WELCOME TO FARO

SPA-EU CONGRESS

Strong Partnership to Face Challenges to and Achieve Sustainable Development Goals





UNIVERSIDADE DO ALGARVE

WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Faro, the culturally rich capital of the Algarve, the southernmost region of Portugal, renowned for its stunning beaches, welcoming locals and delicious seafood. The city of Faro comprises two campi of the University of Algarve – Gambelas and Penha – providing excellent conditions for study, work, research and socialization.

On 12 and 13 January, 2024, the University of the Algarve (Gambelas campus) will host the SEA-EU Congress: Strong Partnership to Face Global Challenges and Achieve Sustainable Goals, bringing together the Rectors, Vice-Rectors and other delegates from the nine SEA-EU Universities, as well as stakeholders from public and private institutions and external partners from Europe and different parts of the world. The SEA-EU Congress is organized by the Universities of Algarve (Portugal) and Gdańsk (Poland). The most important aim of the event is to transform the European Partnership into a Global Partnership, emphasising its benefits for the whole planet and envisioning a future centred on a sustainable blue environment. To achieve this intention, a Global Gateway Declaration will be signed during the SEA-EU Congress. May your visit to our city and university be both enjoyable and productive!



DISCOVER SEA-EU

The University of the Seas (SEA–EU) Alliance, funded by the European Union (ERASMUS– EDU–2022), was initiated in 2019 and currently comprises nine European universities, all located in coastal areas of the Atlantic and Mediterranean seas: University of Algarve (Portugal), University of Brest (France), University of Cadiz (Spain), University of Gdansk (Poland), University of Kiel (Germany), University of Malta (Malta), University of Naples Parthenope (Italy), NORD University (Norway), and University of Split (Croatia).

In SEA-EU, the 9 universities explore and share knowledge of what it means to be and live in

coastal Europe, with the aim of contributing to global sustainability and improving the quality of life of local communities. The vision of SEA-EU is to establish a distinctly international, multi-ethnic, multilingual and interdisciplinary European University. This vision is rooted in the Alliance's high quality and excellence in education and research, with the intention of strengthening the links between teaching, research, innovation and knowledge transfer.

More info about SEA-EU: https://sea-eu.org/home/



THE SEA-EU CONGRESS: STRONG PARTNERSHIP TO FACE GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE GOALS

The SEA-EU alliance addresses global challenges such as migration, gender balance and open science, while focusing on climate neutrality, clean energy transition, sustainable industry and agriculture, and sustainable mobility. In addition, it aims to prioritise the protection of biodiversity, especially the marine aspects, the potential of the marine economy for sustainable food production and the wellbeing of citizens in coastal areas.

Through a strategic partnership with external institutions, SEA-EU aims to transform the European Partnership into a Global Partnership to emphasise its benefits for the whole planet and to envision a future centred on a sustainable blue environment. To achieve these goals, the theme of the SEA-EU Congress is "Strong Partnership to face Global Challenges and Achieve Sustainable Development Goals".

During the SEA-EU Congress, a Global Gateway Declaration will be signed to create a strong international alliance to address challenges in coastal areas around the world and develop the capacity of our blue planet for a sustainable future.





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WHAT IS SEA-EU

The University of the Seas (SEA-EU),

funded by the European Union (Erasmus+ program), is an alliance of nine European universities: University of Cádiz (Spain), University of Western Brittany in Brest (France), University of Kiel (Germany), University of Gdańsk (Poland), University of Split (Croatia), University of Malta (Malta), Nord University (Norway), University of Algarve (Portugal), and University of Parthenope Naples (Italy) all located in coastal areas of Atlantic and Mediterranean seas.

The **SEA-EU alliance** tackles global challenges like Migrations, Gender Balance, and Open Science, while also focusing on climate neutrality, Clean Energy transition, Sustainable Industry and Agriculture, and Sustainable Mobility. Additionally, it aims to prioritize biodiversity protection, particularly concerning marine aspects, the sea economy's potential for sustainable food production, and citizens' well-being in coastal areas.

Through a strategic partnership with external institutions, we intend to transform the European Partnership into a Global Partnership to emphasize its benefits for the entire planet and envision a future centered around a sustainable blue environment.

