



CONFREMUS - Conservation of freshwater mussels: a pan-European approach (CA18239)

3rd CEN meeting Vila Real (24-25th February 2023)

How to get to Vila Real

In PORTO city

Plane: Porto is well connected to all European countries with regular direct flights from most air companies. Porto Airport (OPO) is a hub for Portugal's flagship airline TAP Air Portugal (www.flytap.com) and 3 other based airlines, Ryanair, Easy Jet and Transavia, who cover together most of the more common destinations.

Porto is a popular weekend city break, so book your flight as soon as possible **once you have received a formal invitation from COST!**

Metro: take the Porto metro or a taxi to reach the Campanhã Intermodal Terminal. See map of the lines at: https://www.metrodoporto.pt/metrodoporto/uploads/document/file/471/EUT_PMV_CMYK.pdf. You should go to Trindade station and change to the blue line, exiting then at Campanhã station. To buy the metro ticket (Andante) you must choose the Zone 4. The ticket will cost more or less 2 euros.

Taxi or Uber: take a taxi to reach the Campanhã Intermodal Terminal. This will be a much more expensive option than the metro (more than 15 euros).

Once in **Campanhã Intermodal Terminal** you must take the bus to Vila Real (Rede Expressos, website: <https://rede-expressos.pt/pt/horarios-bilhetes>). You can buy tickets (bilhetes) online on this Rede Expressos website. Rede Expressos has buses practically every 30 minutes to Vila Real.

In VILA REAL city

Taxi: take a taxi to reach the Hotel (more expensive) and/or UTAD (University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro).

Urban bus: take the urban bus (Urbanos de Vila Real) to reach the hotel and/or UTAD, according to the urban network map that you can see through the link: <https://www.urbanosvilareal.pt/pt/>. Then, in the area of the hotel where you will stay, you can take the bus according to the appropriate lines to get to UTAD.

Andante card for Metro travel (Porto city)

Travel tickets can be bought and loaded on the Andante at various locations, but they are also available at all metro stations (at the airport as well) and at the airport tourism store – Vending Machines (MVA's)



- **Paper card**, not personalized for occasional use.
- **Validity period**, 1 year (when the expiry date has expired, the cards cannot be loaded, although the use of transport tickets in balance is allowed for the following 12 months).
- Rechargeable with occasional tickets (travel and Andante 24 hours).
- As the Andante has an electronic circuit inside, keep it carefully.
- Each card can contain several identical tickets at the same

time (e.g. 10 Z4 travel tickets).

- This travel ticket allows you to use the metro, bus or train, and the price of each ticket depends on the route to be taken and not the type of transport or the number of departures.

- Each travel ticket allows you to travel to the purchased zone as well as to all lower zones within the time for which it is valid, that is, with a Z4 ticket you can also stop/travel to zones Z2/3/4, don't forget is that whenever you start, restart, change means of transport you always have to validate the Andante.

- A ticket allows you to walk for at least 1 hour, this travel time increases as the number of zones grows. During this time, you can use any operator adhering to the Andante system as many times as you want within the number of zones purchased.

Example: With a Z4 travel ticket, you can make the boardings you want on any operator that adheres to the Andante system, for 1h15m. That is, if you do a second validation before 1h15m has been completed after the first validation, you will only spend one travel ticket. If you validate for the 2nd time at 1:14 m, you can complete your journey to your destination.

