



Questionnaire for WP2: Joint framework for harmonization of the PhD study program and the development of the curriculum draft

Management and tutoring of the PhD study program

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Question 1: Do you have a special university structure dealing with the PhD students?

The PhD study program is managed by special university structure at different levels at each partner University (Board, Council, Committee)

Question 2 and 3: Do you have a rule and procedure for enrollment and approval of the applicant at the PhD program? If YES – describe in brief.

Harmonization: according to the approved national laws and institutional rules

Joint PhD program: the call should be announced and the candidates should hold a master degree; the selection must be done based on approved criteria that will be specified later

Question 4 and 5: Who can be a supervisor (full professors, associate professors, assistant professors)? Do you have a procedure for appointing the supervisor? If YES- describe in brief the procedure.

Harmonization: according to the rules of the University

Joint PhD program: all academic and research positions who meet the requirements (qualification requirements to be established). For Joint PhD program there must be (at least) two supervisors from two partner institutions of the project.

Question 6: How the research topic of the PhD thesis is being chosen?

Harmonization: mutual agreement between the PhD student and the supervisor

Joint PhD program: mutual agreement between the PhD student and the supervisor

Question 7: Are there any national/regional priorities according to which PhD research topics are chosen?

Harmonization: Not compulsory but it is desirable the research topic to be in line with a national or regional research priority.

Joint PhD program: Not compulsory but it is desirable the research topic to be in line with a national or regional research priority.

Question 8: Do you have a scholarship for the PhD student and if YES - who is paying and for how long?

Harmonization: according to the rules of the university where the student is enrolled, he/she can get a scholarship

Joint PhD program: certain number of scholarships provided through the project and cofinanced by the universities/government

Question 9: What is the status of the PhD student: rights, obligations?

Harmonization: already harmonized among the partners

Joint PhD program: according to guidelines that will be written

Question 10: Is there a mandatory period for PhD student to spend abroad?

Harmonization: There is no mandatory period for PhD student to spend abroad, but it is highly recommended.

Joint PhD program: the PhD student must spend at least six months in another partner university

Question 11: Do you have a procedure for annual evaluation of the PhD student's work? If YES – describe in brief.

Harmonization: the procedure for annual evaluation of the PhD student is in compliance with institutional rules.

Joint PhD program: the procedure for annual evaluation of the PhD student should include at least annual report on his/her research activities

Question 12 and 13: How many papers must be published by the student before the final defense and what kind of journals?

Harmonization: according to the national/institutional rules but not less than one paper in journals indexed by Web of Science/SCOPUS database.

Joint PhD program: the PhD student must publish at least one paper in journals indexed by Web of Science database before the final defense

Question 14: Is there a requirement the PhD student to be the first author of the papers?

Harmonization: according to the national/institutional rules but it is highly recommended to be the main author.

Joint PhD program: it is highly recommended that PhD student to be the main author.

Question 15: What kind of final written work must be presented (several compiled published papers or the thesis - monography)?

Harmonization: The final written work presented by the PhD student could be monography or compilation of scientific publications.

Joint PhD program: The final written work presented by the PhD student could be monography or compilation of scientific publications.

Question 16, 17 and 18: How many people are included in the Board/Commission for evaluation of the PhD thesis and what are their competences?

Harmonization: the Board/Commission for evaluation of the PhD thesis should consist of at least three people competent in the respected field of science. The supervisor can not be a member of the Board/Commission

Joint PhD program: the Board/Commission for evaluation of the PhD thesis should consist of at least three people competent in the respected field of science approved by the Advisory Scientific Board of the project (the Advisory Scientific Board of the project consists of 12 members -1 from each partner university, balanced in field of competences). The supervisor can propose up to 5 members for the Board and the decision is made by the Advisory Scientific Board. The supervisor can not be a member of the Board/Commission.

Question 19: Do you have Doctor Europaeus (joint degree between two institutions and two tutors)?

Harmonization: joint degree between two institutions (Doctor Europaeus) is acceptable.

Joint PhD program: joint degree between two institutions (Doctor Europaeus) is acceptable.

Looking forward for your comments, suggestions,... approval by the end of June

Suggestions for glossary (which words and terms to include in a glossary – for example: Board or Commission for evaluation or exam, ...)

Future activities of WP2: to prepare guidelines for developing the PhD program:

- learning outcomes based on results of WP1,**
- stakeholders involvement,**
- staff and equipment requirements,**
- didactic and administrative aspects,**
- student and staff mobility etc.**



Thank you for your attention!!!



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