

CARPE Symposium Porto, 2025

Special Interest Group: Entrepreneurship and Business SIG

Our Special Interest Group (SIG) focuses on the 'demonstrable contributions' that our research can make to society and the economy



Before the CARPE symposium:

1. The core group will reflect on the previous Horizon bid submission to explore potential funding opportunities and research collaborations.
2. The group will also decide on a funding bid to develop at the CARPE symposium and discuss plans to refine key aspects of the three working SIG sessions scheduled for 15th May.



First SIG session on the 15th May: Session One: Reflections on What does the future hold?

Time: (11:30-13:00)

- The session will begin with brief updates from the SIG leads by reviewing key activities over the past year. These updates will highlight successful initiatives, presentations at the previous chairs' meeting, and our current research priorities.
- We will then turn our attention to the ***Time to Trust report***, which examines the future of AI in Europe. This report incorporates valuable contributions from SIG members and addresses ongoing research as well as potential publications within our group.

This session is designed to serve as a foundation for our discussion on further developing and expanding the SIG. While we have a structured agenda, the session will remain adaptable to ensure a constructive dialogue that embraces new ideas and emerging priorities.

Agenda for Session One: Reflections on What Does the Future Hold?

1. Strategic Reflection and Impact Assessment

- Overview of the symposium's purpose
- Explanation of the SIG session's goals at the symposium
- Review key activities and achievements from the past year.
- Assess the societal and economic impact of SIG research contributions.
- Identify areas for improvement and future growth opportunities.

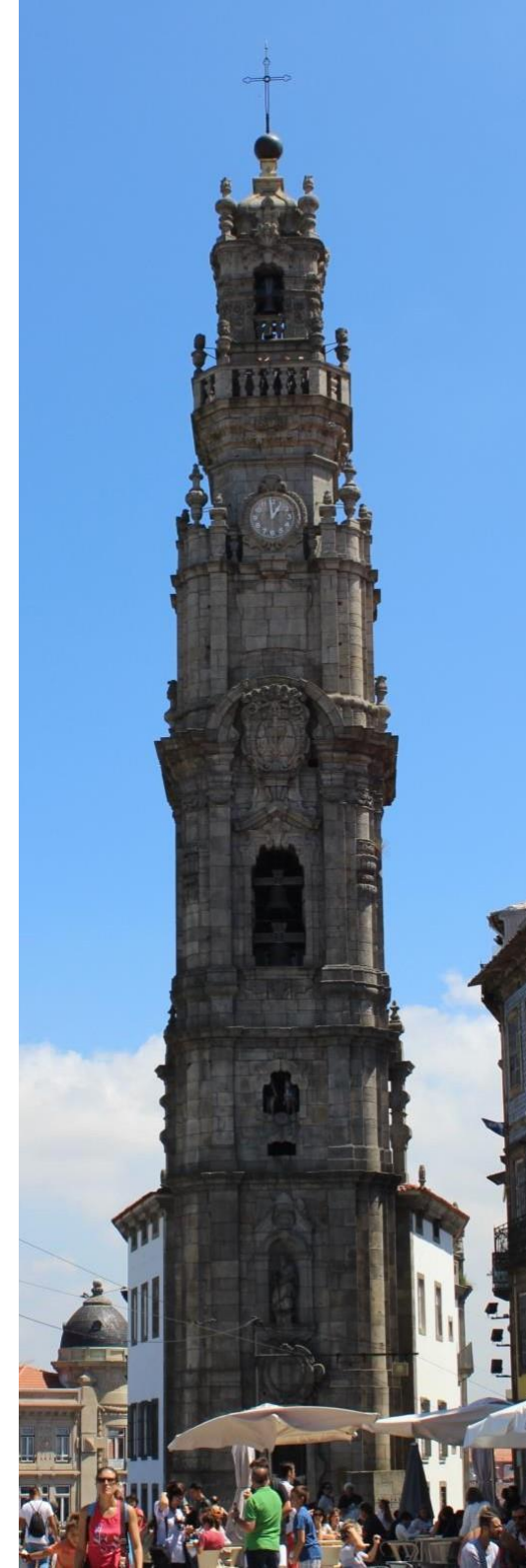
2. Future-Focused Funding and Research Alignment

- Discuss and decide on the SIG Challenge funding bid to be developed
- Allocation of tasks and timelines

Second SIG Session on 15th May: Bid Development Focus and Assessment

Time: 14:30 – 16:00)

In the second session, the focus will be on the development and strategic assessment of the funding challenge bid. The objective is to outline clear pathways for SIG members to collaborate on the bid challenge, identify key research areas, and evaluate potential partnerships both within and outside of academia. This session will also aim to define measurable outcomes that align with the SIG's overarching goals and priorities.



Agenda for Session Two: *Bid Development Focus and Assessment*

1. SIG Funding Challenge: Presentations, Discussions, and Strategy

- Introduction to the session's objectives and expected outcomes.
- Short presentations covering various aspects of the SIG funding challenge, focusing on key topics within the SIG's area to foster knowledge exchange and collaboration.
- Identification of key research and development areas that align with the funding bid challenge, along with potential work packages.
- Discussing potential collaborations beyond academia, including industry, government, and other sectors to strengthen future proposals.

2. Defining Outcomes and Actionable Next Steps

- Clear identification of the expected outcomes for the funding bid and overall proposal.
- Establishing timelines, responsibilities, and action points to move the proposal forward, ensuring preparation and submission deadlines are met.

Third SIG session on the 15th May: Session Three: *Roadmap Assessment and Future Collaboration*

Time: (16:30 – 18:00)

The primary focus of this session will be to assess the current SIG roadmap and utilise it as a foundation for planning the next 3-5 years of CARPE. While we will briefly revisit key points from the previous version, the session will be mainly dedicated to developing a forward-thinking strategy. There will be a strong emphasis on fostering collaboration and identifying funding opportunities, particularly through Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, and other relevant funding schemes. Additionally, we will explore how we can collaborate more effectively with other SIGs to strengthen future applications and ensure alignment with overarching strategic goals.

Agenda for Session Two: *Roadmap Assessment and Future Collaboration*

1. Reviewing the Current SIG Roadmap and Key Learnings

- Assess the existing SIG roadmap and identify key points from the previous version.
- Evaluate the current strategic direction and its alignment with CARPE's goals.

2. Shaping a Forward-Thinking Strategy for the Next 3-5 Years

- Develop a strategy focused on growth and collaboration over the next 3-5 years.
- Emphasise collaboration and identify potential funding opportunities (Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, etc.).

3. Strengthening Collaboration Across SIGs and External Partnerships

- Explore ways in which we can collaborate more effectively with other SIGs.
- Identify external funding sources and potential partners outside academia to support future initiatives.

The Entrepreneurship and Business SIG is excited about the opportunities for future collaboration and looks forward to working together on upcoming initiatives. For any inquiries, please direct them to the Chairs:



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