

EUA Council for Doctoral Education workshop
**“Mobility and Collaboration – international and inter-
sectoral”**

20-21 January 2011
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

Call for contributions
Deadline 1 November 2010

INTRODUCTION

The EUA Council for Doctoral Education is pleased to announce its workshop on “Mobility and Collaboration – international and inter-sectoral”, at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest 20-21 January 2011.

This workshop will explore the practical implications for higher education institutions that want to engage in increasing the mobility of early-stage researchers. The term mobility is meant to cover both international and inter-sectoral mobility, mobility across borders and mobility between universities and other sectors such as industry or services. The aim of the workshop is to look at the role of institutions in articulating and implementing strategies for mobility, explore good practices and identify problems and obstacles.

The backbone of the workshop will be case studies from individual institutions based on the selected papers. Therefore, in order to ensure a balanced picture, a diverse representation of countries, institutions and ideas about mobility will be selected.

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop targets university leaders and strategic planners, heads of doctoral schools and programmes, decision makers from HE administrations, supervisors of doctoral candidates and staff involved in the daily work of doctoral education. It will be open only to representatives from CDE members.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

We invite short contributions from CDE member institutions to present and share examples of experiences concerning mobility between countries and sectors, success stories as well as obstacles encountered. Contributions that clearly demonstrate the relation between strategies for mobility and specific types of collaborations are particularly welcomed. The workshop is an excellent opportunity to discuss advantages and disadvantages of different approaches with colleagues from different European countries. All contributions are expected to stimulate a discussion in order to learn from each other.

The deadline to submit all contributions is **1 November 2010**. **Proposals received after this date will not be considered.**

Papers will address one or several of the following overall questions:

- 1. What are the institutional strategies for mobility?*

- a. *What drives mobility at your institution? Individual initiatives, ad-hoc collaborations, long-term institutional strategies or other factors?*
- b. *Why does your institution want to engage in making doctoral candidates mobile across borders and sectors? Or why not?*
- c. *What were the motivations and discussions behind this decision?*
2. *How does your institution implement the mobility strategy?*
 - a. *What have you done within your institution to increase mobility of early-stage researchers?*
 - b. *How do you balance demands for mobility with the individual research needs of the early-stage researcher?*
 - c. *How do you manage the relationship between the overall strategy of the institution and the local, on-going research?*
 - d. *What funding opportunities (institutional, national or EU) are you using, what are your experiences, and have you chosen one type of funding over another?*
3. *What kind of collaborations do you engage in, and why?*
 - a. *What is your experience with building consortia with other universities/research institutions or across sectors?*
 - b. *What considerations have you made in relation to different kinds of collaborations such as joint programmes, co-tutelle, placement agreements with industry or similar?*
4. *What are the obstacles and limits to mobility?*
 - a. *What are your experiences with the cost of mobility in terms of economic cost to the institution, personal cost to those mobile, imbalance in incoming and outgoing staff etc.?*
 - b. *What obstacles have you come across in terms of legal barriers, assessment and quality assurance, difficulties in communication or similar?*

The papers will be presented in the parallel working groups, which will be made up of 20-25 participants. Each presentation with a maximum duration of 15 minutes will be followed by a group discussion. The author should provide questions for discussion with the audience at the conclusion of the paper.

PROCEDURE

How to apply

Formal requirements for a paper proposal should include:

- Title of the paper
- The author, the institution and position in the institution (please note that in order to be selected, the author should belong to a CDE member institution)
- The full paper of max. 800 words focused on a specific topic related to structured doctoral education.

All elements of the proposal must be submitted in Word format by **1 November 2010** to Thomas Jorgensen (thomas.jorgensen@eua.be). Proposals received after this date will not be considered. Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed. Please do not send a hard copy or a PDF file.

Selection procedure

All contributions will be reviewed by the CDE Steering Committee on the basis of the following criteria:

- The proposal has a clear focus that will be of interest to the workshop participants
- The argument, development, and structure are logical, coherent and understandable
- The proposal provides a substantial basis for discussion and has the potential to sustain a lively discussion
- The proposal is linked to one or several of the abovementioned questions (see section "Call for contributions")
- Proposals presenting institutional examples are critical and self-reflective and identify clearly the success and obstacles in preparing research graduates for their further careers.

The authors will be informed whether their contribution has been selected for presentation at the workshop by the end of November 2010. Selected proposals may receive comments on how the proposal should be amended before presentation. Information regarding the day and time of sessions at the workshop will be provided later.

All correspondence with authors will be by e-mail. Referees' comments will be communicated electronically. In most cases, authors will receive feedback on their submission, whether accepted or rejected.

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