

CARPE Symposium

Porto, 2025

Special Interest Group: Doctoral Education (DocEd@CARPE SIG)

Over the past 20 years, doctoral education and third-cycle programs have undergone significant changes in the European higher education area (Taylor, 2025). All the CARPE consortium members have been, directly or indirectly, impacted by these developments. Among the most recent are new EQF level 8 responsibilities of Polytechnics and Universities of Applied Sciences in Portugal, The Netherlands and Germany. Resulting in new degree awarding rights of these three CARPE members, we plan to capitalize on the opportunities that come with this development for the whole consortium.

With this newly formed SIG we would like to address two goals:

1. Exploring opportunities for the CARPE network: Identification of opportunities and concept development regarding third-cycle collaboration, e.g., joint degrees (cotutelle de these, EU Blueprint), internationalization of early career researcher experience, cross-border industry involvement, and doctoral candidates as change agents.
2. Higher education research: Research collaboration with a focus on the (new) third cycle responsibilities, e.g., regarding the concepts and impact of 'industrial', professional, application-oriented doctorates.

DocEd@CARPE SIG will discuss lessons learned and best practices. We want to carry out joint higher education research, disseminate the results and plan to enrich the policy debate in the EU on applied research and practice-orientated doctoral training. The SIG-members plan to apply for third-party funding and participate in related funding applications.



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All CARPE members are invited to express willingness to participate in the group's activities. Founding members are:

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Johanna Krappe (Co-lead), Turku University of Applied Sciences

Manuel Fernando Moreira da Silva & Celda Morgado, Politécnico do Porto

László Csernoch, Eszter Csoma & Zsolt Varga, University of Debrecen

Ana Maria Perez De Castro & Lynne Paula Yenush, Universitat Politècnica de València

Michael Gille, University of Applied Sciences Hamburg

In our first meeting of this newly founded Special Interest Group we would like to better under-stand the state of policy discussions and the different types of doctorates in each participant's country, identify possible research areas, and explore strategic perspectives for collaboration among CARPE members.

AGENDA AND SESSION CONTENTS

11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

1st session

Welcome and introduction

Framing the landscape and sketching the EQF 8 spectrum of doctoral education (two case presentations: P.Porto, Hogeschool Utrecht)

Research doctorates and professional doctorates are at two ends of the EQF 8 continuum. The new degree awarding rights for P.Porto and Hogeschool Utrecht represent two ends of this continuum. Based on the presented framework, participants will be given the opportunity to briefly introduce and locate 'their' respective doctorates within EQF 8.



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2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.

2nd session

Open space (possible topics: your special interests in doctoral education, industrial doctorates, 'application-orientedness' of research environment)

In this open format, we would like to learn from one another about our respective perspectives. Input will be prepared but does not need to be presented if other topics are given precedence by the participants.

4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

3rd session

Planning for the future

- a. *How to proceed with this SIG? → work plan*
- b. *Blueprint for a European Degree (EU COM)*
- c. *Possible calls (e.g. COST action, HORIZON)*
- d. *Conferences, journal contributions*
- e. *What is in it for CARPE?*

Co-lead will present a draft work plan for the first year of this newly found-ed SIG. We would engage in strategic considerations

Feel free to reach out to us and contact johanna.krappe@turkuamk.fi in advance if you want us to include specific topics or have questions.

