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Current trends in academic exchange

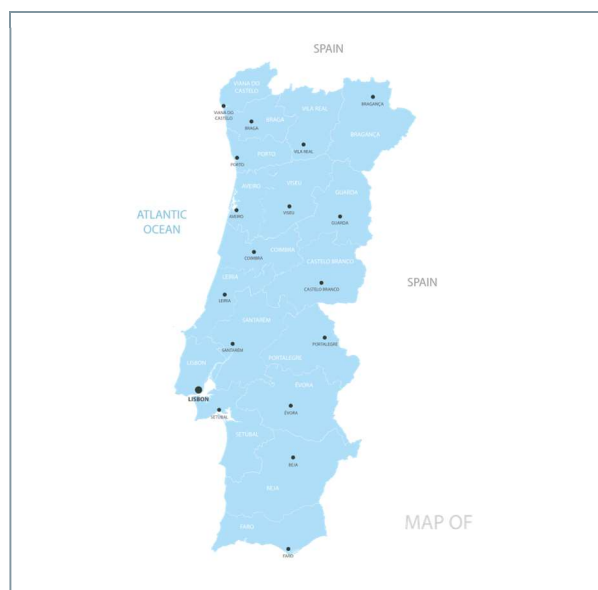
Portugal's higher education landscape is diverse and comprises a total of 107 universities. These include 34 public universities, such as the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, which is operated by the church. Additionally, there are 71 private higher education institutions and two other types of institution.

Portugal is home to two main types of higher education institutions: *Institutos Politécnicos*, which are similar to Universities of Applied Sciences or Technical Universities. These primarily offer applied courses at the first and second levels of study, namely 'Licenciatura' and 'Mestrado'. The higher education institutions also include specialized institutes and schools, such as nursing and restoration, which are part of the higher education system.

On the other hand, universities (Universidades) focus more on theoretical and research-oriented education. In recent years, a convergence between *Politécnicos* and universities has been observed, with the former increasingly adopting characteristics of the latter.

The top five countries of origin for foreign students in Portugal are Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Angola and France. Meanwhile, Germany ranks fourth among the most popular destinations for Portuguese students, following the United Kingdom, Spain, and France, with the United States in fifth place.

Currently, there are around 583 university partnerships between Portugal and Germany. On the German side, these involve 73 universities with 351 partnerships and 88 universities of applied sciences with 580 partnerships. On the Portuguese side, 55 institutions are engaged, including 52 higher education institutions and three other institutions.



- 122 funding recipients from Portugal (2023)
- ← 2,229 funding recipients from Germany (2023)

DAAD Lecturers: University of Coimbra, University of Porto, University of Lisbon

DAAD Activities

In 2023, the DAAD facilitated stay in Portugal for 2,229 scholarship holders from Germany, including participants in EU mobility programmes). Additionally, 122 Portuguese students, teachers, and researchers received DAAD support for stays in Germany.

In project funding, notable programmes include: PROMOS: "Increasing Mobility of Students from German Universities - PROMOS", "Internationalisation of Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS.International)" and the European University Networks (EUN) - national initiative, which play a vital role in fostering German-Portuguese cooperation.

UAS.International

The DAAD supports students and researchers from universities of applied sciences through scholarships for international stays and aids higher education institutions in strategy development and international cooperation projects. The DAAD also offers advisory, training and dialogue services ([Internationalisation of Universities of Applied Sciences \(UAS.International\) - DAAD](#)). In 2023, 22 scholarship holders from Germany and 10 scholarship holders from Portugal participate in this programme.

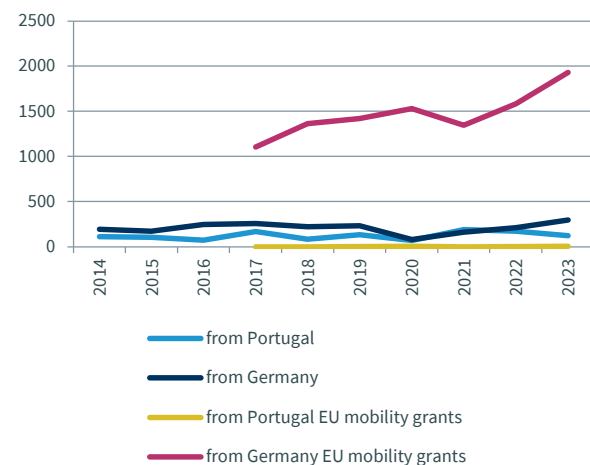
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients 2023

Individual funding	Portugal	Germany
Congress and lecture tours	-	25
Internationalisation of teacher training at German higher education institutions	-	23
Project funding	Portugal	Germany
Increasing mobility of students from German universities PROMOS	-	44
Internationalisation of Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS)	22	10
EU	Portugal	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	3	1,931

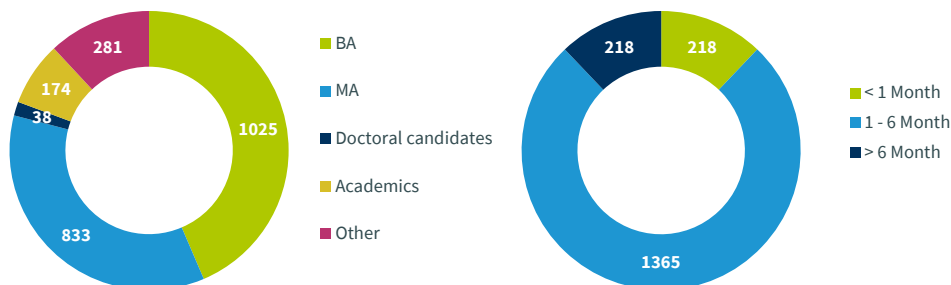
European University Networks (EUN)

The 'European University Networks (EUN) - National Initiative' programme primarily supports German higher education institutions in establishing and shaping 'European universities'. Six funded German HEIs are cooperating with five Portuguese partner HEIs across six networks (as of May 2023).

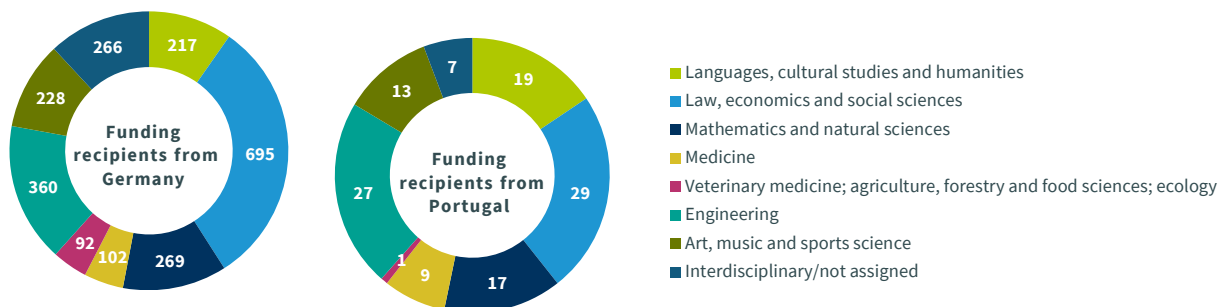
DAAD funding recipients Portugal, 2014-2023 (figures from 2017 onwards include EU mobility grants)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 by academic status and funding period (incl. EU mobility grants)



Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 (incl. EU mobility grants)



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