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# The « European Doctorate» Label



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## European doctorate" Label

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### About the European doctorate

The "European Doctorate" or "Doctor Europaeus" label is awarded Université Paris-Saclay. It applies to the national doctoral diploma, which is already recognised internationally under the L.M.D system, and recognises the European dimension of the doctoral project.

It concerns doctoral students from higher education establishments in the member countries of the European Community, extended to the other states of the European Free Trade Association (Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein).

All establishments in the European Community that are authorised to award a doctorate may award the "European label" at the time of the doctoral defence, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. Part of the doctorate must have been prepared during a research stay of **at least three months** in another European country.
2. Authorisation to defend is granted on the basis of reports written by **at least three professors**, two of whom must be from higher education establishments in **two European countries, other than the country in which the defence takes place**. The referee of the host laboratory may not be the rapporteur.
3. At least one member of the jury must belong to a higher education establishment in a European country other than that of the country in which the thesis is being defended.
4. Part of the oral examination must be conducted in an official language of the European Community other than that of the country in which the oral examination takes place.

This programme is distinct from [the cotutelle](#), which may be superimposed on it.

This label does not appear on the doctoral diploma, but it is an important element in enhancing the international profile of doctoral training.

### Practical details

#### From the start of the thesis

The procedure undertaken by the doctoral student should be envisaged from the start of the doctorate so that it can be integrated into the timetable for the completion of the thesis.

### **During the preparation of the doctorate**

The doctoral student's laboratory will do everything in its power to help the doctoral student find a host laboratory in another European country. This approach must be part of a partnership in line with the laboratory's research areas.

### **Before the defence**

Doctoral students wishing to obtain the "European doctorate" label must inform their doctoral school before the defence.

The doctoral school indicates in ADUM that the doctoral student is applying for a "European doctorate" label.

When submitting his/her defence dossier to the doctoral school, he/she completes his/her defence dossier with the full European label dossier.

In view of points 2 and 3, one of the two professors from two higher education establishments in two European countries must be present at the defence.

The doctoral student is responsible for preparing and printing all the necessary documents and forms and for replacing generic information with information specific to him or her. He/she is responsible for collecting the necessary signatures on his/her application for the "European doctorate" label.

The application for the "European doctorate" label consists of the following documents:

- ✓ This procedure
- ✓ The application form, dated and signed by all parties
- ✓ Report on the stay
- ✓ Certificate of stay in the host laboratory
- ✓ Additional deliberations of the Examining Board concerning the award of the "European doctorate" label
- ✓ Certificate of award of the "European doctorate" label

### **The day of the defence**

A copy of the complete application file for the "European doctorate" label is attached to the doctoral thesis defence report form and is provided to the Jury on the day of the defence.

The President of the Jury dates and signs the Jury's additional deliberations on the award of the "European doctorate" label.

### **After the defence**

The doctoral student submits the application file for the "European doctorate" label to the doctoral school of the institution where the thesis was prepared, including the additional deliberation of the Examining Board concerning the awarding of the "European doctorate" label, dated and

signed by the President of the Examining Board.

### **After the second submission of the thesis**

When the doctoral student has submitted his/her thesis for the second time, and the institution preparing the thesis is able to issue the attestation of successful completion of the doctorate, the doctoral schooling service will collect, at the same time as the attestation of successful completion of the doctorate is signed, the signature of the proposal to issue a European doctorate label by the head of the institution preparing the thesis or another delegate.

The doctoral school service sends, by e-mail, to the secretariat of the doctoral college of the Université Paris-Saclay:

- ✓ The complete scanned application file for the "European doctorate" label
- ✓ A copy of the attestation of successful completion of the doctoral programme
- ✓ The proposal to award the European doctorate label, dated and signed by the head of the institution preparing the thesis
- ✓ Word file of the attestation of award of the European doctorate label, completed and adapted (institution logo)

Maison du doctorat collects the signature of the President of Université Paris-Saclay on the attestation, archives the file and returns the signed attestation to the doctoral school department by post.

The doctoral school service gives the doctor the attestation of delivery of the European doctorate label.

## **Contacts**

- If you have any questions about this scheme, please contact your [doctoral school](#).

