



## Pre-departure Briefing

Welcome to

# THE 9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON UI GREENMETRIC WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS (IWGM 2023)

*“Innovation, Impacts and Future Direction of Sustainable Universities”*

**15-17 June 2023, Braga, Portugal**

*To prepare for your pleasant trip to Braga, Portugal, we have prepared some useful information.*

For **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **Our host**

The 9<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on UI GreenMetric World University Rankings is hosted by the University of Minho our national coordinator for Portugal. To know more about the University of Minho, please visit [uminho.pt/EN](https://uminho.pt/EN).

## Location

This year our international workshop is held in Braga. Braga is a city located in the northwestern part of Portugal, 55 kilometers northeast of Porto. Braga is known for its rich history, beautiful architecture, and religious heritage, which make it a popular destination for tourists. The official language of Braga, like the rest of Portugal, is Portuguese. However, as a popular tourist destination, many people in Braga also speak English, especially in hotels, restaurants, and other tourist-oriented establishments. In addition, some people in Braga may also speak Spanish or other languages, especially if they work in the tourism industry or have had exposure to foreign languages through travel or education. To know more about Braga, please visit <https://www.cm-braga.pt/en/0101/conhecer/seja-bem-vindo-a-braga>.

## Weather

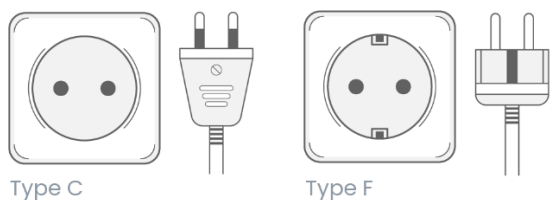
In the middle of June, Braga, Portugal experiences warm and sunny weather, as it is in the summer season. The average high temperature during the day is around 25°C (77°F), while the average low temperature at night is around 14°C (57°F). It is typically an enjoyable destination to visit at this time because the weather is warm and comfortable without being overly hot, and there is typically an abundance of sunshine and minimal rainfall. However, it is always a good idea to check the weather forecast closer to your travel dates, as temperatures and weather conditions can vary from year to year, please visit [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com).

## Visa

Portugal is in the European Union, so it is in the Schengen travel area. Many visitors to Portugal will require a [Short Stay Visa](#) to enter the country. You can check whether or not you require a visa on this page [here](#).

If you require a visa, you may also require a visa letter from the conference organizers. You can request a visa letter **after** you have registered for the conference. To request a letter, please email **Isabel Monteiro** at [sec-gpereira@reitoria.uminho.pt](mailto:sec-gpereira@reitoria.uminho.pt)

## Electricity



In Portugal, there are two associated plug types, C and F. All power sockets in Portugal provide a standard voltage of 230V with a standard frequency of 50Hz.

<https://world-power-plugs.com/portugal>

## Finance

Credit cards are widely accepted everywhere in Portugal, with **Visa** and **Mastercard** being the most popular. Acceptance of American Express and Diners cards is decidedly lower and JCB cards are nearly unknown. You can use your local cards in ATMs with Visa, Master Card, Cirrus, JCB, Union Pay access. Money changers can be

found at the airport and local licensed money changers in major cities including Braga/Porto. For participants from countries that do not have access to those financial services, please arrange accordingly for your own convenience. Major currencies are accepted by money changers and banks.

### Communication

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available at Portugal airports, hotels and University of Minho, and in many cases, restaurants and other public areas. Although Wi-Fi is free, log-in is still needed. As for telephone, international connections are available. Please check your service provider prior to your departure.

### International Travel and Local Transportation:

Braga is in the northwestern part of Portugal. There are 3 international airports – Porto (50 km distant), Lisbon (350 km distant) and Faro (600 km distant).

- **From Porto airport:**

By taxi: Taxis are readily available at the airport and offer a convenient and direct way to get to the University of Minho. The trip takes around 35-40 minutes and may cost around 40-50 euros.

By bus: You can take a bus from the airport to the University of Minho by first taking the "GetBus" shuttle from the airport to Braga bus station (<https://www.getbus.eu/en/>), and then taking bus number 43 to the "University of Minho" stop. The trip takes around 1.5 hours and may cost around 10 euros.

By train: You can take the metro from the airport to the "São Bento" train station (<https://en.metrodoporto.pt/get>), then take the train to Braga (<https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en>) and then taking bus number 43 to the "University of Minho" stop (<https://tub.pt/percurso/43/>). The trip takes around 2 hours and may cost around 10 euros.

### Dress Code

We encourage visitors to dress decently when visiting Braga and other public areas. In the workshop, the dress code is smart/formal. For the trip, we recommend casual clothes and comfortable shoes.

## Accommodation

We have several recommended hotels for you. Participants of the workshop should book their hotels themselves.

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### Hotel Meliá Braga (5-star hotel)

Address:	Avenida General Carrilho da Silva Pinto, nº 8, 4715-380 Braga
Distance UMinho:	400m (5min/walk)
Rate:	Single room/ night* – 87,00€ Double room/ night* – 102,00€ *(Plus 1,50€/night city tax)
How to Book:	Promocode – <b>IWGM2023</b>
Tel:	(+351) 253 144 000
E-mail:	<a href="mailto:melia.braga@meliaportugal.com">melia.braga@meliaportugal.com</a>
URL:	<a href="https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/portugal/braga/melia-braga">https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/portugal/braga/melia-braga</a>

### B&B Hotel Braga Lamacaes

Address:	Avenida D. João II nº 75 , 4715-313 Braga, Portugal, Portugal
Distance UMinho:	900m (10min/walk)
Rate:	Single room/ night* – from 59,40€ *(Plus 1,50€/night city tax)
Tel:	(+351) 253 603 680
E-mail:	<a href="mailto:hotel.bragalamacaes@hotelbb.com">hotel.bragalamacaes@hotelbb.com</a>
URL:	<a href="https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/hotel/braga-lamacaes">https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/hotel/braga-lamacaes</a>

### Hotel do Parque

Address:	Bom Jesus do Monte, Braga
Distance UMinho:	5000m (10min/car)
Rate:	Single room/ night* – from 103,00€ *(Plus 1,50€/night city tax)
Tel:	(+351) 253 603 470
E-mail:	<a href="mailto:parque@hoteisbomjesus.pt">parque@hoteisbomjesus.pt</a>
URL:	<a href="https://en.hoteisbomjesus.pt/">https://en.hoteisbomjesus.pt/</a>

### For more information, you can see:

<https://www.cm-braga.pt/en/1801/conhecer/alojamento/hoteis-e-residenciais>

## Food and drinks

You can find many restaurants in Braga. They serve European, Indonesian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Italian, fast-food, and other world cuisines.

## Under Location of Events

The event is taking place in a few venues across University of Minho.

### Venue

15 June: **IB-S** (Institute of Science and Innovation for Bio-Sustainability)

Link for Gmaps: <https://goo.gl/maps/sa7cDBf6f5HzzNUy6>

16 June: **Law School**

Link for Gmaps: <https://goo.gl/maps/gLxwh4srXd9751jq6>

In case you need assistance, please contact:

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*We wish you an enjoyable workshop and a wonderful stay in Braga, Portugal!*



**See you in Braga, Portugal!**