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InterMu-Se Final Conference brings together people to advance interreligious dialogue and combat intolerance

Braga, Portugal, 22 April 2026 — The Final International Conference of the European project **InterMu-Se** was successfully held on **21–22 April 2026** at the **Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Braga, Portugal**. The event brought together **177 participants**, alongside experts, academics, religious leaders, educators, and civil society representatives, for two days of dialogue, exchange, and reflection on intercultural and interreligious cooperation. The conference marked the culmination of the project and provided a platform to present its main findings, activities, and lessons learned.

The **InterMu-Se** project aims to combat discrimination and intolerance, particularly on the grounds of religion and/or ethnic origin, to address negative stereotypes and prejudice against Jewish people and Muslims, and to build trust and understanding between Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities. The final conference reflected these objectives by bringing together participants from different sectors and backgrounds in a shared discussion on coexistence, mutual respect, and social inclusion.

Across the two-day programme, the conference addressed a wide range of key themes, including **interfaith dialogue in the 21st century, common challenges and good practices in intercultural and inter-religious cooperation, capacity-building for religious leaders, faith-based organisations and civil society, initiatives at local level, religious freedom and coexistence in polarized societies, and a culture of encounter for a divided world**.

The official agenda featured **15 named speakers** across three major panels, in addition to project sessions led by partner organisations.

The event offered an important opportunity to share project results, exchange experiences, and reflect on how dialogue-based approaches can contribute to more inclusive and cohesive societies. It also highlighted the importance of education, local engagement, and cooperation across sectors in addressing prejudice and fostering meaningful understanding among diverse communities.

As the **InterMu-Se partnership** noted: *“The Final Conference confirmed that dialogue, education and cooperation remain essential tools for challenging prejudice and strengthening coexistence. Throughout the project, we have seen that meaningful opportunities for encounter can help build trust, understanding and respect across communities.”*

As the concluding event of the project, the conference reaffirmed a central message: promoting trust and understanding among diverse communities requires sustained commitment, open dialogue, and practical opportunities for encounter. In a time marked by polarization and division, the **InterMu-Se** partnership has demonstrated the importance of creating spaces where people can meet, listen, and learn from one another with respect and openness.

About InterMu-Se **InterMu-Se** is a European project dedicated to combating discrimination and intolerance, addressing negative stereotypes and prejudice, and fostering trust and understanding between Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities through dialogue, cooperation, and shared action.

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