

WIRE COST Action 2nd Training School

“Collaboration for change: Enhancing knowledge in biorefinery technologies”

June 30th to July 2nd , Faro, Portugal

Locations & Instructions

University of Algarve (UALg)

Located in the south of Portugal, in a region of Mediterranean climate sought by thousands of tourists, the University of Algarve (UALg) is headquartered in Faro, the capital of the Algarve. Its privileged location next to the International Airport of Faro and the great number of new air routes connecting to the main Portuguese cities (Porto and Lisbon), Europe and the World, as well as the excellent conditions that, together with the region, have to offer, this academy acquires a central and international status, visible in the streets of the city of Faro, which receives annually about 2,000 international students from more than 101 nationalities.

UALg has been multiplying and consolidating its training offer in its three campuses, two in the city of Faro and one in Portimão, and offers undergraduate and integrated master's degrees, masters and doctorates, which are distributed in its major areas of training: Arts, Communication and Heritage; Economics, Management and Tourism; Science and Health Technologies; Exact and Natural Sciences; Social Sciences and Education and Engineering and Technologies. With classrooms and study rooms, amphitheatres and laboratories for teaching and research activities, libraries with online access, Wi-Fi in all campuses, accommodation for more than 500 students, catering services, medical services, cultural and sporting activities, the University of Algarve and the region provide the ideal conditions to study, investigate, undertake and foster personal enrichment.

Scientific research has been a fundamental factor for the development of the University, placing it in a trajectory of national and international affirmation. The excellence of its research and development activities translates into a dense network of partnerships established with universities and R&D institutions from around the world in a wide range of fields.



How to get to University of Algarve: WIRE 2nd Training School will be held at the “Complexo Pedagógico”, of the *Penha Campus*, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal. Please use this [LINK](#) from **Google Maps** to navigate to the Conference location.

Going from the Faro Airport to the *Penha Campus*: Faro airport distances 8 km from the *Penha Campus*. The trip takes approximately 11 minutes by car. You can take a taxi or rent a car.

Going from Faro Airport to the city center: From Faro Airport to the city center, you can take a taxi, rent a car or take a bus. PROXIMO bus lines 14 and 16 operate from Faro Airport from 05:00 h to 23:00 h. The 20-minute bus ride to Faro is frequent and affordable (€2,40 single fare). For more information, visit www.proximo.pt.

Going from the City Centre to the *Penha Campus*: The “Complexo Pedagógico” building at *Penha Campus* is located around a 20 minutes walking distance from the city centre. Bus line 18 connects the central bus station (near Hotel Eva) to *Penha Campus*. **GPS: 37°01'42.4"N 7°55'28.4"W**

Faro

Faro, the administrative centre of the Algarve region in southern Portugal, is a city where history, culture, and natural beauty converge. With origins dating back to Roman times and a rich heritage shaped by Moorish and Christian influences, Faro stands today as a gateway to both the past and the stunning coastal landscapes of the region.

At the heart of the city lies the well-preserved Cidade Velha (Old Town), enclosed by ancient defensive walls and accessed through the iconic Arco da Vila. Visitors can explore a wealth of historical landmarks, including the Faro Cathedral, the Municipal Museum housed in a former convent, and the Church of Nossa Senhora do Carmo, renowned for its Chapel of Bones.

Faro is also a point of access to the Ria Formosa Natural Park, a unique coastal lagoon and one of Portugal's most important protected areas. The park's diverse ecosystem can be experienced through guided boat tours, offering access to tranquil barrier islands and pristine beaches. With a vibrant cultural life, modern infrastructure, and a welcoming atmosphere, Faro offers a compelling destination for travellers seeking both authenticity and comfort in the Algarve.





Faro offers a wide variety of accommodation options, from hotels, to hostels, local accommodation units (self-catering), or Bed and Breakfast. Most of these are announced on booking websites, like booking.com. Please find below some accommodation suggestions:

Hotel Alnacir - Estrada Senhora Da Saúde, 24, 8000-500 Faro, Portugal

Hotel Made inn Faro - Rua Miguel Bombarda 64, 8000-394 Faro, Portugal

Stay Hotel Faro Centro - Rua de Portugal nº17, 8000-281 Faro, Portugal

Alameda Exclusive House – Rua da Polícia de Segurança P´ública nº12, 8000-408 Faro, Portugal