

STRUCTURE /ORGANISATION OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES (2)

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Conclusions I

- **Bologna third cycle should acknowledge the diversity of Doctoral Programmes and PhD training.**
- **Deeper knowledge of the various scientific and cultural traditions and values is needed as prerequisites for future recommendations.**

Conclusions II

- **Core component of doctoral training is the advancement of research knowledge,
but it is recognised that doctoral training must increasingly meet the needs of a wider employment market than academia.**

Conclusions III

- **The duration of doctoral training will reflect both disciplinary and inter-disciplinary differences, but should preferably be no more than four years.**
- **Generic skill course work is needed but should form a small component of the doctoral training.**

Conclusions IV

- **Innovative structure/organisation changes should focus on the improvements of supervision arrangements and the creation of critical research mass.**
- **There is a need for greater transparency of doctoral programme opportunities in the new EHEA-ERA.**

Conclusions V

- **The new structures and organisational frameworks for doctoral training will have financial cost implications that cannot be ignored.**