



## The LINK EDU-RES project (2019-2022)

Joint programmes at doctoral level in a European University network: linking education and research towards the European Education Area



Joint Programmes at doctorate level  
*linking education and research*

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# Introduction

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# Brief history of the project

- The LINK EDU-RES project was initiated by the **YERUN working group on joint programmes** (Chair: Prof. Amaya Mendikoetxea, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) and fits into YERUN's strategic action on 'Promoting Education Collaboration' which has already published guidelines on joint bachelor and master programmes (4 BA+MA, 9 MA, 1 PhD in the YERUN network).



- Raise awareness** about the added value of Joint Programmes at Doctoral level
- Write guidelines and tools** for collaborative doctoral programmes
- Organize a Staff Week** (Madrid, 14 – 16 November 2018) to:
  - Present the advantages and the challenges of international collaboration at Doctorate level
  - Identify and describe the different types of 'structured mobility' at Doctorate level
  - Exchange good practices and share knowledge and experiences about doctoral training in collaborative contexts
- Encourage the **creation of consortia for student and staff mobility** around YERUN's identified key research topics: Big Data, Migration, Digital Humanities, Health and Ageing, Sustainability
- Encourage the development of collaborative PhDs** in any area in which there is research collaboration



# Objectives of the Link EDU-RES project

- **Main objective:**

*“to lay the ground for the creation of joint programmes at doctorate level in a European network of research universities”*

- **Results:**

1. Compile and examine the **requirements and regulations** for doctoral programmes in different European Countries
2. Analyze the different **types of doctoral collaboration** that YERUN universities are engaged in
3. Contribute to the debate on innovation in doctoral training **by identifying good practice** in collaborative doctoral training in a variety of settings
4. Design **guidelines and tools** for the development and running of joint programmes at doctorate level, which can be used by any European university
5. **Integrate research and education** by creating consortia of universities around key research topics identified by YERUN universities (Migration Studies, Health and Ageing, Digital Humanities) in order to promote the mobility of researchers and doctoral candidates
6. **Contribute to the training of doctoral candidates** and early career researchers in transferable skills
7. Contribute to the creation of the European Education Area by 2025 through **network cooperation**

# Results – Intellectual Outputs



Intellectual outputs		Leading Institution
<b>O1</b>	Website/portal on Joint Programmes at Doctorate Level ( <a href="https://www.jointphdprogrammes.com/">https://www.jointphdprogrammes.com/</a> )	UAntwerpen
<b>O2</b>	Guidelines for Developing and Running Joint Programmes at Doctorate Level	Rome Tor Vergata UAntwerpen
<b>O3</b>	Analysis of national and institutional doctorate regulations for successful cross-border collaboration in Joint Programmes at Doctorate Level	Maastricht University
<b>O4</b>	Analysis of experiences in international collaboration and doctoral training	UC3M
<b>O5</b>	Student Toolbox for Joint Programmes at Doctorate level	University of Essex
<b>O6</b>	Academic paper on the added value of Joint Programmes at Doctorate level	UAntwerpen

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- project
- Student toolbox (LINK EDU RES-project)
- Co-tutelles in European Universities: concept, aims and implementation
- Funding for doctoral networks by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Staff week: Learning from student experiences in international doctoral collaboration

**Practical guidelines**

- How to manage joint study programmes? (JOINMAN-network)
- Joint programmes from A-Z: a reference guide for practitioners (FaBoTo-project)
- Guidelines for good practice for awarding joint degrees (UOQAR-project)
- Handbook of good practices for doctoral mobility (DOCMOB-project)

**Information on quality assurance**

- European approach for quality assurance of joint programmes
- Guidelines for good practice for awarding joint degrees (UOQAR-project)

**Reports**

- Analysis of national and institutional doctoral regulations (LINK EDU RES-project)
- How to manage joint study programmes? (JOINMAN-network)
- Joint programmes from A-Z: a reference guide for practitioners (FaBoTo-project)
- Handbook of good practices for doctoral mobility (DOCMOB-project)
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Good practices in international    Key publications    Related projects about doctoral

## Toolbox for doctoral candidates

Whether you're contemplating a joint PhD or about to embark on one, this toolbox provides you with information to help your decision making and to navigate through the beginning of your journey. Choose a topic below to find out more.

In the toolbox, the term 'programme' has been used, but please bear in mind that the design of a programme can vary greatly between institutions and individual doctoral trajectories.

- Why choose a joint international PhD?
- Choosing your research and places of study
- Programme information
- How to work successfully with your supervisors
- Practical information for
- Research skills
- Experience of a joint
- Contacts

# Results – Intellectual Outputs

Yerun Young European Research Universities

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Maastricht University

**Institute for Transnational and Euregional cross border cooperation and Mobility / ITEM**

### Analysing National and Institutional Doctoral Regulations

The Road to Successful Cross-border Cooperation on Joint Doctoral Programmes



studies and international experiences in European research

An extensive survey and some tentative views of the Ca

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Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

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Available at [jointphdprogrammes.com](http://jointphdprogrammes.com)



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**Link EDU-RES GUIDELINES FOR GOOD PRACTICE**

*in DEVELOPING AND RUNNING*

## JOINT PROGRAMMES

Doctoral level

# Results – Training & Learning Activities



Teaching/Learning/ Training activities	Title	Leading Institution
C1	STAFF WEEK 1: From cotutelles to joint programmes (21-23 September 2021, hybrid, 57 participants)	Universität Bremen
C2	STAFF WEEK 2: Learning from student experiences in international doctoral collaboration (28-30 March 2022 – hybrid, 104 participants)	UC3M
C3	SUMMER SCHOOL on transferable skills for doctoral candidates and early career researchers (22-27 August 2022, on site, open for participants from outside the consortium)	University of Essex
C4	SEMINAR 1: Linking Education and Research in <i>Digital Humanities</i> (21-23 March 2022, on site, 17 participants)	UAntwerpen
C5	SEMINAR 2: Linking Education and Research in <i>Health and Ageing</i> (13-15 October 2021, on site, 14 participants)	Maastricht University
C6	SEMINAR 3: Linking Education and Research in <i>Migration Studies</i> (3-5 November 2021, on site, 9 participants)	Rome Tor Vergata

# Results – Training & Learning activities



# Results – Multiplier events



Multiplier events	Title	Leading Institution
E1	How to improve doctoral training through joint programmes? Analysis of experiences in international collaboration (17 February 2022, online, 86 participants)	UAntwerpen
E2	Maximising mobility and collaboration in doctoral programmes. Developing and running Joint Programmes in a European university network (15 June 2022, hybrid, 108 registrations)	Universität Bremen

All information regarding the project: <https://www.jointphdprogrammes.com/>