

Benefits for members

- **Participation in intercontinental projects**
 - **STELLA**: non-academic staff mobility programme among the Compostela Group's member institutions. An ideal opportunity for administrative staff at your university to enhance cross-cultural and work-placement experiences by means of 1 or 2 weeks long work exchanges.
 - **EC Projects**: participate as coordinator or partner in EC applications. The Compostela Group maintains an updated register and will inform you about those initiatives you may be interested in.

- **Training and professional development.**
 - **Workshops**: the Compostela Group frequently organizes international workshops in line with its members' requirements. These activities are especially designed to address the current needs of higher education. Some of these events are jointly organized with other university networks, which provides them with higher international visibility.
 - **Collaboration with Going Global**: CGU members can benefit from interesting discounts on Going Global's services. This international company provides expert advice on finding jobs and creating careers at home and abroad.
 - **Internships (e.g. CHE Consult)**: Students are also a target group for our network's initiatives. An example is the internship CHE Consult has offered to a CGU student. This company's offices in Gütersloh (Germany) will receive an intern from the University of Masaryk (Brno, Czech Republic) in September.

- **Worldwide recognition and dissemination strategies.**
 - **Compostela Group-Xunta de Galicia International Prize**: The Compostela Group-Xunta de Galicia International Prize is an annual award jointly given by the Compostela Group of Universities and the Galician Government. This award is given to an individual or institution for their work in disseminating international projects or ideas. The international recognition of the prize has increased in the last few years. Click here to see the list of the Compostela Group-Xunta de Galicia Prize winners.
 - **Newsletters**: since November 2010, the Compostela Group produces and delivers a periodic newsletter (every 3 or 4 months). This useful tool allows both our members and other institutions to receive the latest updates on the Compostela Group. We also

include the news our members are interested in promoting, announcements seeking collaboration, new benefits for members and much more.

- **Our website:** Compostela Group's members are invited to send to the Secretariat the news they believe could be of interest for the rest of our community. News items will be posted on our network's website as well as on our profiles in the different social networks (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn...).
- **Profiles and groups on social networks:** [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#). The CGU is aware of the importance of these new tools for immediate communication. We use them not only to keep the relationships between our members fluent, but also to contact the media (most news agencies are creating profiles on these sites to establish immediate communication with press offices). A wide presence on the networks is also important in itself.

- **Access to a diverse and wide database of universities.**
 - **CGU members:** The Compostela Group is one of the largest university networks in the world, reaching more than 200,000 university staff members and almost a million students. Our communication channels provide an excellent opportunity for our members to exchange all kind of experiences and look for cooperation in a wide range of fields.
 - **Going Global:** This assessment company is offering Compostela members a discount for their annual subscription service, which provides unlimited access for students and staff to their 80,000 page database. Upon request, you can receive a free trial access to view their service.

- **Collaboration with other networks, enterprises and official institutions.**
 - [Xunta de Galicia](#)
 - [Fundación Galicia Europa](#)
 - [Other university networks](#)

- **Exchange of good practices.**
 - **General Assemblies:** Representatives from the whole network usually gather at the General Council, in September. This meeting lasts for 3 days during which some of these representatives present panels on a predetermined topic related to the latest concerns in higher education. There is also a time for debate and fruitful informal talks during these days.

- **Forum (available on our Intranet):** One of the services our Intranet offers is a forum for discussion. A great way to put forward your interests for discussion in a private and user-friendly space.
- **Through contacts on our social networks ([Linkedin](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)):** Our LinkedIn profile and group are especially popular between the Compostela Group members. These spaces are a virtual meeting point for all our associated institutions. A great contact net has been created through our presence on this social network.

- **Support**
 - **Helpdesk (assessment):** the CGU is planning to establish a helpdesk at the Secretariat. An EC project's expert will be in charge of finding, applying and managing those projects in which we participate as grantholders, partners or coordinators. This person will be also available to deal with any member's requests regarding these initiatives (e.g. how, when, where and which project to apply for).

 - **Special discounts on events and services provided by collaborating organisations.**
 - CGU members get special discounts in **other networks' events** ([EAN](#), [WACE](#), etc.).
 - **CHE Consult-Globalpark offer:** EFS Survey is the online research tool of choice for over 300 businesses worldwide. Compostela Group members can access to this service at a discounted rate.
 - **Goinglobal** offers a 20% discount to all Compostela Group members.

 - **Opportunity to become an active member within a dynamic network.**
 - All members are invited to participate in the coordination of working groups, projects, workshops and other activities run by the Group.