Our vision is to establish a distinctly international, pluri-ethnic, multilingual and interdisciplinary European University. This vision is rooted in the high quality and excellence in education and research of the alliance with the intent to strengthen the links between teaching, research, innovation and knowledge transfer. The convergence of media and digitalisation has changed the way we work and live. Change, going forward, will continue to be rapid, in a world of perpetual connectivity. Consequently, traditional training models are being found wanting. Developing both critical-thinking and creativity with students is key. This is our vision as a consortium: to create the conditions in which a student will be able to freely and confidently move between disciplines, languages, countries, sectors. Seamless mobility across borders and academic disciplines will provide a substantial leap in quality, performance, attractiveness and international competitiveness. We will work to make our university alliance a universe of possibilities, in which each student will be free but guided to seek out and develop their own path.

Sea EU congress

Strong Partnership to Face Challenges and Achieve Sustainable Development Goals

Lighthouse of Ponta de Sagres



AGENDA

12 JANUARY

MORNING - Welcome and introduction of SEA-EU

- Welcome speech by General coordinator of the Alliance and the UAlg Rector
- Major achievement of SEA-EU 1.0: Highlighting scientific research and outreach
- Major plans for SEA-EU-2.0: Highlighting education – European Join programmes

AFTERNOON – General discussion on the future and signing of the Global Gateway Declaration

• Round Table | Questions to debate with all signatories of GGD Rectors

- 1. What are the Major Challenges that our society is and will be facing?
- 2. What skills do you consider to be the most important ones for a Better Future to be built?
- 3. How can European Universities help Europe and the Global World to address major challenges of our global society?
- Results of Future Leadership Forum
- The Signing of the SEA-EU Global Gateway Declaration
- Algarve Orchestra classic concert

13 JANUARY

Painting Exhibition of the SEA-EU Cities Amar Guitar Duo – Ria Formosa (Fado Concert) Visit to Faro Old City



REACHING FARO

The city of Faro is the provincial capital of the Algarve region located in the south end of Portugal, with a population of 60.000.

Faro is located 280 km south of Lisbon and is connected by high-way to Lisbon and Seville (200 Km). Faro can also be reached by railway and plane. Faro international Airport is served by several major airlines. The distance between the Faro International Airport

and the city of Faro is about 5 Km. To get to the city, a taxi will cost around $10,0 \in$.

... by plane

The closest airport is Faro International Airport located 5 kms to the centre of Faro. If you are arriving by plane in faro, the simplest form of transport to the Hotel is by Taxi $(+/-10,0 \in)$.

See the route from the airport to downtown Faro here: http://goo.gl/maps/kUbla

... by train

Faro is located on the Southern Line and is well connected to several cities through railway, being served by numerous circulations, including the service Alfa Pendular. Check the train timetables and rates here: http://www.cp.pt.

Faro railway station is located about 5 minutes walking distance from Hotel Faro and 25 minutes by car from the meeting room.

ACCOMMODATION IN FARO

Faro offers a diverse range of accommodations to suit various preferences and budgets. From historic guesthouses in the city center to modern boutique hotels and coastal resorts, Faro has options for every traveler. Charming guesthouses allow immersion in the city's rich cultural atmosphere, while upscale hotels along the coastline offer luxurious amenities and stunning ocean views. Whether seeking traditional charm or contemporary style, Faro ensures a memorable stay for those exploring the Algarve region.

Hotel Eva $\star \star \star \star$

Address:	Av. da República,1, 8000–078 Faro
Phone:	+351 289 001 000
E-mail:	eva@tdhotels.pt
Site:	www.tdhotels.pt
Location:	Downtown: http://goo.gl/maps/rtnse
Room Prices:	Single 95 €, Double 100 €

Aqua Ria Boutique Hotel ★ 🛧

Address:
Phone:
E-mail:
Site:
Location:
Room Prices:

Rua da Marinha 12, 8000 Faro + 351 289 810 150 direccao.aquaria@gmail.com www.aquariaboutiquehotel.pt Downtown: http://goo.gl/maps/gQg4V Single 75 €, Double 80 €





Faro Boutique Hotel $\star \star \star$

- Address: Phone: E-mail: Site: Location: Room Prices:
- Rua do Bocage 66, 8000-297 Faro +351 289 037 300 reservations@faroboutiquehotel.pt www.faroboutiquehotel.pt Downtown: https://goo.gl/maps/ny2fBsCU2jS2 Double 90€



Stay Hotel $\star \star \star$

Address:	Rua de Portugal 17, 8000-281 Faro
Phone:	+351 289 898 080
E-mail:	geral@stayhotels.pt
Site:	www.stayhotels.pt
Location:	Downtown: https://goo.gl/maps/7tdguxjATd12
Room Prices:	Single 85 €, Double 85 €



