

The EU and Doctoral studies for the European knowledge society

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Dual support of mobility

ERASMUS

Doctoral students
Short stay, modest grant
Intra European
Funds the student
All disciplines
Decentralised

MARIE-CURIE

Young researchers
Up to full cycle, for salary
Open to non-EU
Funds the host institution
Emphasis on “hard” science
Centralised

Efforts to increase recognition

Bologna: Doctoral studies **as 3rd cycle in EHEA**

Since 1998...but stress on Ba/Ma until Berlin

Main trends:

- **Doctorate as 3rd level of university everywhere**
- **A single level of doctorate (not two stages)**
- **Doctoral / postgraduate schools**
- **PhD type, with courses/activities beyond thesis**
- **Inclusion of transversal competencies**
- **Admission after Master cycle, with exceptions**
- **More professional / industrial Doctorates**
- **Name: PhD \approx Doctorate in...**

Bologna: Doctoral studies as 3rd cycle in EHEA

Aim: achieve for Doctoral studies same as for Ba/Ma

- **Dublin descriptor exist**
- **Need for equivalent of Helsinki definitions of Ba/Ma in EHEA**
 - **functions of Doctoral studies: academic + other jobs**
 - **different structures, comparable outcomes**
(vary in disciplines; quid trans-disciplinary PhDs ?)
 - **minimal content: thesis, supervision, defence**
 - taught part ?**
 - transversal competencies**
 - **maximum duration and/or...**
 - **... a range of ECTS credits (very possible)**
- **material exists to let emerge such an agreement**

Bologna: Doctoral studies as 3rd cycle in EHEA

Joint / double doctoral programmes / degrees

- **At least same features as for Ba/ma**
(joint delivery of part of programme, mobility, multinational team, joint supervision of thesis)
- **revive the idea of a “European” Doctorate**
 - **need for a new definition of criteria:**
 - **European dimension in topic or scope (comparative)**
 - **stay abroad**
 - **co-tutelle + translation of main findings**
 - **a “European Doctorate” label ?**
 - **strong demand from students ?**
 - **many suggestions to extend/replicate ERASMUS MUNDUS at Doctoral level (no project in this direction)**

Lisbon: a new context for Doctoral studies

- **Barcelona European Council 2002**
 - 3% goal in research
 - Education/training Objectives for 2010
 - enhanced role of HE; agenda coincides with Bologna
- **EHEA + ERA:**
 - joint Communication on universities + consultation:
 - ↑ role of Doctoral studies, doctoral schools
 - Liège Conference on Uni-based research
 - working groups RTD – EAC
 - Conference 10 Febr 2005 + new Communication

Lisbon: a new context for Doctoral studies

- **European Qualifications Framework (EQF)**
 - for higher education degrees (Bologna) and others
 - doctoral level as highest level in EQF
- **Quality assurance schemes**
 - within universities: criteria,
encourage supervision
 - external QA/accreditation ?

Lisbon: a new context for Doctoral studies

- **Joint support to EUA doctoral project**
- **Support to other initiatives:**
 - survey of doctoral studies in 4 Thematic Networks
 - TUNING 3: doctoral studies in 9 disciplines
 - annual conference of Eurodoc
- **Ensure stress on research and higher education in overall Lisbon Strategy**
 - Kok report
 - Knowledge for growth initiative
 - re-launch / re-focus of Lisbon Strategy