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Why Porto

... for many reasons!

- Rich history and traditions
- Mild climate
- Gastronomy and wine
- Friendly and welcoming people
- Easy accessibility
- Excellent Airport
- Modern conference facilities
- Comfortable accommodation
- And much more...

Porto, a destination for congresses and events!
The Historic Centre of Porto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar, built along the hills overlooking the mouth of the Douro River in northern Portugal, is an outstanding urban landscape with a 2,000-year history. The Romans gave it the name Portus, or port, in the 1st century BC. Military, commercial, agricultural, and demographic interests came together in this place. Its continuous growth linked to the sea can be seen in its many and varied monuments, from the cathedral with its Romanesque choir to the neoclassical Stock Exchange and the typically Portuguese Manueline-style Church of Santa Clara. The urban fabric of the Historic Centre of Porto and its many historic buildings bear remarkable testimony to the development over the past thousand years of a European city that looks outward to the sea for its cultural and commercial links.
Awards

- Portugal, World’s Best Touristic Destination 2017
- European Best Destination 2017
- #20 Top ICCA European Cities 2016
- Tripadvisor - 2015 Traveller’s Choice
- USA Today Readers Choice 2015
- Business Destinations Travel Awards 2014 & 2015
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Executive Summary

**HOST CITY** Porto, Portugal  
**PROPOSED DATES** 18 - 22 July, 2022  
**PROPOSED VENUE** Alfândega do Porto Congress Centre

In Portugal, relevant attention is given to the research in Earthquake Engineering and Seismology sciences. The know-how in these fields is applied in design practice and construction concerns. The Portuguese past history is inseparable from the 1755 Lisbon earthquake, which was widely felt in Europe and had a great impact in the cultural and social life at that time. Since the birth of modern Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, Portugal has played important roles in many significant developments in the field, specially in the elaboration of new generation seismic codes.

In the past decades, Portugal sponsored several main meetings dedicated to the dissemination of earthquake engineering and seismology studies, which included the 8th ECEE (Lisbon, 1986), 27th ESC (Lisbon, 2000), the 250th Anniversary of the 1755 Earthquake Conference (Lisbon, 2005) and the 15th WCEE (Lisbon, 2012). Nevertheless, both at Portuguese and European levels, there is an urgent need to promote public and governmental awareness about the seismic risk and the benefits of earthquake engineering and seismological studies as well as the adoption of innovative earthquake resistant technologies. You are invited to contribute to this needed improvement in awareness and effective earthquake mitigation actions.

Porto and the Douro region (epicenter of the Port wine) are relevant zones in the Portuguese territory and although the Porto area was not highly affected by past earthquakes, it has significantly contributed to the Portuguese and European research in the field. Portugal and Porto have recently been elected as world top touristic destinations. Porto has a mild climate, is a safe yet lively city, with superb dining, sophisticated shopping, cultural atmosphere and wonderful landscape. Not to be missed!

Porto can be easily reached from different European cities, with a modern and efficient international airport, where regular and low cost companies operate.

Portugal traditionally welcomes all nationalities, has an open policy to issue visas when necessary and Porto has good infrastructures in terms of boarding, transportation and venues for scientific meetings.
We would like to thank you for the opportunity to present Porto’s credentials as a candidate for hosting the 3rd European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (3ECEES) in 2022.

On behalf of the Portuguese Association for Earthquake Engineering (SPES - Sociedade Portuguesa de Engenharia Sísmica), and the Portuguese Representative in the European Seismological Commission, we are very motivated at the prospect of bringing the 3ECEES to Portugal.

Portugal is facing a pronounced investment in the rehabilitation of many important city centres, particularly in Porto and Lisbon. In this way, the topic of seismic safety of existing structures, which is intrinsically related with the intense rehabilitation actions into force, are an unique opportunity to organize debates and discussions on these topics. Conference delegates participating in these forums will both contribute with their expertise and learn invaluable lessons that they may apply in their own countries.

Porto is a welcoming city, with a rich history, architecture, monuments, gastronomy, and with excellent services. In fact, in 2014 and 2017, Porto was elected the European Best Destination by the European Best Destinations organization. The hotels in Porto offer high quality services at affordable prices.

