



## Erasmus Coordinators Conference 2008 and GO-Exchange Educational Fair

**ERACON-2008**  
7-11 May 2008, Lisbon, Portugal

<b>Organizers</b>		
	European Association  Erasmus Coordinators	
<b>ISCTE/Lisbon University Institute</b>	<b>European Association of Erasmus Coordinators</b>	<b><i>Portalegre Polytechnics Institute</i></b>

### Call for Abstracts and Fair participation

The Erasmus Coordinators Conference 2008 (ERACON2008) will consist of several workshops/symposiums/sessions covering multiple themes. The official language of the conference is English.

#### **The main themes of the conference include:**

ERASMUS Programme 2007-2008 Quality of ERASMUS Activities EUC 2007-2013 Employability Continuing Education (LLP) Certification ECTS - European Credit Transfer System DS - Diploma Supplement SM - Student Mobility TM - Teacher Mobility OM - Organization of Mobility Staff Placements Teacher Placements	ERASMUS Mundus Three Cycle Systems Funding and Policy Disabled students and teachers Linguistic preparation ICT support systems Joint and Double Degrees Erasmus and Life Professional Integration Student and Teacher Accommodation Mobility and Career Agreements/Institutions+Enterprises
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ERASMUS coordinators are invited to make presentations and submit written papers on their experiences in the themes above. Workshops within the conference are also invited to discuss specific topics and to draw up concrete suggestions, which can be used by the EC (Education and Culture) in order to improve the ERASMUS programme in general as well as elements of the Bologna Process.

The conference will be concluded with a two stage Exchange ERASMUS Educational Fair through which each university could provide information to other universities on the programmes offered and arrangements for teacher and student mobility as well as ERASMUS placements. The fair is expected to serve as a basis for further bilateral agreements between institutions and between institutions and Enterprises. This year we will invite European Enterprises to participate in order to promote ERASMUS placements.

At this stage Erasmus Coordinators, Administrators, Enterprises representatives and Bologna Promoters who may be interested in attending the Conference with or without a paper should send a message with full address, fax and e-mail to the European Organizing Committee. The registration deadline is **15 April 2008**. The deadline for abstracts is **31 March 2008**. Notification of acceptance of abstracts is within 15 days. Further announcements and details will be sent to those responding to this call.

### → **ABOUT LISBON**

The name Lisbon (Lisboa) comes from "Olissipo", which has its origins in the Phoenician words "Allis Ubbo", meaning "enchanted port". But Lisbon has, of course, strong Arabic influences; it was, after all, occupied by the Moors for 450 years. In the 12th century the Christians re-conquered the city but it was not until the mid-13th century that Lisbon became the country's capital.

During the 15th century, with the beginning of the Portuguese Age of Discoveries, Lisbon developed into a spice and jewellery trade centre. The breakthrough for Portuguese expansion came in 1498 when Vasco da Gama discovered the sea route to India. This was indeed the beginning of a golden age, characterised by the Manueline architectural style, named after the King Manuel I, with its typical decorative use of maritime motifs.

Over the centuries Lisbon naturally grew and changed. When the city centre was almost completely destroyed by the great earthquake of 1755, it was rebuilt by the Marquis of Pombal, who thus created the Baixa Pombalina, a commercial area that still retains much of its original character. But development did not stop there. The city has grown progressively to the north, and areas such as the Avenidas Novas and the site where Expo '98 took place are typical of this development. The Expo site is now known as the Parque das Nações.

The Lisbon area offers a wide variety of options to the visitor, including beaches, countryside, mountains and areas of historical interest only a few kilometres away from the city centre.

These and a wealth of other attractions make Lisbon such a pleasant and hospitable city.