Best Western Hotel Dom Bernardo ★ 🛧

Address:	Rua General Teófilo da Trindade, 20, 8000-356
Phone:	+351 800 839 361
E-mail:	reservas@hoteldombernardo.com
Site:	Downtown: https://maps.app.goo.
Location:	gl/4twHAJbCNJewBDRy8
Room Prices:	Single 55 €, Double 75 €





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TRANSPORTATION IN FARO

Bus

All the information can be found at www.proximo.pt, where it is possible to check the existing bus lines and schedules.

Pre-paid tickets can be bought at Estação Rodoviária de Faro (Avenida da República). It is also possible to buy the ticket directly from the bus driver; however the price is considerably higher than the prepaid tickets.

Prices

Single bus journey (ticket bought directly from the bus driver): 2.50€ (max). Pre-paid ticket: 1.90€ (max).

Arco da Vila, main entrance to the historic cicy centre

Taxi

There are several places in the city where you can find taxis, namely at the train station and in other strategic areas. In case you need a taxi you can alternatively dial the following number and call a taxi.

ANTRAL Faro

Phone: +351 289 827 203 Email: faro@antral.pt

Prices

+/-10,0€ /Trip.







POINTS OF INTEREST

The Algarve, whose name is derived from the Arabic 'Al Gharb', meaning 'The West', is situated in the extreme south of Portugal. The region is a delight to visit all year round, with the golden sandy beaches on the coast offering a heaven for sun seekers whilst the sleepy hillside villages further inland offer peace and tranquility for those who just want to get away from the stresses and strains of everyday life. The coastal city of Faro is the region's capital. Faro stands out as an important commercial. artistic and cultural centre. Often simply passed through by visitors as a gateway, the city in fact offers fascinating architecture inspired by the region's rich history.

The capital of the Algarve owes its origins to the Romans. Ossonoba was one of the most important cities in the region during the Roman period, and it had the right to mint coins.

During the Visigoth period, Ossonoba was the seat of the bishop, and it continued to be a place of great importance during the period of Muslim rule. It was fortified during this period and it began to be known as Santa Maria de Hárune, which later became Faro.

During the period of Christian re-conquest in 1249, the city's main economic activities were fishing and the salt trade. And it was also during this period that the Jewish community made its mark with the printing of the Pentateuch (1487) by Samuel Gaucon, considered to be the first book printed in Portugal.

In 1540, Faro was made a city, and this period represented the culmination of a phase of profound urban renewal during which the convents of Nossa Senhora da Assunção (Our Lady of the Assumption) and São Francisco (St Francis) were built, as well as the Customs House, the hospital and the Misericórdia church.

With the transfer of the bishop from Silves to Faro, the city became the capital of the Algarve, surviving the attacks of the English privateers of the Earl of Essex in





1596, and the damage caused by a number of earthquakes.

At the end of the 18th century, the city benefited from further urban renewal, which had become necessary following the 1755 earthquake. The building of the Arco da Vila and the Episcopal Seminary was due to Bishop D. Francisco Gomes do Avelar, as

Source: www.visitalgarve.com

well as the renewal of the Church of São Francisco (St Francis) and the commissioning of some of the most interesting works of art in the municipality.

Nowadays, Faro is a city of services, the administrative capital of a tourist region where Faro airport and the University of the Algarve are the main centres of development.



Igreja da Sé (Cathedral)

Built in the Gothic style after the city of Faro was taken from the Moors in 1249, the cathedral is located on the same site as the earlier Roman temple and Muslim mosque.



Belmarço Palace

Inside are noteworthy 2 tiled panels dating from 1916 by the artist Pinto, depicting several images such as Belém Tower, S. João do Estoril Harbour, Pena Castle.



Faro city walls

The old part of Faro, known as the Vila Adentro, is surrounded by a wall that is oval in shape and dates back to the Roman period about two thousand years ago.



Convent of Our Lady of The Assumption/Faro Municipal Museum

Completed in 1548, this is one of the first cloisters built in the proto-Renaissance style in Portugal.



Church of the Third Order of São Francisco

Built at the end of the 17th century, the Church of St Francis underwent major renovations 40 years later, such that the new main entrance.



São Pedro Main Church

Built during the second half of the 16th century, the Church of St Peter has an interesting doorway in the Renaissance style, framed by two pairs of Ionic columns with a statue of São Pedro inside.