The Historic Centre of Porto, the oldest area of the city, was classified as World Heritage by UNESCO since 1996. Dating back to Mediaeval times, and despite all the changes over the years, the Historic Centre of Porto maintains its unique urban characteristics, inviting visitors to take a walk through the typical streets, bringing visitors to the Middle Ages environments. The Historic Centre of Porto, overlooking the Douro River, has many of the city’s famous buildings. On the riverside area of Vila Nova de Gaia, in front to Porto, are located the Port Wine Lodges. Porto is one of the oldest cities in Europe, and luckily, it has preserved much of its human and built heritage.

The venue, Alfândega Congress Centre Porto, has excellent conditions to host the international communities participating in the 3ECEES. It is regarded as one of the best in Europe. In fact, Alfândega do Porto was elected the Best Meetings & Conference Centre in Europe in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

From boat trips on the river to hiking among vineyards, beaches to museums, great food and wine-tasting, the greater Porto region has something for everyone.

We would love to welcome the guests of 3ECEES to our beautiful city, and we hope that you share our view that Porto is an ideal venue for the 2022 Conference.
The Portuguese Society for Earthquake Engineering (SPES) was established in 1973, shortly after the revival of earthquake engineering and seismology activities promoted in the late 1950s (200 years after the 1755 Lisbon earthquake).

The Portuguese group in the European Seismological Commission (P_ESC) aggregates Portuguese scientists involved in activities in the areas of seismology, geophysics and geology.

SPES and P_ESC have been active in clustering earthquake engineering and seismology research and development. They work closely with each other as well as with universities, research institutions, practicing engineers and enterprises, providing leadership in promoting seismic safety in Portugal.

Three individuals corporate the Portuguese contribution to earthquake engineering and seismology activities and had a significant imprint in the field.

Júlio Ferry Borges contributed to the concept of the first modern codes, in terms of a probabilistic approach, now a standard procedure.

Luis Mendes-Victor pushed forward seismological and geophysical domains in Portugal.

Carlos Sousa Oliveira contributed to seismic risk studies and earthquake mitigation efforts and is active in international organizations such as ECEE.

Portuguese researchers have been actively involved in the preparation of the Eurocodes and have participated in many of the main research projects at an European level dealing with earthquake engineering and seismology. Portuguese researchers have reached prominent positions in International and European Universities and Research Institutions.
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Support Letter

Lisbon, 7th December 2017

I am writing to express my strong support for the candidacy of the Sociedade Portuguesa de Engenharia Sísica and the national representation of the European Seismological Commission to host the 3rd ECEEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology in Porto, Portugal, in 2022.

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Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Manuel Heitor
Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education
Support Letter

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Yours sincerely,

Minister of Environment

João Pedro Matos Fernandes
European Association for Earthquake Engineering  
Prof. Attilo Angal  
European Seismological Commission  
Mrs. President  
Ina Cedie

Dear Sirs,

It was with great pleasure that Turismo de Portugal, the national tourism authority, learned that the European Association for Earthquake Engineering, together with the European Seismological Commission, submitted an application to be the host of the 17th European Conference on Earthquake, to be held in July 2022 in Oporto.

Portugal has earned worldwide recognition as leading location for major events as a result of its experience and its success in this field over many years.

The country is seen as an ideal location for many different types of events, from major sporting events (surf, automobile, golf, football), cultural displays (music, arts) to professional and governmental events. Our infrastructure are modern and extensive.

Our natural and cultural diversity is second to none. The service levels of our hotels, congress facilities and other touristic activities are praised by all. And, needless to remind you, our weather remains as pleasant as always.

The city of Oporto, one the country’s first touristic locations, is a perfect example of these qualities.

A unique combination from the beautiful scenery, outstanding facilities and professionalism from all our partners will make any event a success.
And, last but not least, the Portuguese are proud to be widely regarded as an amazingly warm and welcoming people, able to make everyone feel truly at home, regardless where they are from.

For all these reasons, Turismo de Portugal warmly supports the application from European Association for Earthquake Engineering, together with the European Seismological Commission to organize 17th European Conference on Earthquake, to be held in July 2022 in Oporto.

Yours faithfully,

In representation of Tourism Board

Teresa Monteiro
Vice President
Support Letter

As Rector of the University of Porto, I hereby express my strong support for the candidacy of the Sociedade Portuguesa de Engenharia Sísmica and the national representation of the European Seismological Commission to host the 3rd ECEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology in Porto, Portugal, in 2022.

