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Dear Ms Profit, dear Françoise,

We kindly ask you to forward our request to the [members](#) of the BFUG to change the current status of the [European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers \(Eurodoc\)](#) from '[partner](#)' to '[consultative member](#)' of the BFUG for the coming BFUG term 2018-2020.

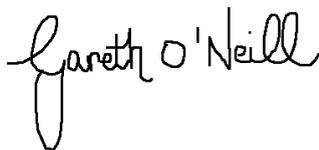
Eurodoc is a grassroots federation of national associations which represent doctoral candidates and/or postdoctoral researchers in 29 countries across Europe. We are a registered non-profit organisation which was founded in 2002 and is based in Brussels. Eurodoc is the de facto stakeholder for the one+ million early-career researchers in Europe.

The Bologna Process recognises [three higher education cycles](#) whereby the third cycle focuses on the doctorate and doctoral candidates who are involved in various doctoral phases from pure doctoral study programmes to fully independent research in Europe. Eurodoc represents all doctoral candidates in Europe whose legal status range from full students to full employees of their respective institutions both across and within countries.

Eurodoc requests to become a consultative member to play a more active role in shaping the Bologna Process from the perspective of third cycle doctoral candidates. Eurodoc has both a European scope and is instrumental for the implementation of the Bologna Process. We note that the [European Students' Union \(ESU\)](#) is a consultative member of the BFUG which neither fully nor actively represents the interests of doctoral candidates in Europe. We also note that the third cycle has recently not been on the Bologna Process agenda as is clear from the [Paris Communiqué](#) and aim to contribute to the discussion on the third cycle.

We are at your disposal to further explain and answer any questions related to our request.

Kind regards,



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