Church of the Third Order of Nossa Senhora do Monte do Carmo

Built in the Gothic, the cathedral is located on the same site as the earlier Roman temple and Muslim mosque.



Faro Jewish Heritage Centre

The cemetery has a small museum about the history of the cemetery and also a synagogue, where a Jewish wedding is re-created.



Teatro Lethes

Occupying the old College of the Society of Jesus, it opened, as a theater, to the public on 4th April 1845. It is a clear example of the Romantic decorative style.



Faro Story Spot

The Algarve's history hides fascinating secrets. Come and discover them at the Faro Story Spot and feel part of an incredible journey through time!

The "Cataplana", a pork and seafood stew



EATING IN FARO

Faro, as the rest of the Algarve, has a rich traditional gastronomy whose origin dates back from the Roman and Muslim periods.

Due to its location, you may find dishes that combine fresh sea flavours with the strong aromas from the land.As examples of the Ria Formosa's importance and fishing activities we have the famous razor shell rice, fried cuttlefish or scaled horse mackerel and for desert nothing better that a tasty Dom Rodrigo (egg threads and almond) or a Morgado (almond cake).

The Ria Formosa Festival is one of the main initiatives for promoting those produces. Organised by VIVMAR – Associação de Viveiristas e Mariscadores da Ria Formosa, it occurs between late July and early August. You can taste the best shellfish that the Ria has to offer; oysters, razor-clams, cockles, mussels, whelks, clams, crabs, all of which are cooked the traditional way or according to the new gastronomic tendencies. Here are some typical savory dishes and sweets that you can taste in restaurants, hotels and regional festivals:

Savory dishes

Scaled horse mackerel Lamb leg in the pan Pork meat with clams Xarém (cornmeal oats) Peas with eggs "Algarve style" Stewed partridge Fried rabbit Boiled chickpea with pork and vegetables Stuffed squids "Algarve style" Tuna steaks with tomatoes Broad beans "Algarve style" Garlic Gazpacho Carrots pickled with cumin and garlic

Sweets

Dried fig with almond Marzipan Almond cake Sweet Easter Cake with cinnamon Orange Pudding Dom Rodrigo (egg threads with almond)

Source: Faro Municipality





EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency numbers

National Emergency Number (SOS): **112** National Institute of Medical Emergency (INEM): **289 870 480**

Nearby hospitals

Hospital de Faro Rua Leão Penedo 8000-386 Faro Phone: 289 803 411 http://goo.gl/maps/VXY3A

Centro de Saúde de Faro

Urbanização Graça Mira, Lejona de Cima, Faro Phone: 289 830 360 http://goo.gl/maps/H7bPu

Hospital Particular do Algarve

Urb. Casal de Gambelas, Lote 28005-226, Faro Phone: 707 282 828 http://goo.gl/maps/Clpt7

Clínica Lusíadas Faro

Largo Dr. Francisco Sa Carneiro I, 8000-151 Faro Phone: 289 892 040 https://maps.app.goo.gl/j7TQeqSku1CqhwLB7



MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Pharmacies

http://goo.gl/maps/t0V8J

Farmácia Alexandre Rua Ivens, 39 Phone: 289 822 407

Farmácia Almeida Rua Conselheiro Bivar, 90 Phone: 289 822 437

Farmácia Baptista Rua Santo António, 50 Phone: 289 822 649

Farmácia Caniné Rua Francisco Gomes, 14 Phone: 289 822 277

Farmácia Higiene Rua Ivens, 20 Phone: 289 822 757

Farmácia Montepio Rua Santo António, 77 Phone: 289 823 636

Farmácia Pereira Gago Rua Santo António, 89 Phone: 289 822 403

Cash points

You can find many cash points all over the city. There are also cash points inside the campus and nearby.

Shopping areas

Forum Algarve Estrada Nacional 125, Km 103 Phone: 289 889 300 www.forumalgarve.net http://goo.gl/maps/QVBMy

Baixa de Faro (Downtown) Rua Santo António http://goo.gl/maps/eXlFt

Police

Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR) Phone: 289 887 603 http://goo.gl/maps/BSV8Z

Polícia de Segurança Pública (PSP)

Phone: 289 899 899 http://goo.gl/maps/fkthO

For more information about the region of Algarve visit www.visitalgarve.pt





ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALGARVE

The University of Algarve is a unique institution. First of all, as it is the only Portuguese university created by the Law of the Assembly of the Republic, having received unanimous approval from Parliament.

