

THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST DECISION REGARDING THE DOCTOR EUROPAEUS/ EUROPAEA LABEL

PREAMBLE

Art.1.

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

European Doctorate is a supplement label, awarded in addition to the national doctorate earned in sciences or arts from the University of Bucharest (UB) doctorate diploma. It grants the Romanian doctorate recognition at the European level, in accordance with the herein set of compulsory criteria established by the UB following the rules of the *Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences*.

The goal of the European Doctorate is to facilitate the graduates' recognition of and integration in the EU academic, cultural and socioeconomic environment.

The specific goal of the UB is to consolidate the process of internalization of its doctoral schools and to ensure the highest quality of the doctoral programmes by stimulating and supporting doctoral students' international research and mobility.

The European Doctorate is awarded and recognized by European universities that participate in the programme and implement the label following the model and rules of the *European University Association*.

The European Doctorate is different from the international joint doctoral degree, which may be also added to the doctoral programme. All doctoral students can apply for a European Doctorate label, including those who benefit from an international joint doctoral degree, under the condition that they follow all criteria stipulated in the current decision.

The enrolment in the European Doctorate label, with the approval of the doctoral committee and the committee chair, as well as of the Committee of the Doctoral School and the Doctoral School director, is optional. The doctoral student may exit the European Doctorate any time before the defence of the thesis.

EUROPEAN DOCTORATE CRITERIA

Art.2.

- (1) Criteria for awarding the European Doctorate Certificate adopt the model of the *Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences*, that has recently become the *European University Association*.
- (2) Criteria for awarding the European Doctorate Certificate are:
 1. Doctoral candidate has gone through a UB accredited doctorate programme and enrolled in the European Doctorate the latest in the third year of doctoral studies.
 2. As part of the UB doctoral programme, the doctoral candidate has spent at least 3 months in two or more EU institutions outside Romania (Romania does not count as one of them): either two universities, or one university and one research institution.

3. The doctoral thesis is to be written and defended in a language of international circulation.

4. The agreement for the public defence of the thesis is underwritten by the Doctoral School on the basis two favourable reports signed by academics or researchers from universities or prestigious research from two EU countries (others than Romania). These two academics or researchers will be referred to as external experts. They will be approved by the director of the Council of the University Doctoral School and the doctoral committee chair, upon the consultation with the doctoral candidate and the doctoral committee. This approval will be also endorsed by the Council of the University Doctoral School. Experts' reports will be written in an international language with a large circulation and will include the fact that the thesis fulfils the scientific and deontological criteria of the European Doctorate.

5. At least one public defence committee member has to be an academic / researcher in a university or research institution from the EU (other than Romania) and to fulfill all criteria defined by Romanian legislation regarding the public defence committee. One of them may be an external expert.

EUROPEAN DOCTORATE IMPLEMENTATION

Art.3.

- (1) The UB Doctoral Schools (UBDS) upload on their website all documents regarding the European Doctorate, including the list of doctoral candidates enrolled in this programme.
- (2) UBDS, together with UB Doctoral Schools Committees, facilitate, implement, and monitor the European Doctorate at the UB.
- (3) The UB encourages and supports international mobilities to top 500 universities (in accordance with the respected academic rankings) with the goal of obtaining a European Doctorate and to prestigious research institutions from the EU and / or European consortia to which the UB belongs.

Art.4.

Doctoral candidates enrolled in the European Doctorate have to follow throughout doctoral studies the general requirements of the European Researchers' Charter (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/charter>).

Art.5.

- (1) Doctoral candidates' expenses for international mobilities destined to the European Doctorate are financially supported by the UB through Erasmus and Erasmus+ programmes, following the procedure that encourages the research performance of doctoral candidates, as well as by scholarships and research grants (including those from doctoral school budgets). Students who are in the grace period or who have postponed the defence will not be awarded mobility grants to obtain a European Doctorate certificate.
- (2) At the end of the period spent in a EU university, the doctoral candidate will submit a mobility report that has been signed by the professor / researcher who supervised their work during the mobility. The mobility period is recorded on the electronic platforms of the respective doctoral school.

- (3) UB supports financially the external expert's participation on the doctoral committee of the public defence.

Art.6.

The document file of the European Doctorate Certificate should include:

1. Application form to enrol in the European Doctorate programme (Annex 1).
2. Reports of the mobility abroad (Annex 2).
3. Reports written by the two external experts.
4. Report of the doctoral thesis defence, mentioning the committee decision to award the scientific title of Doctor in the field of the thesis to the doctoral candidate and the decision to award the *Doctor Europaeus/Europaea* to the candidate (Annex 3).

Art.7.

- (1) The European Doctorate Certificate, written in English, is issued by the UB after the title of Doctor is awarded in accordance with the national legislation, is signed by the UB Rector and by the UBDS director and it will accompany the Doctor Diploma.
- (2) The European Doctorate Certificate is submitted by the UBDS for the UB Senate approval. This certificate must contain the phrases *European Doctorate (Doctor Europaeus/Europaea)*.