

Key Issues for Early Stage Researchers - a Fact-Based Resume of 10 Years Eurodoc Work

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10 years Eurodoc work lie behind the association. Many doctoral candidates have become involved. But the most important issue – Eurodoc has become a voice of doctoral candidates in Europe.

To make the voice even more recognised and base statements in policy-making on facts, Eurodoc started to work on preparing a survey on the situation of doctoral candidates in Europe in 2005.

Finally in December 2008 due to the cooperation with the International Centre for Higher Education Research (INCHER) in Kassel/ Germany the attempt was started. By raising key questions on many points already addressed elsewhere (e.g. by the European Charter for Researchers), Eurodoc took this survey as an opportunity for at least trying to generate material capable of introducing political decision making. The outcome is a descriptive report – a feasibility study on the implementation of a professional panel on doctoral education in Europe.

The presentation held will pick up on some of the key issues that were raised in discussions by early stage researchers in the higher education context during ten years Eurodoc existence. It will illustrate developments in doctoral education throughout Europe based on the facts and figures of the report in comparison with other available survey material.