Discover Lisbon through the following Web sites:

<http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lisboa>

[www.atl-turismolisboa.pt](http://www.atl-turismolisboa.pt)

[www.cm-lisboa.pt/turismo](http://www.cm-lisboa.pt/turismo)

[www.portugalvirtual.pt](http://www.portugalvirtual.pt)

[www.portugal-insite.pt](http://www.portugal-insite.pt)

[www.geocities.com](http://www.geocities.com)

[www.portugal.org](http://www.portugal.org)

[www.guianet.pt/turismo](http://www.guianet.pt/turismo)

[www.madeiratourism.org](http://www.madeiratourism.org)

[www.drtacores.pt](http://www.drtacores.pt)

#### **Maps**

<http://lisboainteractiva.cm-lisboa.pt/>

<http://hoteisdelisboa.com/Mapa-de-Lisboa.html>

## → INVITED SPEAKERS

TBA

### **Name to be announced**

Representative of the European Commission DG Education and Culture – Erasmus Programme

### **Name to be announced**

Representative of the LLP National Agency in Portugal

Representative of the Ministry of Education of Portugal

## → PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

Preliminary Programme: Arrival day is Wednesday 7 May 2008 at the Lisbon International Airport. The opening ceremony is planned to be held in the morning of Thursday 8 May 2008. The paper presentations and workshops will take place at ISCTE, Av. das Forças Armadas, Building II, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, on Thursday and Friday mornings. The closing ceremony is expected to take place on Friday evening 9 May 2008. On Saturday 10 May there will be an optional excursion. The Exchange Education Fair will run on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

## → PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

All abstracts must be at most 250 words. The abstract is written on a single column A4 page. Margins on right-left must be 4 cm each and on top-bottom 5 cm each (the full text should have dimensions very close to **13X19 cm** vertical with full justification). The language to be used is English.

The typeset must be TIMES NEW ROMAN. The title must be centred between the margins using TIMES 14-point type, CAPITALS, BOLD SINGLE SPACE. Leave one blank line and then type the author(s) name(s) using TIMES 12 pt, BOLD. Underline the name of the presenting author. Directly below type the affiliation, address and email for each author using TIMES 10 pt. Use asterisks (\*, \*\*, \*\*\*) to correspond the name to his/her address.

Leave four blank lines after the affiliation and address and type the word ABSTRACT using TIMES 12 pt, CAPITALS, BOLD, CENTRED. Leave one blank line and type the abstract using TIMES 11 pt, SINGLE SPACING.

**Please send a copy of your abstract by email attachment in MS WORD for Windows (PC version). [carlos.afonso@mail.esep.ipportalegre.pt](mailto:carlos.afonso@mail.esep.ipportalegre.pt) and to [info@eaec.eu.com](mailto:info@eaec.eu.com).** Presented papers will be reviewed and invited for publication in the electronic proceedings of the conference to be published after the conference.

## → PREPARATION OF PAPERS

All papers must be at most TEN PAGES long including the references, the tables and the figures. Each page must be a single column A4 page. Margins on right-left must be 4 cm each and on top-bottom 5 cm each (the full text should have dimensions very close to 13X19 cm vertical with full justification). The language to be used is English.

The typeset must be TIMES NEW ROMAN. The title must be centred between the margins using TIMES 14-point type, CAPITALS, BOLD SINGLE SPACE. Leave one blank line and then type the author(s) name(s) using TIMES 12 pt, BOLD. Underline the name of the presenting author. Directly below type the affiliation, address and email for each author using TIMES 10 pt. Use asterisks (\*, \*\*, \*\*\*) to correspond the name to his/her address.

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Leave four blank lines after the abstract and begin to type the main text of your paper using TIMES 11 pt, SINGLE SPACING. For sub-titles of sections or paragraphs within your paper use TIMES 12 pt, CAPITALS, BOLD. The sub-titles and the text are separated by one blank line.

The list of references must be placed at the end of the text. Please use the following format: Author name(s), Title of paper or book, Volume and pages or Publishing company, (year). **Please send a copy of your paper by email to [info@eaec.eu.com](mailto:info@eaec.eu.com) by the end of May 2008. The paper must be in MS WORD for Windows(PC version) format. The EAEC Management Board will approve all papers to be published in electronic proceedings.**

### **→REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION FEES**

#### **Registration fees:**

**EAEC Members: 200 Euro**

**EAEC Members (First speaker of accepted talk) : 150 Euro**

**Non EAEC members: 250 Euro**

**Non EAEC members (First speaker of accepted talk): 200 Euro**

Both registration fees include: conference bag, abstracts booklet, coffee breaks, excursion, welcoming reception, fair well dinners on Thursday and Friday evenings, lunches on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, access to all lectures and workshops, participation in the Go-exchange fair and transportation from official hotels to the conference site and back.