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Univresidade do Porto, 4 December 2017

The Rector

(Sebastião Feyo de Azevedo)
Letter of endorsement to support the expression of interest for the organization of the 3rd ECEES – European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology

Porto, December 12th, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

To whom it may concern,

The Norte Region Development and Coordination Commission (CCDR-N), represented by Fernando Freire de Sousa, hereby expresses its support to the Expression of Interest for the organization of the 3rd ECEES – European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology by the Sociedade Portuguesa de Engenharia Sismica and Representação Nacional da European Seismological Commission.

CCDR-N is the Portuguese government agency in charge of coordinating the development of the regional innovation strategy for smart specialization (RIS3), the preparation of the Regional Operational Program and its management in the 2014-2020 framework. Norte is a convergence Portuguese region with innovative effort and performance below EU-average. Strengthening of the regional innovation system is crucial to create the preconditions for a knowledge based economy globally competitive.

For the due purposes, we confirm that international collaboration in the domain concerned is linked and contributes to the Norte Region strategy of promoting excellence and international recognition in scientific and technological areas, helping to reinforce the trend towards the creation of critical mass at universities and research centres.

The CCDR-N welcomes such an initiative, being able to contribute to the implementation of the activities foreseen by disseminating the project and its activities towards relevant stakeholders in its network. The interest hereby expressed does not imply any legal obligation or financial commitment of resources.

Yours Sincerely,

Fernando Freire de Sousa

President of CCDR-N and of the Managing Authority of NORTE 2020
3rd ECEES – European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology
Av. Antunes Guimarães, 554
4100-074 Porto


As you are aware, Porto is currently a candidate to host the event 3rd ECEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, that will be held in Porto from 18th to 22th July 2022.

This Directorate-General believes this is a unique opportunity to bring together a number of experts in the area and to discuss further actions to be developed in future.

Being confident of the success of this Conference, we would like to reassure our support for this application.

Yours faithfully,

Paula Araújo da Silva
Director-General
Support Letters

Porto, 13 December, 2017

Subject: Declaration of support of 3rd ECEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In my role as President of the Ordem dos Engenheiros – Região Norte (Order of the Engineers of Northern Region), I hereby express my strong support for the candidacy of the Sociedade Portuguesa de Engenharia Sismica and the national representation of the European Seismological Commission to host the 3rd ECEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology in Porto, Portugal, in 2022.

The Ordem dos Engenheiros – Região Norte (Order of the Engineers of Northern Region) has the mission of controlling the access to the professional practice of Engineering, contribute to the defence, promotion and progress of Engineering, stimulate its members into the scientific, professional and social life and to defend ethics, deontology, valuation and professional qualification of engineers.

Many important city centres are being rehabilitated, and therefore we find that this theme has the most important to the future of the engineer and the safety of our buildings and structures.

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Yours sincerely,

Joaquim Pocas Martins
Presidente do Conselho Diretivo
Ordem dos Engenheiros Região Norte
Your reference:  

Your communication:  

Our reference:  

Date: 2017-12-12  

Subject: Letter of support  

I am pleased to inform that the National Laboratory for Civil Engineering (LNEC) supports the Portuguese application to host at Oporto, in July of 2022, the 3rd ECEES – European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology.

Best regards  

The Board of Directors  

[Signature]

Carlos Pina  
Presidente do LNEC
LETTER OF SUPPORT

3rd ECEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology

Sociedade Portuguesa de Engenharia Sismica
Representação Nacional da European Seismological Commission

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Porto, 04th December, 2017

Chairman

Jorge Moreno Delgado
Metro do Porto, S.A.
LETTER OF SUPPORT
3rd ECEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology

Sociedade Portuguesa de Engenharia Sismica
Representação Nacional da European Seismological Commission

As Executive Director of STCP - Sociedade de Transportes Colectivos do Porto, S.A., I hereby express my strong support for the candidacy of the Sociedade Portuguesa de Engenharia Sismica and the national representation of the European Seismological Commission to host the 3rd ECEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology in Porto, Portugal, in 2022.

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Porto, 11th December, 2017

[Signature]
Pedro Morais
Executive Director
The Essence of Porto

Porto is a cosmopolitan city, an eclectic mix of all things ancient and modern. A UNESCO World Heritage site teeming with medieval townhouses, gothic palaces and baroque churches adorned with exquisitely handcrafted “Azulejos” tiles.

It also boasts some of Europe’s most talked about contemporary architecture - including the Rem Koolhaas designed Casa da Musica, and the many architectural triumphs of award-winning Porto-natives Eduardo Souto de Moura and Alvaro Siza, such as The Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art.

