# Ramping up workshop of the “high speed initiative” student innovation challenge

# October 21, Porto

## How to reach the meeting venue

The meeting will take place at the Porto Design Factory (PDF), located on Asprela Campus (<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/R.+Dr.+Ant%C3%B3nio+Bernardino+de+Almeida+341,+4200-072+Porto,+Portugal/@41.1792008,-8.6083187,609m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0xd2464481f4cafcf:0xc0564a0d0dc22b20!8m2!3d41.1792008!4d-8.6063858>) . It is along the yellow metro line and it takes about 10 minutes to get to here from the city center by metro.

Nearest Metro stop is IPO which stands for Instituto Português de Oncologia so it's a hospital nearby PDF. Beware that as you ask taxi to go to IPO it might actually take you to IPO meaning to the front entrance of the Oncology Hospital. But anyways it's very nearby. In between PDF and IPO there is a Private University called Universidade Portucalense Infante Dom Henrique.

**Public transport tickets**  
Public transport in Porto is good, reliable and rather cheap. All the metro stations have yellow ticket vending machines. Most times they accept cards, even international ones, notes and coins. On some occasions some of the options might be missing so it is recommended having some cash and a credit card with you just to be sure.

The biggest and most common public transportation company is STCP, which operates metro, trams and most of the busses.

To go from place to place you need to buy a ticket for correct number of zones depending on your itinerary. If you don't know, just always buy Zone 3 -ticket (z3 titulos). The price difference is very small.

When you buy tickets from vending machines, you need to buy a blue travel card that costs 0,60€. keep the card safe - you can keep loading more trips on one. The card can contain credit for several rides but only one type of ticket in terms of zones. One Zone 3 trip costs 1,50€ and is valid for 60 minutes from the first validation. You can also buy the ticket from bus drivers for 1,85€ for single journey without changes.

REMEMBER TO VALIDATE THE TICKET EVERY TIME YOU CHANGE OR JUMP IN THE BUS, TRAIN OR METRO. In Metros the validation machines are at the stations, in the busses machines are inside. You don't need to do anything with the ticket when jumping out.

**From Airport to PDF**

Taxi (20€) or metro.

Easiest way is to take taxi. Ask it to go to IPO near Hospital Sao Joao (*"Para IPO, perto Hospital Sao Joao, por favor"*.). Price will be around 20€.  Cheaper and still quite an easy option is metro. The airport is at the end of one metro line, so you only have one line and direction to choose. Take the metro all the way until the main metro hub called Trindade (about 25 min). All the metro lines go through that station so it is a place to keep in mind. In Trindade change to the yellow line going towards Sao Joao. Sao Joao is the Main hospital of Porto so that is also something everyone knows. Jump off the metro on the second last stop called IPO. The PDF is about 300m walking towards the direction the metro just came from. PDF will be on your right hand side.

**From downtown to PDF**  
If you are not along yellow line, take a closest metro or walk to Trindade station and change to the yellow line going towards Sao Joao. Jump off at IPO station and walk 300m towards the direction just just came along the metro tracks. We will be on your right hand side.

**Using Taxi**  
Taxi prices are reasonable so that is always a good option when in doubt. Drivers don't always understand English and credit cards rarely work. From downtown to PDF taxi is 5-10€. With 10€ you can get basically everywhere in downtown area.

In Portuguese you should ask*"para IPO, por favor"* meaning*"to IPO, please"*. If you and driver don't share understanding, try "para Hospital Sao Joao, por favor"

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