



COHEHRE Conference 2026:

Interdisciplinary Teaching,
Working, Communication
and Collaboration

Porto, Portugal | April 22-24, 2026





WELCOME TO PORTO

Porto city, known by the epithet “antique, highly noble, always loyal and Invicta” due to the courage, strength of character and determination of its people, tested in different times of history (discoveries and nineteenth-century civil war) is nowadays a dynamic, innovative and open city, where knowledge and creativity are found in several areas.

From science to culture, arts and sports, from the warmth of its people to its architecture and natural resources, Porto became a world reference. Cultural and leisure facilities such as Casa da Música, the Coliseum, the City Park, Serralves – Museum of Contemporary Art and Park, and the architectonic set of Avenida dos Aliados are just some examples of the city's heritage.

More information about Porto [here!](#)



UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA PORTUGUESA

Located on the west side of the city, in Foz do Douro, Universidade Católica Portuguesa was extended to Porto in 1978 and has, at the moment, eight academic units and eight research centres, providing a stimulating and multicultural academic environment, involving students and researchers from different regions and nationalities.

www.porto.ucp.pt



COHEHRE

COHEHRE stands for the **Consortium of Institutes of Higher Education in Health and Rehabilitation in Europe**.

We are a European network of universities and higher education institutions focused on health, well-being, and rehabilitation education.

Our organization facilitates international collaboration through conferences, student mobility programs, workshops, and research initiatives, bringing together institutions that educate future healthcare professionals, educators, and social workers to advance interprofessional education and practice in the health sector.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Join us for three dynamic days exploring the future of interdisciplinary collaboration in higher education.

What you will experience:

O1

Expert insights

4 **themed panel sessions** featuring international keynote speakers on Innovative Pedagogy, Interdisciplinary Teaching & Research, Learning & Healthy Working Environments, and EcoCampus, Digital Transformation & AI. Each panel brings together diverse perspectives followed by interactive Q&A sessions.

O2

Hands-on learning

Parallel workshops and training sessions throughout the conference offer practical skills and methodologies you can implement immediately in your institution. Engage with **poster presentations** and **author discussions** to explore cutting-edge research and innovations.

O3

Networking & Collaboration

Connect with colleagues from across Europe and beyond through dedicated networking sessions, including our unique "Refreshments, Networking & Pitching" session where you can **share ideas and find potential collaborators**. Explore the conference market featuring research units, professional organizations, innovative educational technology companies, and local projects.

O4

Student voices

Hear from the next generation through **DiSI student presentations**, showcasing fresh perspectives on interdisciplinary education and practice.

O5

Cultural immersion

Experience **authentic Portuguese culture** with a traditional Fado performance (UNESCO Humanitarian Patrimony of Music), opening reception at the iconic WOW district, a festive conference dinner, and a closing ceremony with a TUNA student performance.

O6

Recognition & Community

Celebrate excellence through **Best Oral Communication and Poster awards**, and join us in marking 30 years of COHEHRE's impact on health and social care education across Europe. Take the opportunity to see your winning abstract published in the Journal of Health Research & Innovation (**RIIS**)

Whether you are seeking to enhance your teaching practice, forge new research partnerships, explore innovative technologies, or connect with like-minded professionals committed to interdisciplinary excellence, this conference offers an inspiring environment where ideas meet action.

Registration is **open**.

THE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTED PANEL DISCUSSIONS INCL. KEYNOTES

Get **4 expert perspectives in the time it takes to hear one.** Our unique panel format brings together diverse voices (researchers, practitioners, and innovators) each delivering focused 10-minute keynotes on the same critical topic. Instead of a single viewpoint, you will experience multiple approaches side-by-side, making connections and contrasts immediately visible.

The compact format keeps energy high and ideas sharp, followed by 15 minutes of **dynamic discussion** where panelists respond to each other and your questions.

You will leave with **practical insights from different disciplines**, institutions, and contexts. Exactly the cross-pollination of ideas that drives innovation in health and social care education.



