

Conclusions from Working Group 5:

Comparing « good and innovative practices » at/among institutions

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Main issues discussed

- Institutional/ national policy, regulations and/ or code of conduct
- Doctoral candidate as a partner in a research environment
- Part-time studies
- Duration of doctoral programmes
- Interdisciplinarity
- ECTS

Conclusions and recommendations

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1. Regulations, guidelines and/ or code of practice in doctoral programmes have to be developed and established at the highest institutional/ national/ European level. They should be open for interdisciplinary dialogue as a basis for new innovative ideas.
2. Doctoral candidate should be a partner in high quality research environment (cluster) and secured economically, legally and socially for the period of 3 to 4 years, depending on circumstances .

Conclusions and recommendations

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3. Doctoral programmes should be considered a part of life-long learning as a full-time or part-time high quality training.
4. Transparent information on doctoral training, courses and networks should be provided on Internet portals at institutional, national and European levels.