

MISSION

CinTurs' mission is to generate and share high-quality interdisciplinary scientific knowledge in Tourism and Hospitality, addressing societal challenges by supporting the sustainable and inclusive development of tourism destinations, strengthening the competitiveness and governance of tourism organisations and territories, and enhancing the well-being of visitors, host communities, and tourism workers.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Consolidate interdisciplinary research and collaborative processes
- Commitment to excellence in scientific production
- Expand international scientific collaborations
- Support advanced training
- Foster innovation, knowledge transfer, and collaboration with stakeholders
- Strengthen engagement in relevant actions for territories and society.

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.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

PhD fields of Integrated Members

Tourism: 27,0%
Economics: 16,6%
Sociology: 14,5%
Management: 12,5%
Psychology: 6,2%

Environmental sciences: 6,2%
Quantitative methods: 6,2%
Sports sciences: 4,1%
Geography: 4,1%
Other fields: 2,0%

Integrated PhD Members: 48
Integrated PhD Students: 59
Collaborator Members: 80
Staff: 1

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 Manuela Guerreiro (Coordinator) \ José de São José (Co-Coordinator) \ Célia Ramos (Co-Coordinator)
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Major Scientific Areas Social and Economic Geography \ Economics and Management \ Sociology

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HIGHLIGHTS 2025

- € 2.3 Million of total funding
 - € 564.039,11 from pluriannual funding (FCT) 2025-2029
 - € 70.870,71 from PRR funding (FCT) 2025-2029
 - € 10.720,23 from PRR2 funding (FCT) 2025-2026
 - € 1.652.365,36 from project funding (46%) from international funding
- 79 indexed articles
- 66 articles in journals with Scopus indexed (with 86,3% in Q1 and Q2)
- 5 articles in journals - Shanghai Ranking
- 42 books' chapters
- 9 books/journals (editors)
- 39 R&D projects (79,4% international)
- 16 consulting projects
- 35 international research stays
- 3 scientific awards
- 4 international conferences
- 41 seminars
- 9 short courses
- 5 active support to PhD programmes
- 12 PhD thesis concluded
- 4 postdoctoral researchers
- 61 MSc dissertations concluded
- 29 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 2025

Coordination of International projects

- Path4Med - Demonstrating innovative pathways addressing water and soil pollution in the Mediterranean Agro-Hydro-System (Horizon Europe programme; 2024-2027)
 - TalentIA – Strategic Adoption of Artificial Intelligence for Talent Attraction and Retention across Different Sectors (Universidade do Algarve and Universidade Europeia dos Mares (SEA-EU), 2025-2026)
- + participation in 18 international projects under the Interreg (POCTEP), Horizon, European Union, TDLEG of Chinese University of Hong Kong, F6 – HEUROPE, FEDER, Interreg Next Med, Interreg EURO-MED, 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)
 - SmartVITATUR – Transforming Quality of Life through Smart Tourism: Developing a Strategic Framework for Enhancing Regional Prosperity in Alignment with the 2030 (FCT; 2025-2028)
- + participation in 9 national projects under the FCT, Secretaria Regional de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia (SRE) and Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa (UAL).

OUTSTANDING AWARDS 2025

- 2025 – Outstanding Paper TMS Algarve 2025 (Alexandra Gonçalves, Ana I. Martins, Manuel Serra, and Dolores Santos)
- 2025 – Best Paper Award DSOTT 25 - Diversity & Sustainability (Hilal Akdemir, José de São José, and Alexandra Gonçalves)
- 2025 – Best Paper Award DSOTT 25 - Diversity & Sustainability (Jorge Ramos)

MAJOR CONFERENCES UPCOMING

- THE INC 2026 - Tourism, Hospitality and Events International Conference, Faro, 17-19 June 2026
- Culture, Tourism and Well-Being: From Heritage to Healing, Zagreb, 22-23 October 2026
- Tourism Management and Computing Technologies, Faro, 2-7 November 2026
- XIV APS Sociology Congress, Faro, 22-25 March 2027
- Conference APDR, Faro, June 2027
- TMS Algarve, Olhão, November 2027
- Conference EcoPol, Faro, January 2028

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