The Academy is recognized for the quality of its teaching in several fields, namely in the areas of Health Sciences and Technologies; Economy, Management and Tourism; Social and Education Sciences; and Exact and Natural Sciences, also standing out at the international level in various rankings.

Located in the south of Portugal, in a region of Mediterranean climate sought by thousands of tourists, the University of Algarve (UAlg) is headquartered in Faro, the capital of the Algarve. Its privileged location next to the International Airport of Faro and the great number of new air routes connecting to the main Portuguese cities (Porto and Lisbon), Europe and the World, as well as the excellent conditions that, together with the region, have to offer, this academy acquires a central and international status, visible in the streets of the city of Faro, which receives annually about 2,000 international students from more than 90 nationalities.

The UAlg has been multiplying and consolidating its training offer in its three campuses, two in the city of Faro and one in Portimão, and offers undergraduate and integrated master's degrees, masters and doctorates, which are distributed in its major areas of training: Arts, Communication and Heritage; Economics, Management and Tourism; Science and Health Technologies; Exact and Natural Sciences: Social Sciences and Education and Engineering and Technologies. With classrooms and study rooms, amphitheatres and laboratories for teaching and research activities, libraries with online access. Wi-Fi in all campuses, accommodation for more than 600 students, catering services, medical services, cultural and sporting activities, the University of Algarve and the region provide the ideal conditions to study, investigate, undertake and foster personal enrichment

Scientific research has been a fundamental factor for the development of the University, placing it in a trajectory of national and international affirmation. The excellence of its research and development activities translates into a dense network of partnerships established with universities and R&D institutions from around the world in a wide range of fields.

With 43 years of existence, appears for the sixth time in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2022, which analyzes the performance of higher education institutions created 50 years or less ago, standing out in the indicator that evaluates the international projection.

It is on the list of the best in the world in the Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022, standing out again in the area of Hospitality & Tourism Management, in places 76–100, followed by the area of Oceanography, in places 151–200.

It also integrates for the fourth time the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, which assesses the performance and contribution of universities globally for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. UAlg was positioned in 201–300 in the overall classification of THE Impact Rankings, among 1406 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from 106 countries.







REACHING THE UNIVERSITY

To reach the University of Algarve, Gambelas Campus, from downtown Faro, you have several transportation options. Public transport is a convenient choice; you can take a bus from Faro's central bus station, and hop on one of the routes (routes **18** and **19**) that specifically service the university campus (check routes and schedules at www.proximo.pt). Alternatively, for a more direct and flexible journey, private transport like a taxi or a Uber is a great option. The campus is approximately a 15-minute drive from downtown Faro, making it accessible and convenient for students and visitors alike.See the route from downtown Faro to to Gambelas Campus here: http://goo.gl/maps/GaVWI

The Penha Campus is within walking distance from downtown Faro, and you can reach it by walking for approximately 20–30 minutes. You can also take a Bus or a Taxi. See the route from downtown Faro to to Penha Campus here: https://maps.app.goo.gl/t5hye943bWmE12v8



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GAMBELAS **CAMPUS**

On the Gambelas Campus, located six kilometres from the city of Faro, you will find the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (FMCB), the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences (FCHS), the Faculty of Science and Technology (FCT), the Faculty of Economics (FE) and the School of Health Sciences (ESS).

1	Faculty of Human and Social Sciences(FCHS)
+	Faculty of Science and Technology(FCT)
1	Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (FMCB)
2	Faculty of Science and Technology (FCT)
3	Pedagogical Complex
4	Grand Auditorium
5	Central Library
	Rectory
+	International Relations and Mobility Office
Ţ	Student Desk
6	Restaurant and Cantina
7	Faculty of Science and Technology (FCT)
8	Faculty of Science and Technology (FCT)
9	Faculty of Economics (FE)
10	East Entrance (Main Entrance)
11	North Entrance







ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Wifi access

The University of the Algarve is fully covered with WiFi Internet access. You can acess it via the European Eduroam network or a Guest Network.

Bars, Restaurants and Cafeterias

The Food Sector of Social Action Services (SAS) has several food units, distributed among the various campuses of the University of Algarve: 3 canteens, 2 grill restaurants, 7 bars and 1 restaurant. For a more complete information about the university of Algarve please visit www.ualg.pt/en







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