Gain Knowledge Across Four Critical Themes

Our expert panels cover the most pressing topics in health and social care education: Each session delivers multiple expert perspectives, giving you a comprehensive understanding of current challenges and emerging solutions.

Learn Practical Skills You Can Implement Immediately

Parallel workshops and training sessions go beyond theory, offering hands-on experience with new methodologies, tools, and approaches.

Discover the Latest Research and Innovations

Engage directly with researchers through poster presentations and parallel sessions. Learn about breakthrough studies, innovative projects, and evidence-based practices before they become mainstream.

Build Your Professional Network

Connect with colleagues facing similar challenges across Europe and beyond. Dedicated networking sessions, including our unique pitching format, help you find potential collaborators, exchange ideas, and establish partnerships.

Access Diverse Expertise in One Place

From keynote speakers and workshop facilitators to poster presenters and exhibitors at our conference market, you'll encounter research units, professional organizations, educational technology innovators, and local projects.

THE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTED SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM





WHY PITCH @ THE COHEHRE CONFERENCE?

*THREE MINUTES.
LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.*



Find Collaborators

- Put your ideas, projects, or challenges directly in front of potential partners.
- Ideal for seeking co-researchers, testing new teaching methods, or looking for partners
- 3 minutes in front of the right audience can spark collaborations that otherwise take months to build

Get Immediate, Diverse Feedback

- Hear how colleagues from different disciplines and countries would approach your challenge
- Crowdsourcing expertise and discover solutions you wouldn't find alone

Raise Your Profile

- Position yourself as an innovator and thought leader in your area
- This visibility can lead to invitations for future collaborations, speaking opportunities, or project partnerships.

Refine Your Ideas

- Distilling your work into three minutes forces clarity
- Strengthen your approach through discussion and identify blind spots

Enroll your pitch topic [here!](#)



Registration

STAFF	FEE
Early bird fee – until 13 February	€ 425
Regular fee – until 15 April	€ 525
LIC-countries (Hungary, Portugal, Spain, ...)	€ 325
Host school staff fee	€200
Group Fee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Covers</u> 3 attendees from the same institution• Additional attendees from the same institution: €400 each• <i>Note: Each institution may purchase only one group registration</i>	€ 1050 (for 3) + €400 for each additional one
Non-members Option: become a Trial Member (€350/1year) Staff and students of your institution will be able to attend all COHEHRE activities at member price for 1 year. Contact COHEHRE for more info.	Please, get in touch with the COHEHRE office for more information.

REGISTER [HERE](#)

Included in registration fee

1. Keynotes COHEHRE panel
2. Networking
3. Scientific programme: posters, oral presentations, workshops
4. Food:

- **22.04.2026 Wednesday**

Opening ceremony drink

Afternoon break

Opening reception

- **23.04.2026 Thursday**

Morning break

Lunch

Afternoon break

(Dinner & Dance: €40)

- **24.04.2026. Friday**

Morning break

Abstracts

Submit your abstract [here](#)

Call for abstracts and guidelines [here](#) (deadline 20.01.26)

The online abstract submission for the COHEHRE Conference, 22-24th of April 2026, is open now. The conference will be hosted by Universidade Católica Portuguesa-Porto in Porto, Portugal.

The theme of the conference will be **Interdisciplinary teaching, working, communication and collaboration**

4 sub-themes (check the COHEHRE website for the sub-theme categories):

1. Innovative pedagogy: from mono- to interdisciplinary, from national to international curriculum
2. Learning and (healthy) working environments of HEI
3. Interdisciplinary teaching, learning and research/development
4. Ecocampus, digital transformation and AI (sustainability, social responsibility, and energy consumption)

All abstracts will be reviewed by at least two external reviewers. Based on these reviews, the submissions will be accepted or rejected.

*The presenting author will be notified of the outcome of the review process **by email on 20.03.26.***

Certificate

A certificate will be issued for

- following a training
- taking part in the conference
- presentation of an abstract at the conference
- certificate for best Oral Communication & Poster



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