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DECISION
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOCTOR EUROPAEUS/EUROPAEA
ROUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

PREAMBLE

Art.1.

Doctor Europaeus/Europaea, hereinafter called European Doctorate, was proposed in 1991 by the *Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences*, presently referred to as the *European University Association*.

The European Doctorate is a qualification added to the Doctorate in Science obtained at the University of Bucharest (UB). It grants the dimension of the European recognition of the Doctorate in Romania, with the mandatory observance of a set of criteria established by the University of Bucharest through this Decision, in accordance with the framework proposed by the *Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences*.

The overall aim of the European Doctorate is to facilitate the recognition and stimulate the integration of doctoral graduates from the European Union into the international academic, cultural and socio-economic environment.

The specific goal of the University of Bucharest is to strengthen the internationalisation process of its doctoral schools and to ensure overall the highest possible quality of doctoral studies, by stimulating and supporting research excellence and international mobility of doctoral students.

The European Doctorate is awarded and is recognised by the universities in the European area which have joined the programme and which implement this route, according to the model and conditions agreed by the *European University Association*.

The European Doctorate is distinct from international cotutelle, but can be associated with it. All doctoral students, including those who do not follow the doctoral programme under an international co-tutelage agreement, can enrol in the European Doctorate route, provided, however, that they comply with the entire set of criteria established by this Decision.

The commitment on the European Doctorate route, with the agreement of the doctoral supervisor and the academic guidance and integrity committee, the Council of the Doctoral School and the director of CSUD, is optional, and the doctoral student can give up the route at any time before the public defence of the thesis.



CRITERIA FOR THE EUROPEAN DOCTORATE

Art.2.

- (1) The criteria for awarding the European Doctorate Certificate are adopted according to the model proposed by the *Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences*, today called the *European University Association*.
- (2) The criteria for awarding the European Doctorate Certificate are the following:
 1. The doctoral student has completed an accredited doctoral programme at the UB and has committed to the European Doctorate route no later than the third year of the doctoral studies.
 2. As part of the doctoral programme at UB, the doctoral student spent at least three months in at least two institutions in the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (apart from Romania), either two universities or a university and a research institution.
 3. The doctoral thesis is written and defended in an international language.
 4. The approval for the public defence is given by the Doctoral School on the basis of two favourable reports prepared either by professors or by researchers from prestigious universities or research institutions, from two member countries of the European Union (other than Romania) and from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, appointed external reviewers. The appointment of external reviewers is approved by the director of CSUD, at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor, made after consulting the doctoral student and the academic guidance and integrity committee and endorsed by the Council of the Doctoral School. The reports, prepared in an international language, must explicitly contain the fact that the thesis proposed for public defense meets the scientific and deontological conditions to receive the recognition of European Doctorate.
 5. At least one member of the doctoral committee must be a professor/researcher at a prestigious university or research institution in the European Union (other than Romania) and/or in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and meet all the professional criteria required by the Romanian legislation in the case of the members of the doctoral committee. This can be one of the external reviewers.

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Art.3.

- (1) The Doctoral Schools of the UB mention on their website and post all the documents regarding the European Doctorate, including the list of doctoral students enrolled on this route.
- (2) CSUD, together with the Councils of the Doctoral Schools of the UB, stimulates, implements and monitors the European Doctorate at the UB.
- (3) UB encourages and supports the development of international mobility for the European Doctorate at universities in the Top 500 (in the reference rankings of universities) and from prestigious research institutions in the European Union, from European consortia of which UB is part and from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Art.4.

Doctoral students enrolling in the European Doctorate route must fully comply with the general principles and requirements of the European Charter for Researchers (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/charter>) during their doctoral programme.

Art.5.

- (1) The expenses of doctoral students for international mobility for the European Doctorate are financially supported by the University of Bucharest through the Erasmus and Erasmus+ programmes, through the Procedure for supporting high performance in the research activity of doctoral students, as well as through other means of financial support and research grants (including from the budget of doctoral schools). Mobility grants are not supported for doctoral students who are in a period of interruption of doctoral studies.
- (2) At the end of the trainings / research mobilities spent in the universities of the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the doctoral student submits to the Doctoral School a mobility report endorsed by the professor/researcher who supervised it, and the training / research mobility is recorded in the electronic records of the doctoral school.
- (3) The University of Bucharest financially supports the participation of the external member of the doctoral committee in the public defense of the doctoral thesis.

Art.6.

The file on the basis of which the European Doctoral Certificate is granted must contain:

1. The registration form for the European Doctorate route, dated and signed (Annex 1).
2. The International Mobility Report(s) (Annex 2).
3. The scientific reports prepared by the two external reviewers.
4. The minutes of the public defence of the doctoral thesis, including the decision to award the doctoral student the scientific title of Doctor in the doctoral field concerned and the Decision to award the qualification *Doctor Europaeus/Europaea* (Annex 3).

Art.7.

- (1) The Certificate for the European Doctorate, written in English, is issued by the University of Bucharest after the granting of the title of Doctor according to the national legislation, is signed by the Rector and by the Director of CSUD and accompanies the Doctoral Diploma.
- (2) The European Doctorate Certificate Model is proposed by CSUD and is approved by the UB Senate. It must include the phrases *European Doctorate (Doctor Europaeus/Europaea)*.