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SIM CONFERENCE

PORTO
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SIMM 2026

Startups & Investment Matching

14 & 15 May, Porto, Portugal

About SIMM

The SIM Conference is an event designed to connect entrepreneurs, startups, and investors, both nationally and internationally. Focused on creating networking opportunities through carefully curated content, SIM offers a unique experience for founders and investors to establish meaningful connections.





#ABOUT THE EVENT

PURPOSE

- **International** meeting point for **INNOVATION leaders**
- Key event for **INNOVATION-DRIVEN COMPANIES**

FORMAT

- Strong focus on **company NEEDS**
- Sharing of case histories and real-world examples
- Proven **mix of physical and digital EVENTS**



#OPPORTUNITIES

- **Networking**
- **Business matching**
- **Professional training**
- **Knowledge sharing**



#WHO WILL BE THERE?

- **Corporates:** Present innovation needs and look for relevant solutions
- **Startups:** Offer innovative products and services to meet corporate needs
- **National & International Enablers:** Support companies in innovation processes
- **Public Administrations:** Promote business growth and development
- **Media:** Share best practices through communication channels





OPPORTUNITIES

1 B2B MATCHMAKING EVENT



Identify the most relevant players within the innovation ecosystem to target for **potential collaboration**



Analyze profiles and innovation projects of **key participants** to better understand their activities and interests



Plan meaningful interactions in advance to **ensure productive** and **focused engagement** during the event

UP TO 3 MEETING GUARANTEED!

2 OPEN INNOVATION LAB



Participate in a workshop specifically design to support **internationalisation of the companies**



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PARTICIPATE TO THE BIG CORPS' CHALLENGES!

3 AND MORE...



- Fair Access
- Startup Speed Pitches
- Networking Area
- Trade Meetings
- SIM App - More Networking
- SIM kick-off Webinar





REGISTER NOW!



REGISTRATION FORM IN UA

<https://forms.gle/Vg6JReDHbuJeifQ18>



REGISTRATION FORM IN PT

<https://forms.gle/HTz5yJTCJz69RgT39>



REGISTRATION FORM IN IT

<https://forms.gle/VvhgVgzDd7vQf8X88>



APPLICATION DEADLINE

19TH OF APRIL





GETTING TO SIM

How to get to SIM



To get to **Alfândega do Porto**, you can choose between public transport or taxi/ride-hailing services.

- **From Porto Airport**, the most affordable option is the metro (Line E) to Trindade, transferring to Line D to São Bento, followed by bus 500 to Alfândega (around 35 minutes in total). Alternatively, a taxi/ride-hailing service takes approximately 25 minutes.
- **For those arriving by train**, from Campanhã, you can take the metro to São Bento and then bus 500 (about 15 minutes), or a taxi in 12 minutes. If arriving at São Bento, simply take bus 500 (5 minutes).
- **For those driving**, the easiest option is to follow [this link](#) using GPS.





WELCOME TO PORTO



Porto is home to one of Europe's most dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystems:

- A thriving community with **over 700 active startups and scaleups** across the Porto Metropolitan Area;
- Key sectors include **enterprise software, healthcare, fintech, energy, and marketing**;
- The region is home to **8 unicorn companies with significant operations**, including Portuguese-founded scaleups and international tech leaders..

A leading hub for talent creation and research & development (R&D):

- More than **80 higher education institutions and research centers**;
- A strong capacity to **attract and retain entrepreneurial talent**, with most founders remaining in the region as their companies grow.

A region attracting sustained investment:

- The ecosystem has now reached a value of **€7.5 billion**, having grown over **8.5x** since 2019;
- **€557.5M** in VC funding was raised between 2019 and 2024, with the healthcare sector being the most funded;
- More than **90 national and international investors** are actively engaged in the region.

Source: *Characterization of the Startup Ecosystem in the Region of Porto* (2025)





WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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