



(EMEA) - EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA
(CIGL) - CAREERS, INTERNSHIPS, AND GLOBAL LEARNING

OCT 11-16, 2026

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Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Michael Baum, FLAD Executive Board Member

Context on FLAD's efforts to promote the internationalization of higher education

2. Overview of The Forum on Education Abroad

Elizabeth Frohlich, Senior Director for Learning & Event Engagement

Key facts about the Forum and a summary of the CIGL and EMEA initiatives

3. Opportunities for Portuguese Higher Education Institutions

Ricardo Pereira, FLAD Education, Director

Denise Matos Moura, ANE+, Internationalization Coordinator

How can PT HEI take advantage of these conferences?

4. Followed by Q&A

Welcome & Opening Remarks

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FLAD Executive Board Member

SiPN Program, Founder



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FLAD

Longstanding Commitment to Internationalizing Higher Education



CIGL+EMEA Conferences 2026

📍 Reitoria Universidade de Lisboa



Our **thanks to ULisboa** for the continued partnership and for agreeing to host The Forum's CIGL + EMEA 2026

2. Overview of The Forum on Education Abroad

ELIZABETH FROHLICH

Senior Director for Learning & Event Engagement
The Forum on Education Abroad



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MELISSA TORRES

President & CEO

The Forum on Education Abroad



The Forum Congratulates FLAD on Its 40th Anniversary



CIGL Conference Overview

(CIGL) - CAREERS, INTERNSHIPS, AND GLOBAL LEARNING (SUN 11/10-TUE 13/10)

WHAT IS CIGL?

The CIGL Conference creates a space for education and industry professionals to share bold ideas, interdisciplinary collaboration, and emerging research to address the challenges and possibilities of global career preparation.

CIGL is a future-focused event that will bring together leaders in career services, international education, and industry to reimagine how we prepare students for a rapidly evolving global workforce. Together, we'll explore how immersive international experiences cultivate career readiness and spark innovation.

26' THEME:

From Experience to Impact: Inspiring Global Careers

TARGET AUDIENCE:

International educators, career services administrators, internship providers, employers

HIGHLIGHTS

Collaboration across sectors: international education, industry, career development; networking

EXPECTED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:

200-300 people

EMEA Conference Overview

(EMEA) - EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA (WED 14/10-16/10)

WHAT IS EMEA?

The goal of The Forum on Education Abroad's Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) Conference is to create a space for connection and learning that explores the pressing issues shaping the future of international education in this region. Join us in Lisbon, Portugal, for an event that unites three continents in a geographic region with a long history of political, social, and cultural interaction.

26' THEME:

Navigating Transition: Redefining Connection(s) through International Education

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Host institutions from the EMEA region, home campus representatives from the US, employees of US universities in the EMEA region

HIGHLIGHTS

Partnership building; substantive dialogue; professional development

EXPECTED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:

300-400 people

CIGL+EMEA Conference

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATES

EMEA ONLY				
Rate Type	Early Bird	Regular	Late	On-Site
Member	\$679	\$734	\$789	\$844
Non-Member	\$779	\$834	\$889	\$944
LMIC* Member	\$544	\$588	\$631	\$675
LMIC* Non-Member	\$624	\$668	\$712	\$756

EMEA AND CIGL COMBINED				
Registrants wishing to attend both conferences will receive a 20% discount of their second registration.				
Rate Type	Early Bird	Regular	Late	On-Site
Member	\$1,222	\$1,321	\$1,420	\$1,519
Non-Member	\$1,402	\$1,501	\$1,600	\$1,699
LMIC* Member	\$978	\$1,057	\$1,136	\$1,215
LMIC* Non-Member	\$1,122	\$1,201	\$1,280	\$1,359

Registrations are open!

Important Deadlines

- Early Bird Registration ends: July 10, 2026
- Regular Registration ends: September 11, 2026
- Late Registration ends: October 8, 2026

CIGL+EMEA Week – Layout

(CIGL) - CAREERS, INTERNSHIPS AND GLOBAL LEARNING (MON 12/10-TUE 13/10)
(EMEA) - EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA (WED 14/10-16/10)

ForumEA Week 2026 - Planeamento													
Montagem evento					CIGL - Careers, Internships and Global Learning Conference								
					EMEA - Europe, Middle East, Africa Conference								
	11/out		12/out		13/out		14/out			15/out		16/out	
	Reitoria ULisboa		Reitoria ULisboa		Reitoria ULisboa		Reitoria ULisboa	Site Visits	Casa Alentejo (TBC)		Reitoria ULisboa		Reitoria ULisboa
AM	Staff begins on-site preparations		CIGL Registration and Check-In - Exhibit Hall Open Welcome and Opening Plenary Concurrent Sessions		CIGL Registration and Check-In - Exhibit Hall Open Welcome and Opening Plenary Concurrent Sessions		Pre-conference workshop #1	CIGL Internship site visits + Site Visits to Portuguese Higher Institutions		EMEA Registration, & Check-in and Information Opening Plenary at Aula Magna 5 concurrent sessions		EMEA Registration, & Check-in and Information 5 concurrent sessions	
PM									Pre-conference workshop #2		Speed-Dating Event with Portuguese IES and EMEA forum Attendees Newcomer session		
		Welcome Reception @FLAD						Closing Celebration					
N.º de Participantes			200-300		200-300		200-300			400-500		400-500	
Horários	09h00-18h00												
Almoço			Salão Nobre		Salão Nobre					Salão Nobre		Salão Nobre	