For registration please contact the European Organising Committee and Ms. Elena Michael at [info@eaec.eu.com](mailto:info@eaec.eu.com), [michael.e@unic.ac.cy](mailto:michael.e@unic.ac.cy) or, tel: + 357 22 841534, fax: + 357 22352360..

Transfers for the **registration fees** should be made to the following account:

**Payment method:** (choose one)

**1. Bank check (international)**

Make the check payable to: **European Association of Erasmus Coordinators**

**2. Money transfer to Bank Account**

**Beneficiary name:** European Association of Erasmus Coordinators

**Account number:** 0158-40-000106-48

**IBAN:** CY97 0020 0158 0000 0040 0001 0648

**SWIFT:** BCYPCY2N

**Bank name:** Bank of Cyprus

**Indication:** ERACON 2008 Registration fee

**All bank charges have to be fully covered by the participant.**

When payment is made send a copy of the Bank receipt to the fax +357-22352360

**Accommodation fees:**

**TBA**

## **→ HOW TO REACH LISBON**

### **BY AIR**

There are international airports at Lisboa, Oporto, Faro, Funchal (Madeira), Ponta Delgada (São Miguel Island-Azores) and Lages (Terceira Island-Azores).

Lisboa International Airport (Portela) is 7 km from the city centre and has daily flights to and from the major cities in Europe and the world. The Portuguese airlines TAP - Air Portugal and PGA - Portugália Airlines, as well as major international airlines, fly to and from Lisboa. Please visit <http://www.ana.pt/portal/page/portal/ANA/> for further information

From the airport to the conference venue and hotels there are the following choices: *Aerobus (bus line 91)*, an express bus which connects the airport directly to the city centre running every 20 minutes; regular bus lines 5, 8, 22, 44, 45, 83 (board fare 1,30 Euro); taxi (about 7 Euros, plus luggage tax).

### **BY ROAD**

Lisboa is connected to all major road networks in Europe via Spain: motorway A6 (Lisboa-Elvas) connects to the Spanish A5-E90 to Madrid, Spain, through the East; motorway A1 (Lisboa-Porto) connects to the Spanish A55 to Vigo via A3 (Porto-Valença), through the North; motorway A2 (Lisboa-Albufeira) connects to the Spanish A49 to Sevilla, Spain via A22 (Lagos-Vila Real), through the South; motorway A23 (Torres Novas-Guarda) connects Lisboa to A1 and to the Spanish A62 to Burgos, via A25 (Aveiro-Vilar Formoso), also through the East.

There are three bus companies running services between many European cities and Oporto (Inter-Norte), Lisboa (Inter-Centro) and Faro (Inter-Sul).

### **BY RAIL**

National and international trains arrive in Lisboa Santa Apolónia terminal station, and to the more recent Gare do Oriente, which opened in 1998 adjacent to the Parque das Nações. There are two basic international connections to/from Lisboa: the Sud-Express – Lisboa-Hendaye (France), connecting to the TGV network takes about 15 hours; the Lusitânia Comboio Hotel - Lisboa-Madrid, takes about 5 hours. Please visit [www.cp.pt](http://www.cp.pt) for further information.

From both the Santa Apolónia and Oriente Stations to the conference venue and hotels there are the following choices: *Metro* (underground); regular bus lines; taxi (about 5 Euros, plus luggage tax).

## **→ CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

### **Conference site**

The conference will be held at ISCTE

Address: Av. das Forças Armadas, 1649 – 026 Lisboa, Portugal

Tel: + 351 21 790 32 09/+351 21 790 30 96

Fax: + 351 21 790 29 39

[www.iscte.pt](http://www.iscte.pt)

## → POSSIBLE FUNDING

Based on past experience the participation in ERACON conferences is eligible activity under OM:

"Institutions may decide the purposes for which the grant for OM is used, provided it is used on activities related to the support and organisation of mobility and that they respect the basic eligibility conditions of any grant awarded by the Commission (I.e. accountable expenditure, eligibility period, etc.)"

