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International Joint Cross-Border PhD Programm in International Economic Relations and Management

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University Nord, Varaždin, Croatia (in process)



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Start: 22.03.2014. Agreement on Joint Cross-Border PhD between partner Universities

Previously: Memorandum of understanding between partner universities

The partner universities form Consortium with administrative and organizational seat in Eisenstadt – decisions made by Consortium (partner Universities)



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Every partner institution is accredited in own country

Joint PhD is accredited in Austria, Agency for Accreditation (AQ)

In Croatia PhD is accredited by Ministry of Education and Science



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Board: legal representatives from all partners form
Scientific Committee

- Mutual discussion and recognition and approval of applicants
- Program structure
- First year is held in Eisenstadt
- Second and third year at one of the partner universities



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Same doctoral program, curriculum and procedures are accredited at each university (with agency or ministry at each country) – first was done in Austria

After first year, students attending second and third in Croatia enrol at University Juraj Dobrila with academic recognition of the first year and achieved ECTS credits.



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Doctoral thesis (dissertation) is done according to rules set by consortium and also defined by host university.

After completion, students are awarded PhD degree by the Scientific Committee and recognized by all partner universities.

Students are mainly from Austria, Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Pakistan etc. (in last application round we had applicants from Zambia and India)



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First generation started in 2014 – 13 students

Second generation – 16 students

Third generation (in September – 14 students)



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Cost of the PhD program (administrative cost is covered by tuition fee)

Lecture costs (professors costs) are mainly covered with CEEPUS applications and ERASMUS+



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CEEPUS (and also other source of funding, like ERASMUS) was very important even before the joint program

Using CEEPUS we had exchange of professors, lectures were given at partner universities and this was start of the idea of joint PhD study

“get to know one better”

CEEPUS offers possibility to apply for joint studies (professor and students)



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CEEPUS offers possibility to apply for joint studies (professor and students) – it was used to help professor mobility

Joint PhD study program is strongly in line with CEEPUS direction and rules and funds can be obtained



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Some improvements:

- Regulation considering joint degree (from outline of the doctoral diploma and forth)
- Accredited institution involved – possibility of shorter and faster evaluation of doctoral program
- Application and enrolment on joint doctoral degree (no need to enrol to every institution)



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Some improvements:

- Possible changes, above all if new accredited institution are involved
- Teachers overload, quality regulations – number of hours of own institution
- Students should be considered as students of all partner universities



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Some improvements: (in financing – non only CEEPUS)

-We can benefit and exploit possibilities CEEPUS offer for joint PhD in partner network – possibility of bonus in applying for the funds

-Financing of the administrative and organizational costs

-Students able to apply for funds at each institution



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Some improvements:

- Funds for the scientific part of PhD studies, like financing of literature, publications, conferences, even practicum during the study (travel etc, primarily for students)
- Travel costs for students (and professors)
- Use of other EU funds