

„Stocktaking and Prospects: Doctoral Training and Research – the Link between European Higher Education Area and European Research Area“

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The annual conference of Eurodoc, the European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers provides a unique framework for young researchers to meet with European political and economical leaders and to engage in fruitful discussions on the construction of the European Research and Higher Education Areas.

5 years doctorate in the Bologna Process.

Eurodoc 2010 will be embedded in a series of high level events around the Bologna-Process Ministerial Summit. In this context, Eurodoc proposes a review of the reforms in higher education and research policy five years after the proclamation of the groundbreaking “Salzburg conclusions” on doctoral programmes. 100-150 young researchers and policy makers from more than 32 European countries will come to Vienna to work on a set of recommendations for the future of research training beyond 2010.

What's the young researcher's reality?

At Eurodoc 2010, the results of the first ever Europe-wide survey on conditions for doctoral candidates will be presented. Eurodoc started this major undertaking in 2008 to counteract the shortage on real comparable data on crucial topics like motives for pursuing a doctorate, academic environment, gender bias, career paths, funding, training and supervision, transferable skills and mobility.

Two Speed Europe?

In addition, one plenary session will be dedicated to the discussion how to achieve a better coherence in research policy in Europe to exploit the research potential of countries and regions which received less attention so far, including countries outside the EU.

Poster Session, Presentation, Networking, ...

The poster session will provide a forum for young researcher's organisations, but also for stakeholders, universities and industry to present their activities and products. Given the participation of young researchers from all over Europe and from multiple disciplines, the Eurodoc 2010 conference also constitutes an excellent occasion for interdisciplinary communication and networking.

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The conference is open for the general public, in particular all young researchers and policy makers are encouraged to participate.

About Eurodoc

Eurodoc is the European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers. It takes the form of a federation of national associations of young researchers. Eurodocs objectives are:

- To represent doctoral candidates and junior researchers at the European level in matters of education, research, and professional career development.
- To advance the quality of doctoral programmes and the standards of research activity in Europe.
- To promote the circulation of information on issues regarding young researchers; organize events take part in debates and assist in the elaboration of policies about higher education and research in Europe.
- To establish and promote co-operation between national associations representing doctoral candidates and junior researchers within Europe.

It has successfully implemented several projects of European scale. Eurodoc is in a fruitful dialog with the European Commission and the EUA and is officially a "partner" in the Bologna process.

About the local organiser: doktorat.at

Giving a voice to doctoral candidates in Austria is the mission of "doktorat.at – Österreichs junge WissenschaftlerInnen?". It initiates policy debates and offers its expertise to policy makers; it fosters scientific exchange and networking amongst young researchers and keeps the information flow going between young researchers, higher education and research policy makers and the media.

doktorat.at is a recognised stakeholder in Austrian higher education and research policy which is represented in advisory bodies and at major policy conferences at national level. doktorat.at proposes measures to enhance the quality of doctoral education, pushes for policy action and support schemes to allow more young researchers to benefit from mobility experience, to strengthen the links between society, science and industry, to improve career perspectives for young researchers as well as to foster internationalisation of Austrian research landscape.

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