

Businet Unité Futures 2026

Thinking Employment

8-12 March 2026 – Porto



Businet has hosted a **student conference** annually for over 20 years. The student event is designed to enable you to interact with new people from different cultural backgrounds, to work and develop together in the beautiful city of Porto. You will also get the chance to sample Experiential Learning (Experiential learning is the process of learning through experience and is more specifically defined as "learning through reflection of doing") in a different environment. The concept of bringing students from different countries and institutes together, to network and learn, has been one that Businet has championed since 1997. Last year's conference 2025 was hosted by Thomas More in Antwerp but after hosting a few very successful editions, we have changed venue to **ISLA-Polytechnic University, Porto Gaia**.

The "**Thinking Employability**" event 2026 features a programme that will:

- identify and explore Employability Skills
- encourage Reflective Thinking
- provide the opportunity to sample Experiential Learning
- introduce the concept of Emotional Intelligence.
- assist students to identify and develop skills and self-awareness through reflection
- have students attend sessions on intercultural competencies
- include a guided tour that will allow you to get to know Porto
- be introduced to local companies / organisations

The programme will be delivered by members of industry and by academics in the disciplines that underpin the conference aims.

In Porto, the conference events will be held at ISLA-Polytechnic University, Porto Gaia.

A "Businet for students" Basecamp environment will be made available before the conference to help delegates get maximum benefit from the event and to assist with communication between delegates.

There are 80 places available. Registrations have to be made by **24 December 2025**.

Limited non-residential spaces are available at a reduced cost.

ISLA will organise a Sunday afternoon activity for the students so that they will get to know the city.

Students will be accommodated in twin / double / triple rooms for 4 nights at the B&B hotel Gaia which is centrally located and just 1km from the campus.

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Fact sheet

The Event

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The Dates

Sunday 8 March 2026 (14.00 hrs) - Thursday 12 March 2026 (14.00 hrs)

Location of Accommodation

Students will stay in B&B hotel Porto Gaia (Av. da República 1435, 4430-999 Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal) which is centrally located and 1 km from the conference venue.

Location of Activities

Isla Gaia
Rua Diogo de Macedo, nº192,
Vila Nova de Gaia, 4400-107
Portugal

Target Students

Level 5 students (EQF) studying any discipline

Cost

€350

Which includes

- 4 nights in a centrally located 3-star hotel on a shared room basis. Single rooms are available at a supplement
- 4 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 1 diner

It does not include travel to Porto. Travel arrangements and costs are the responsibility of the individual, or their institution.

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