3. Opportunities for Portuguese HEI

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Opportunities for PT HEIs at Forum

1. SUBMIT CONFERENCE PROPOSALS



Conference Home Call for Proposals Registration Rates Schedule

Call for Proposals

Navigating Transition: Redefining Connection(s) through International Education

Submission Deadline: January 26, 2026, 11:59pm EST (UTC -5)

SUBMIT PROPOSAL

The pace of change continues to accelerate. Technology is evolving at an unprecedented rate and cultural and political divides continue to grow in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA), but across the globe.

To navigate the changing landscape, international educators must reflect on the mission, vision, and values that drive our sector. The role of international education is built to bridge divides and nurture relationships, making our work more important than ever. Our commitment will lead us to understand and harness these new challenges.

While we welcome proposals addressing all aspects of international education in the EMEA region, the conference committee is particularly interested in proposals that address the following topics:

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2. SITE VISITS FOR FORUM CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Lisbon-based HEIs will have the possibility to submit a proposal for a site visit to be incorporated into the conference's additional site visits.

WHEN?

Wednesday, Oct 14 - Morning (2/3 hour visit)

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL VISIT?

The site visits group will have around 10-20 ppl.

SUBMIT AN AGENDA PROPOSAL:

Multiple site visit options will be provided.

LISBON-BASED HEIS

SHOULD POSITION INTEREST TO SILVIA.CARRILHO@FLAD.PT **BY JANUARY 30, 2026**

USEFUL INFO WHEN BUILDING AN AGENDA?

- The goal is to increase visibility of these institutions to allow connections between parties;
- It's an opportunity for PT HEIs to show case/highlight their work;
- This is a pre-conference event, it's not advisable to have very theoretic presentations, we recommend make it light and interactive;
- All forum attendees are eligible to attend these site visits, not only U.S.-based universities;
- It's highly recommended to include lunch at students cafeteria.

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3. SPEED-DATING/NETWORKING EVENT

All Portuguese Higher Education institution are welcomed to register (first come, first served).

The organization will provide table and facilitation of networking.

This dynamic will be co-facilitated by Agencia Nacional Erasmus+

WHEN?

Wednesday, Oct 14 - Afternoon (2-3h)

AUDIENCE

All conference attendees

WHERE?

To be held in the same place as the EMEA Welcome Reception - Casa do Alentejo (TBC)

PORTUGUESE HEIS

SHOULD POSITION INTEREST TO SILVIA.CARRILHO@FLAD.PT AND/OR INTERNACIONALIZACAO@ERASMUSMAIS.PT

BY JANUARY 30, 2026

Opportunities for PT HEIs at Forum

4. ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Forum offers other resources that could be useful for PT HEIs:

- Annual Conference
- Sponsorships (CIGL, EMEA, Annual Conference)
- Regional seminars
 - Morocco: February 5, 2026
 - UK: April 16, 2026
- Publications and resources

Sign up for the Forum News to learn more.



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ON EDUCATION ABROAD

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Nashville, Tennessee

Reduced Conference Rate Until
February 13, 2026

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A great opportunity, get involved!

Message from Greece - CYA - 2016 & 2024 Europeans hosts

*In October 2024, CYA hosted the Forum on Education Abroad's 2024 Careers, Internships, and Global Learning (CIGL) Conference and the 7th Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) Conference. CYA invested considerable financial and human resources to ensure the event's success. CYA staff & faculty presented a session, and attended many sessions, gaining valuable insights into best practices and emerging trends in international education. **This contributed significantly to professional development by equipping the team with new tools and strategies to enhance operations and student support.***

*Attendee feedback was overwhelmingly positive, resulting in the **strengthening of existing partnerships and the establishment of new collaborations.***

*CYA was honored to be chosen to host the 2016 European Conference as well. While many of the same mechanisms were replicated in 2024, the scale was considerably larger—the audience was three times larger, side activities quadrupled, and **the benefits for CYA were substantial. That said, it's still early to fully realize all the fruits of the efforts.***

Poppi Triantafyllidou
Strategic Planning Director
College Year in Athens / DIKEMES



Q&A

Please write your questions in the chat.

Thank you!

KEY DATES - SAVE THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR

- JANUARY 29, 2026 - DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE PROPOSAL
- JANUARY 30, 2026 - DL FOR SIGNING UP TO HOST SITE VISITS + SPEED DATING EVENT
- JULY 10, 2026 - EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS

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