During the Go - Exchange fair each university could provide information to other universities on the programmes offered and arrangements for teacher and student mobility. The fair is expected to serve as a basis for further bilateral agreements between institutions as well as to set a new basis for Staff training placements. Also, examples of good practice for the ERASMUS activities will be presented at the conference.

In past ERACON conferences participants used OM funding for their travel expenses without a problem. Please consult your NA before using any funds from your OM.

Also since the Go - Exchange fair will serve as a basis for establishing bilateral agreements participants may be able to receive funding under the Preparatory Visits. Based on the LLP - Guidelines for applicants: "Preparatory visits are only eligible if their purpose is to establish cooperation with departments, faculties or institutions which have not been involved in Erasmus before. Particular attention should be given to visits aiming at laying the foundations for partnerships engaging the institution as a whole in transnational cooperation agreements involving a range of disciplines". Please consult your NA.

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**→ERACON 2008 - GO-EXCHANGE ERASMUS EDUCATIONAL FAIR**

All participants who plan to represent their university at the fair will have to indicate it in the on-line registration procedure. Please send your material on time by courier to the organizer address. There is no additional cost to participate in the fair, provided that you have registered and paid the registration fee.

Please send packages for the fair to:

ISCTE

ERACON 2008 Conference

GMIVA, room 1w7 – 1w9

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**→ERACON 2008 – Competition for the best ERACON poster used at a H.E. Institution**

More information on the second call or check the website.

**→GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Visas:**

No visas required from EU country nationals

**Currency:**

Euro

The Euro was adopted in Portugal on January 1st, 2002. The currency used before this was the Escudo.

The Euro is the common currency of twelve of the twenty-five EU countries: Portugal, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Belgium, Netherlands, Finland, Austria and Greece.

All payments are made in Euro bank notes and coins. There are 8 coins: 1 cent, 2 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, 20 cent, 50 cent, 1 euro and 2 euros.

There are 7 bank notes: 5 euros, 10 euros, 20 euros, 50 euros, 100 euros, 200 euros and 500 euros.

The Portuguese side of the Euro coins features the royal stamp of Afonso Henriques, the first king of Portugal.

Seven architectonic periods of European history are represented on the Euro bank notes.

The bridges and the doors symbolize the dynamics of cooperation and the open spirit of the peoples of Europe.

### **Weather in Lisbon in May:**

Lisbon's climate is generally warm and sunny. The city's seven hills, the typical old houses harmoniously mixed with modern buildings, and the great number of green parks and gardens give Lisbon a fresh and fragrant air and a certain languor. The Atlantic breeze fans the city and prevents the heat from becoming too insufferable during July and August. The temperature averages for May are 13-23°C (55-71°F) and there are minimum chances of rain (average rain chances 38 mm/1,5 inc.)

### **Electricity:**

220 volts AC all over Portugal.

Two-pin power plug and socket systems (A European adaptor will be suitable for different power plug and socket systems)

### **Tap water:**

Safe to drink

### **Good buys:**

Shops usually open from 9:00 to 1:00 pm and from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. They are usually closed on Sundays. Large shopping centres such as Colombo (beside the Colegio Militar/Luz metro station), the Armazens do Chiado (near the Baixa/Chiado metro station), the Vasco da Gama (beside the Oriente metro station), and Amoreiras (not far from the Marquês de Pombal metro station), however, are open on Sundays. Grocery stores are usually closed on Sundays.

From Praça do Comércio (at the bank of river Tagus) to Restauradores, the *Baixa* (downtown) is the best shopping district in the city. Stroll along the pedestrian Rua Augusta, with everything from tourist stores to European chain clothing stores or Avenida da Liberdade, home of the major "haute couture" brand shops and galleries. All major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

Favourite shopping items: jewellery, shoes, purses, wines (among which the world favourite Port wine and "Vinho Verde", a fruity sparkling wine from the North of the country – the best one is the white one of the "Alvarinho" kind ), tiles, ceramic, embroidery and ironworks.