HOW TO USE - VALIDATE

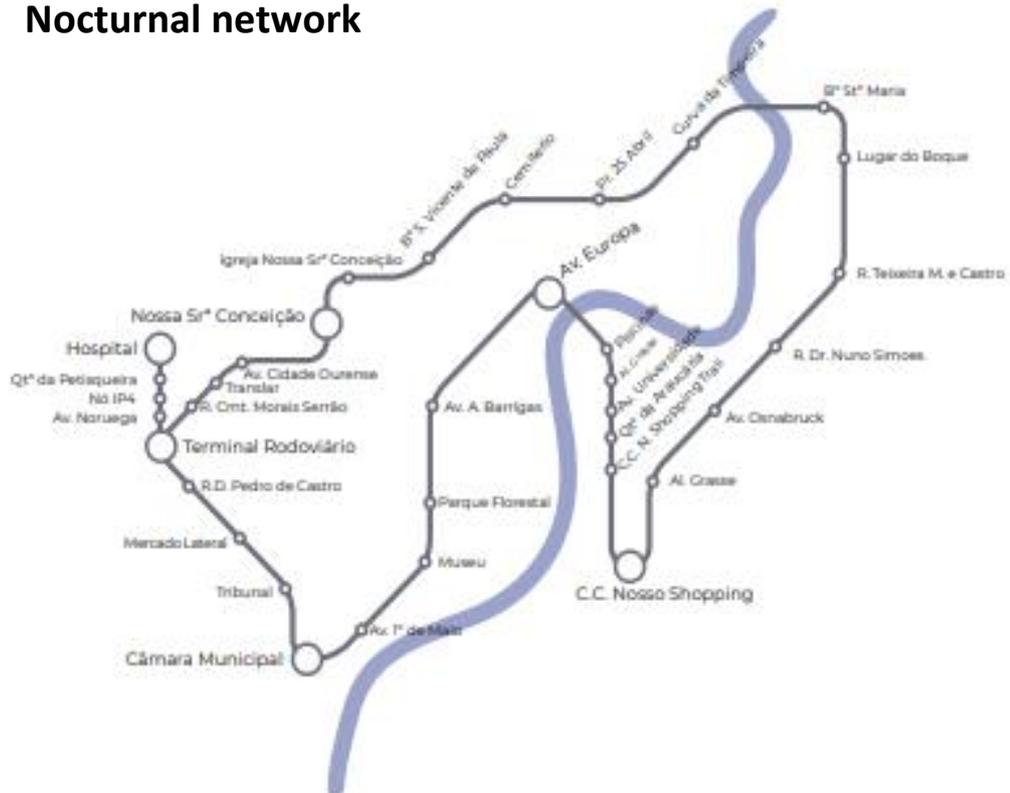
The Andante must ALWAYS be validated when boarding. When you start your trip, change lines or transport, you must validate it, at most, 10 minutes in advance.

If you are going to use the metro or train, use the validators at the stations, on the buses use the validators at the entrance of the same.

Bring the Andante closer to the validator (10 cm) if the green light is on, the validation is correct if the red light is on, the validation is not correct, see the reason on the display.

Whenever you experience difficulties, do not be afraid to try to validate several times in a row, as a new travel ticket will only be deducted after a correct first validation registration and when the maximum time allowed after the 1st validation has expired.

