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| **THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS 8 HAS ESTABLISHED A EUROPEAN DOCTORATE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015** |

The « European Doctorate » or « Doctor Europeaus » is a classical doctorate degree with an additional « European label » delivered by the University of Paris 8 and signed by its President. It enhances the traditional doctorate by conferring on it the recognition of a European dimension and promoting the valorisation of the doctoral degree at the international level.

It is delivered to students of EU and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) member states.

This European label will be awarded to students complying with the following prerequisites:

1. The Doctoral thesis defence will be accorded if at least two professors from two higher education institutions of two European countries, other than the one where the thesis is defended, have given their review of the manuscript.
2. At least one member of the jury should come from a higher education institution in another European country, other than the one where the thesis is defended.
3. A part of the defence must be in one of the official languages, other than the one(s) of the country where the thesis is defended.
4. The thesis must have been partly prepared as a result of a research period of at least three months spent in another European country.

These dispositions are different from those governing the joint doctorate (*cotutelle* in French), in parallel to which the European doctorate can be awarded. The European label is not mentioned on the doctorate certificate but it can prove a real asset for the promotion of doctoral qualifications.

**Practical modalities**

The required formalities must be engaged by the doctoral student as soon as the beginning of his/her doctoral studies so as to integrate this procedure in his/her thesis planning (see application form)

The home research centre hosting the doctorate will make every possible effort to help the doctoral student in his/her quest of a host research centre in another European country. This must be coherent with the research fields involved in the partnership project of the home research centre.

The doctoral student who wishes to be awarded the « European doctorate » label will inform her/his Doctoral School before the defence of her/his thesis.

When registering for the submission of his/her thesis at the Doctoral School, the doctoral student will produce, appended to the composition of the jury proposed and signed by his/her thesis director, a document certifying that the thesis research work was carried out for at least three months in the research centre of another European country. He/she will join a report of his/her research period (see appropriate forms).

As requested in points 1 and 2, one of the two professors belonging to the two higher education institutions from two European countries who reviewed the thesis will participate in the jury.

The president of the jury will mention in the defence report that point 4 was duly fulfilled and will fill the complementary defence form.

A « European doctorate » certificate will be awarded together with the doctorate degree.

Application for the European doctorate comprises the following forms:

* Certification of research period in the host research centre
* Report on the research carried out abroad
* Complementary form of thesis defence
* Application form (to be downloaded)