Don’t Miss

The Casa da Musica, the Historical Centre and the Ribeira Square, the Lello Bookshop, the Café Majestic, the Port Wine Cellars and the Monastery of Nossa Senhora do Pilar, the Guindais Funicular, Miguel Bombarda Street, Galeria de Paris Street, Cândido dos Reis Street, Serralves House, and Museum of Modern Art, the São Bento Train station, the Cathedral, the Clérigos Tower. And, of course, the contagious joy of the popular festivities, the excellent gastronomy and the wine.
The Essence of Porto
Museums and Cultural Attractions
Travelling in Porto

Portugal undersigned the Schengen Agreement and is therefore, bound to the EU regulations of free circulation. Located 300 km north of Lisbon, Porto is also well connected with all European Capitals. All major Airlines fly directly to Porto: Lufthansa, Iberia, Air France, Transavia, Ryanair, Air Berlin, Luxair, as well as the ever-growing low cost airlines, such as Ryanair and EasyJet.

The national airline carrier is TAP, which has offices in most European capitals and offers direct flights to Porto.

**AIR & LAND:** There are daily and every hour flights from Lisbon to Porto and from Porto to Lisbon (50 min flight). The daily train between the two cities, also has schedules each hour (2h30 trip).

Porto’s International Airport is located 11 kms away from the city centre. There is Bus Shuttle access to the city, as well as taxi and public transports, such as bus and Light-Rail. In 2014, the Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport was awarded the 3rd Best European Airport, its 8th award in 8 years.

**Metro Network**

- With 6 lines, over 50 miles in the city are covered by this network, with 81 stations in 7 districts. (source: www.metrodoporto.com)
- Rates vary according to the different zones. A first time traveller has to buy the “andante” card
- A magnetic rechargeable ticket that can be used both in the metro network and several bus lines, as well as the Funicular of Guindais.
**Public Transports**

- A network of buses covers the city and fares can be paid upon entering the bus.
- There are special cards for 1 day or cards for 10 journeys that can be used within the chosen zones.
- Traditional tramcars also exist, to offer nostalgic tours along the riverside, ocean promenade and Historic Centre.

**Taxis, Uber & Cabify**

Can be found in many specific locations around the city and normally take up to 4 passengers, although vehicles for up to 7 people are also available.

**Wifi**

Wifi hotspots can be found in various points of the City.
Accommodation

In Porto you can find from international hotel chains to small typical portuguese wine related houses, manor houses, trendy and alternative places to stay, or the well known beautiful Pousadas de Portugal. In either one, you can find somewhere to rest, to work and to witness the portuguese life.

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3rd ECEES - European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology
18-22 July 2022

Business Destinations Travel Awards 2014 & 2015
Europe’s Best Meetings & Conference Centre
Location

Remarkable riverside location in the heart of Porto’s historic centre
Alfândega Congress Centre

Shipping Dock

400 car parking area or 250 cares • 25 buses
Plenary
Archive Hall

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### Registration

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*Ceiling height recorded
One of Porto’s ‘Ex-Libris’, this concert hall is a modern and imposing building designed by the Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas.

Maximum capacity: 1000 seats in Suggia Room.

Multiple rooms to adapt, either for gala dinners, informal meals or conferences/events.
The Leixões Cruise Terminal is the largest project ever for the opening of the Port of Leixões to the city and an important gateway of the region.

Just 3 km from the city of Porto this is both a cruise ships terminal and an amazing venue. Considered the “Building of the year” in 2017.

Maximum Capacity: 500 pax
This 19th Century building – previous Exchange Palace, located in the heart of the Historic Centre, is a masterpiece of Neo-classical architecture.

Besides its unique rooms, this venue also offers all necessary services, from catering to decoration.

Maximum capacity: 900 pax
With wonderful gardens and natural surroundings, the Serralves Foundation offers exceptional conditions for special events, which can be complemented by a visit to the cultural activities taking place in the exhibition galleries.

Maximum capacity: 200 pax
Port Wine Cellars

Maximum capacity: 500 pax
Tours
Discover Porto and the North
DOWNTOWN TOUR: PORTO HISTORICAL CENTRE

Strolling around the old and narrow streets, one can pass the most interesting landmarks of the city, including the Clérigos Tower – the ex-libris of the city, the exquisite Book Shop ‘LELLO’ - considered UNESCO World Patrimony and one of the three most beautiful bookshops in the World, the old grocery shops and boutiques, the colorful squares, etc.

