

## EUROGRADUATE-Workshop

### “Towards a joint study design? Advancements of national-level graduate studies and prospects for a European-level study”

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2015, DZHW, Goseriende 9, 30159 Hanover, Germany

#### Workshop objectives

Higher education (HE) research is witnessing increasing activities for improving data on HE graduates. In some countries attempts have been made to build new, regular national-level studies for tracking graduates (e.g. Lithuania, Poland, or Spain). In other countries researchers conducting national-level studies are planning to (considerably) revise their studies (e.g. France, Germany, Romania, or Switzerland). Furthermore, initiatives, such as the EUROGRADUATE feasibility study, have been taken to improve on the availability of comparative data on HE graduates.

This meeting brings together researchers involved in the above mentioned activities. Several research teams have approached EUROGRADUATE for an exchange on the prospects of a European graduate study and their own plans for revising their studies. EUROGRADUATE wants to provide a platform for the exchange of HE graduate researchers interested in collaboration and participation in a potential European graduate study and has thus set up this workshop with a threefold goal:

- (1) to provide an opportunity for mutual learning on (planned) revisions of studies and explore potentials for aligning revisions with a view to a possible European graduate study: (in)compatibilities of plans, fit of study designs with suggestions for a European graduate study, and leeway for adjustment of study designs
- (2) to have an expert discussion on the design of a potential European graduate study as suggested by the findings of the EUROGRADUATE feasibility study
- (3) to exchange on cooperation in a European graduate study: Would research teams want to participate in European study? What could be the way of cooperation, i.e. would their national-level study become part of such a study or would a European study rather be complementary?

The discussions of the workshop will deepen the understanding on how a European graduate study could be set up and designed. Outcomes of the workshop will directly feed into the EUROGRADUATE feasibility report. Furthermore the meeting provides an opportunity for getting to know each other and continue building a network for a potential European graduate study.

*Note:* A social dinner will be held October 14<sup>th</sup> (please let us know if you wish to participate). October 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> the workshop „Kooperation und Koordination in der empirischen Hochschul- und Wissenschaftsforschung“ (focussing on cooperation in German higher education research) will take place in Hanover as well.

## Workshop programme

9:00-9:15	Welcome coffee
9:15-9:30	Introduction
9:30-10:30	National-level studies I: Key characteristics, main challenges, and future plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Swiss <i>Graduate Survey</i>, BFS</li><li>- The German <i>Graduate Panel Study</i>, DZHW</li><li>- The French <i>Generation Survey</i>, Céreq</li><li>- The Lithuanian <i>Longitudinal study of graduates' career monitoring</i>, MOSTA</li></ul>
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-11:45	National-level studies II: Key characteristics, main challenges, and future plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Dutch <i>HBO Monitor</i> and <i>WO Monitor</i>, ROA</li><li>- The Norwegian <i>Graduate Survey</i>, NIFU</li><li>- The Czech <i>REFLEX</i> study, EPC</li><li>- The Hungarian <i>Graduate Career Tracking System</i>, Educatio Ltd.</li></ul>
11:45-13:00	Towards the design of a European graduate study <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Presentation: Suggestions of the EUROGRADUATE feasibility study</li><li>- Moderated discussion: Agreement, disagreement, and alternative suggestions to EUROGRADUATE recommendations</li></ul>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	The relationship of national-level studies and a European graduate study (moderated discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ways of participation in a European graduate study</li><li>- Fit of your study design and suggestions of morning session</li><li>- Leeway for adjustments and main challenges in that</li></ul>
15:30-16:00	Next steps of the EUROGRADUATE feasibility study and beyond
16:00-16:30	Wrap-up
End of meeting	