### **Local dishes:**

Portuguese are considered to be one of the world's biggest fish consumers, not surprisingly due both to the country's rich past as a seafaring nation and to the largest sea economic zone in Europe. So fresh fish and seafood are a must. However, the nation's favourite is 'bacalhau', the dried, salted codfish, which is considered the national dish, one that Portuguese don't do without on Christmas Eve – rumor has it that there are a thousand different ways to cook it.

Restaurants and "tascas" (small taverns) offer a wide variety of snacks and appetizers, much in the neighboring Spanish tradition of "tapas" – salted raw ham, cheese, all kinds of seafood and small fish, "pasteis de bacalhau" (fried codfish, as above, pies) small chunks of meat among others are served at any time at "tascas". One popular snack is "prego" or "bifana", a fried small beef or pork steak served in a roll. Other local favorites are all meat varieties, the most famous of which is "porco preto", or Iberian pork, famous for its exquisite taste, due to its breeding in nature, specially in the Alentejo region (south of the country), eating only fruit and other natural feedings.

In the sweets department, Portugal is also famous for the "pastel de nata", a custard tart made from whipped milk cream and usually served with a cinnamon powder topping – the most renown variety of this kind of custard is "Pastel de Belém", sold by the thousands at the Belém area. Other favourite delicatessen include the traditional monastery sweets.

Although famous for its wines, among which Portuguese prefer the wide variety of national brands, beer has in recent years gained a great popularity, and is considered to have overcome wine consumption. One drink, however that is undisputable in the Portuguese taste is “bica”, coffee served in small cups, usually black (although you can also ask for a “garoto”, a “bica” with milk, or “galão” a large cup or glass of coffee with milk)

**Visiting:**

Lisbon has plenty of places to visit, ranging from monuments to natural or man-made scenarios. Visitors to Lisboa should not miss: Praça do Comércio (The Commerce Square, also known as Terreiro do Paço, in the old centre by the river Tagus); Castelo de S. Jorge (Saint Jorge’s Castle, the ancient fortress overlooking the whole city), Torre de Belém (Belém Tower, marking the spot where “caravelas”, or old discovery ships, sailed away in the Portuguese adventure of the discoveries); the old traditional quarters of Alfama, Mouraria or Bairro Alto (now a busy night life district); Parque das Nações (Nations Park, the most recent and modern architectural quarter, with the stunning Gare do Oriente, the newest rain station); Elevador da Glória or Elevador de Santa Justa (old Elevators, although the former is more a tram, connecting downtown to uptown Lisboa); Mosteiro dos Jerónimos (Jerónimos Monastery, close to Belém, an impressive building, considered to be the “jewel of the Manueline style, which combines architectural elements from the Gothic and from the Renaissance periods); Docas (old pier store houses transformed into the city’s most famous night life spots, with a large variety of bars, pubs, discos and restaurants).

**Want to speak Portuguese?:**

Hello:	Olá
Good morning:	Bom dia
Good evening:	Boa tarde/noite
How are you?:	Como está(s)? (the former more formal)
Very well:	Muito bem
Yes:	Sim
No:	Não
Please:	Por favor/Se faz favor
Thank you:	Obrigado(a) (the former if you are male)
Excuse me:	Desculpe
What?	O quê?
How?	Como?
How much?:	Quanto (custa)?
Who?:	Quem?
When?:	Quando?
I don't understand:	Não percebo/entendo
I don't know:	Não sei

**→ LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Will be announced in the [www.eracon.info](http://www.eracon.info) soon.

**→ REGISTRATION FORM**

Online at [www.eracon.info](http://www.eracon.info)

## → **EAEC MEMBERSHIP**

For individual or institutional membership to the European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators please visit the web-site of the registered office in Cyprus.

All correspondence regarding the membership should be done directly with the registered office:

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