
 - CultHera - Civic engagement of cultural and historical heritage in urban and sub-urban environment – EU context, perspectives & good practices (Erasmus+; 2022-2024)
- + participation in 25 international projects under the Interreg (POCTEP), Interreg Atlantic Area, Interreg V-A Spain–Portugal, Horizon, Erasmus+, COST, European Union, TDLEG of Chinese University of Hong Kong, and others.

Coordination of National projects

- SEARM-FIT - Socioeconomic artificial reef monitoring: fisheries interaction with tourism (FCT; 2023-2025)
 - SHIFT - Sustainability-oriented, Highly interactive, and Innovation-based Framework for Tourism marketing (FCT; 2022-2025)
 - MONITUR - Observation and monitoring of the Algarve tourist destination: contributions for its sustainable development (CRESC2020; 2021-2024)
- + participation in 4 national projects under the FCT, Secretaria Regional de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia (SRE) and Algar, S.A.

OUTSTANDING AWARDS 2024

2024 - Innovation Award - Mediterranean Diet: Alexandra Rodrigues Gonçalves & Célia Ramos
2024 - Hospitality Education Awards 2024. Tourism Forum Career Award: João Albino Silva
2024 - Goodfellow Publishers Award for Best Paper in Hospitality Management; CHME - Council for Hospitality Management Education Conference: Manuel Aleator Ribeiro

MAJOR CONFERENCES UPCOMING

- 12th Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Marketing and Management (AHTMM), Faro, 30 June - 4 July 2025
- 10th International Research Network in Sport Tourism Conference (IRNIST), Faro, 15-17 October 2025
- TMS Algarve 2025, Faro, 12-15 November
- THE INC (Tourism, Hospitality and Events International Conference), Faro, 17 - 19 June 2026

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