Nocturnal network

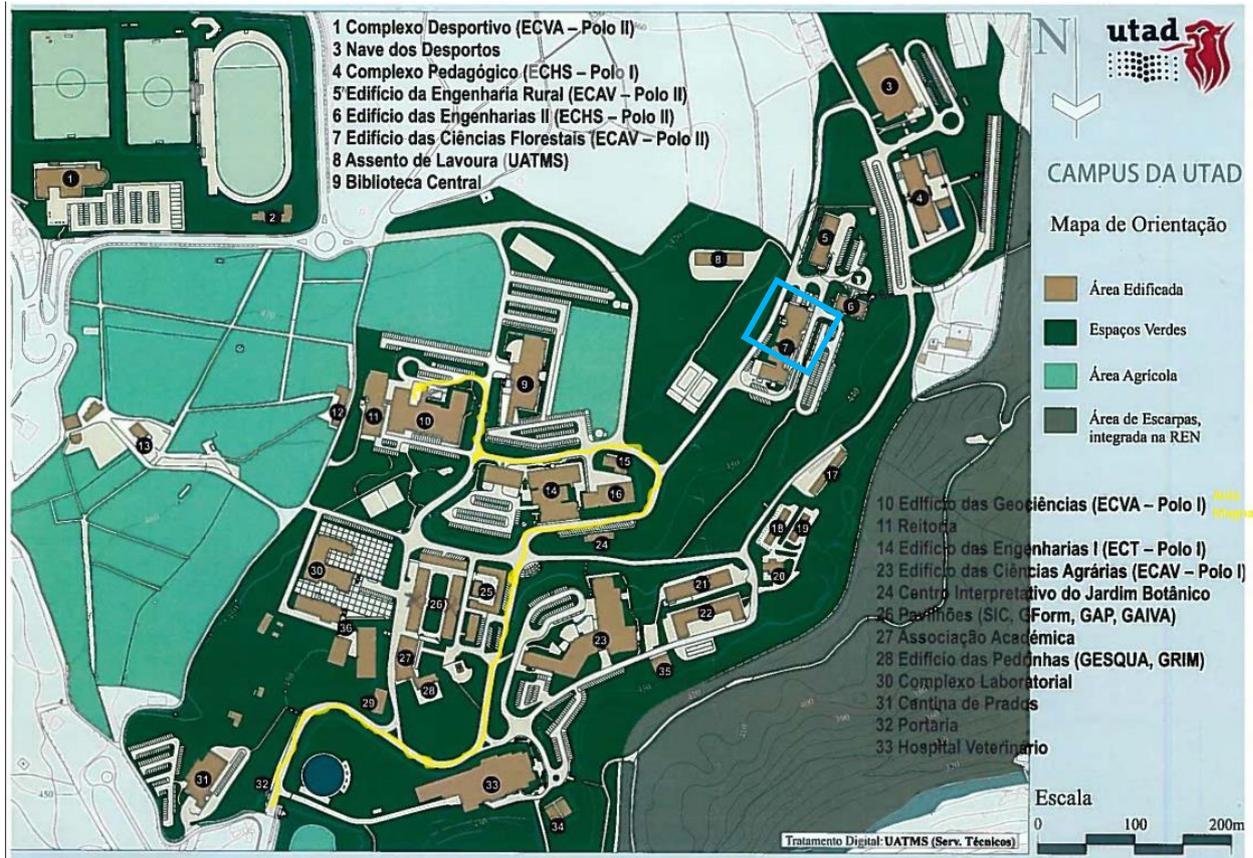


Getting to the meeting venue and around

Meeting Venue:

The meeting will take place at the Building of Forestry Sciences and Landscape Architecture, Pole II of Agrarian and Veterinary Sciences School, University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro. See below the location map. The complete address is as follows:

CIFAP - Ciências Florestais e Arquitetura Paisagista
Polo II da Escola de Ciências Agrárias e Veterinárias
Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
5000-801, Vila Real
Portugal



Getting around

The easiest way to get around inside the Vila Real city is to go on foot. There are some connections to visit other small cities or villages around, but the most interesting are the ones located in the core of Alto Douro Wine Region (city of Régua and Pinhão village). This region is a particularly representative area of the landscape that characterizes the vast Douro Demarcated Region, the oldest regulated wine-growing region in the world. For these trips you must rent a car or go by bus. For a list of bus connections see (the bus terminal for buying tickets is the same when you arrive in Vila Real by bus. For more information, see:

<https://rede-expressos.pt/pt>

<https://www.rondonorte.pt/pt/>

Lodging

There are some options for hotels AirBNB and other rent platforms in Vila Real. We recommend hotels that can be serviced by buses with direct connection to the meeting venue. Prices can vary so we recommend searching in a website such as booking.pt for the best options. Nevertheless, here are some suggestions:

Hotels within walking distance from the meeting venue:

Hotel Miracorgo ([Hotel Miracorgo, Vila Real \(online-reservations.com\)](https://www.online-reservations.com/pt/hotel/miracorgo-vila-real))

Residencial Encontro ([Residencial Encontro, Vila Real \(online-reservations.com\)](https://www.online-reservations.com/pt/hotel/residencial-encontro-vila-real))

Novabila Guesthouse ([Novabila Guesthouse – Novabila Guesthouse](https://www.novabila.com/))

Apartamentos Avenida Premium ([APARTAMENTOS AVENIDA PREMIUM VILA REAL \(Portugal\) | BOOKED](https://www.booking.com/hotel/pt/apartamentos-avenida-premium-vila-real.html))

Hotels that need transport

Casa Agrícola da Levada Eco Village (<http://casadalevada.com/wp/>)

Apartamentos do Prado In Douro (<https://hotelandplace.com/pt/hotel/apartamentos-do-prado>)

Borralha Hotel, Restaurante & Spa (<https://borralhahotel.com/>)

Quinta do Paço Hotel (<https://www.quintapaco.com/>)

Timetable and Schedule

The meeting is scheduled for Friday, 24th of February 2023 from 9h to 17h, and for Saturday, 25th of February 2023, from 9h to 16h.

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