In the new quarters of Cândido dos Reis (street) and Galleria de Paris (street), one can find and enjoy the best of night life in Porto downtown with its trendy and design cafés, book shops, shops, Aliados avenue, Café Guarany, Bolhão market, Sta. Catarina street – the best pedestrian and shopping area and take a glimpse of Majestic café and S. Bento train station.

RABELO BOAT CRUISES

As seen from the river, the architectural forms of the city of Porto emerge majestically. It is a dazzling landscape, unique in the world. One can discover this magic on a cruise aboard a typical Rabelo Boat. One can either cruise under the 6 bridges that link Porto and Gaia, or dare to go upriver, towards the stunning landscape of the Douro Valley, also World Heritage by UNESCO.

VISIT TO PORT WINE CELLARS/ WINE TASTING

At the most prestigious Port Wine Cellars, there is the possibility to enjoy guided visits, in many languages. The tours explain about the production and warehousing of one of the world’s most famous wines, telling the secrets of the most ancient demarcated wine region in the world. At the end, the tasting of this famous wine is certain and worthwhile!
SKY EXPERIENCE WITH HELITOURS

Helitours provides sky tours aboard 2 helicopters that carry up to 3 or 6 passengers each with all the comfort. With flights in Porto and Douro, passengers can easily discover the North of Portugal in an all-new different perspective.

PALÁCIO DA BOLSA / EXCHANGE PALACE

Located in the centre of Porto, the Palácio da Bolsa is an authentic work of art, with undisputed prominence as a representative of the city, with the grand architectural design of the Hall of Nations and the famous Arab Room.

TOUR WITH CLÁSSICO PORTO

Clássico Porto strives to provide a variety of services in classic automobiles from unforgettable tours of Porto to amazing tailor-made programs. All services include a trained and uniformed driver whose mission is to ensure that nothing is a miss and that passengers always travel with comfort and are entirely satisfied.

CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM OF SERRALVES

The Gardens, the Serralves Foundation – an Art Deco mansion, a modern restaurant and the Tea Room restaurant, all inside a huge park of 18 hectares, which give so many possibilities of indoors and outdoors activities, traditional workshops, informal lunches or a picnic in the park.
PORTO SEASIDE BIKE TOUR - RENT A BIKE & CITY TOURS

Enjoy a pleasant and relaxing bike tour in Foz, where you will be able to see miles of golden sand and great waves. The activities are coordinated by tourism professionals, with a huge knowledge of heritage and sports.

CASAS DA MÚSICA

In the Rotunda da Boavista roundabout, half way between the historic center and the Foz zone, we encounter a large-scale, daringly original building that is sure to catch anyone’s attention: the Casa da Música or “House of Music”. The building was designed by the distinguished Dutch architect and urbanist, Rem Koolhaas and was conceived in order to cater to an innovative cultural project of Porto 2001-European Capital of Culture.

WORLD OF DISCOVERIES

World of Discoveries is a must-visit point in the city. It is an Interactive Museum and Theme Park reconstructing the fantastic odyssey of Portuguese navigators, crossing oceans to discover the unknown world. 5000 m2 to provide an experience for all senses, supported by the latest technology, presenting new solutions such as the fantastic 4D Globes or fog screens, a passage to amazing worlds as ‘Cabo das Tormentas’ (Cape of Storms).
• Natural landscape of enormous beauty and biodiversity
• Contagious joy of the festivities and processions. This cultural and religious heritage is worth discovering
• Braga - known as the “Portuguese Rome”. Its Easter celebrations are famous, and its Cathedral is the oldest in Portugal
• Guimarães - It was in the medieval castle of Guimarães that Afonso Henriques, the first king of Portugal, was born. This city is included in the UNESCO world heritage, since 2001. In 2012, it was nominee the European Capital of Culture
• Peneda-Gerês National Park is a World Biosphere Reserve for nature lovers
• In Viana do Castelo, one can feel the breeze from the Atlantic Ocean - the beaches are coveted for kite and windsurfing. Climbing the hill of Santa Luzia, one can enjoy one of the ex-libris of the city, the Basilica of Santa Luzia, built in the first half of the twentieth century.
Douro Region

- Short Distance
- Heritage
- Gastronomy & Wine
- History
- Vineyards
- Natural Landscape
- National Nature Parks
- Walking Trails
- Vale do Côa: Rupest Paintings
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