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# Early career researchers' landscape across Europe

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# Agenda



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Eurodoc: who we are?

Eurodoc: mission and vision

Eurodoc: main areas of activities

Basic statistics on ECRs across Eurodoc Members

# Short bio



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- Education: biotechnology, biomedical engineering, management
- DC in technical sciences: material engineering
- Entrepreneur in textile engineering (textronics)
- Eurodoc:
  - General Board Member 2015/16
  - President 2016/17
  - Advisory Board 2017/18
- Interests:
  - Open science&open data
  - Gender equality
  - Research quality&integrity

Specific: doctoral schools,  
evaluation of HEIs



# Who we are?



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- founded in Girona (Spain) in 2002
- a volunteer, not-for-profit, international federation of 32 member organizations (national associations - NAs) and 4 observers
- represents early career researchers and works to create a community of ECRs across Europe
- contributes to ERA and EHEA policies

**Eurodoc envisions an ERA and EHEA where all researchers are duly recognized and respected for the essential contributions they make**

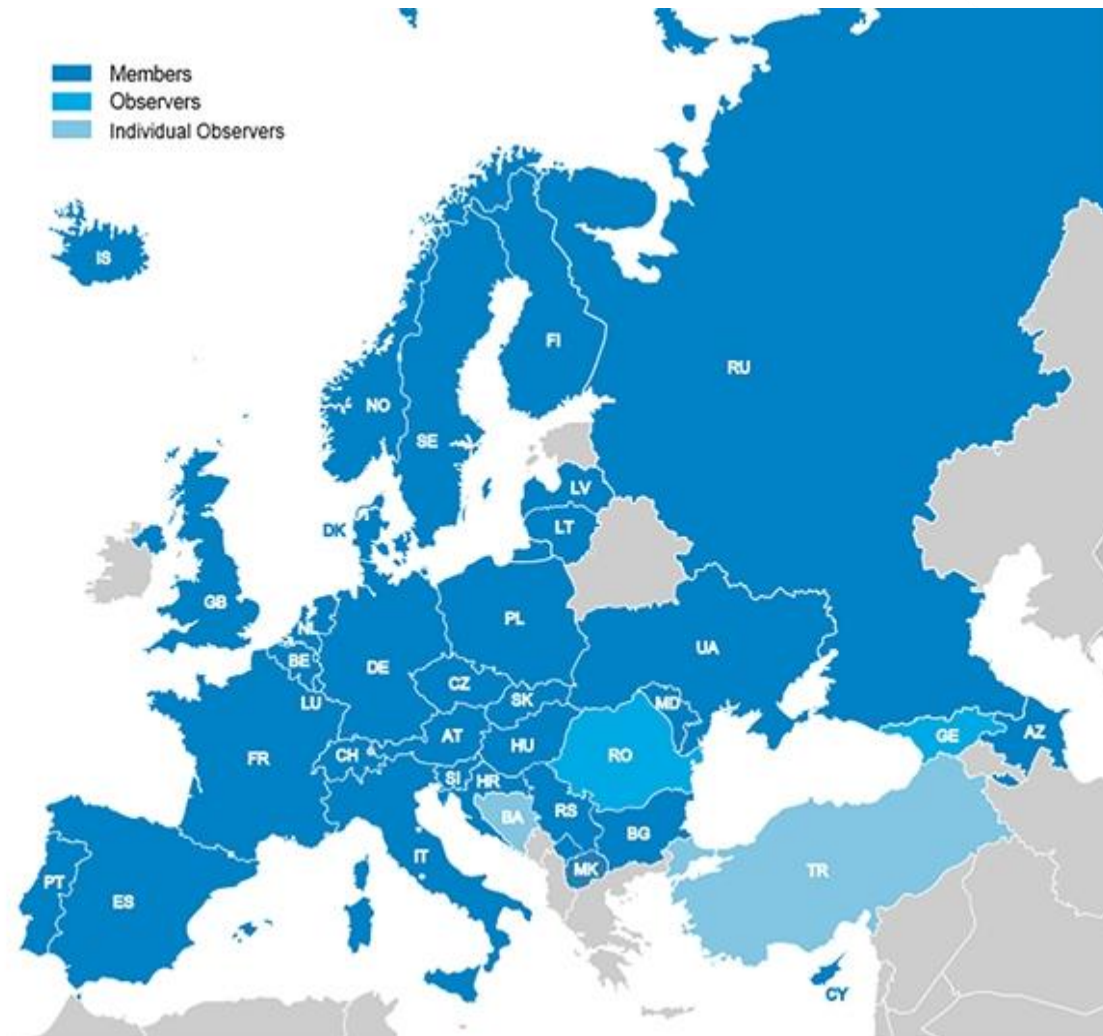
# Members



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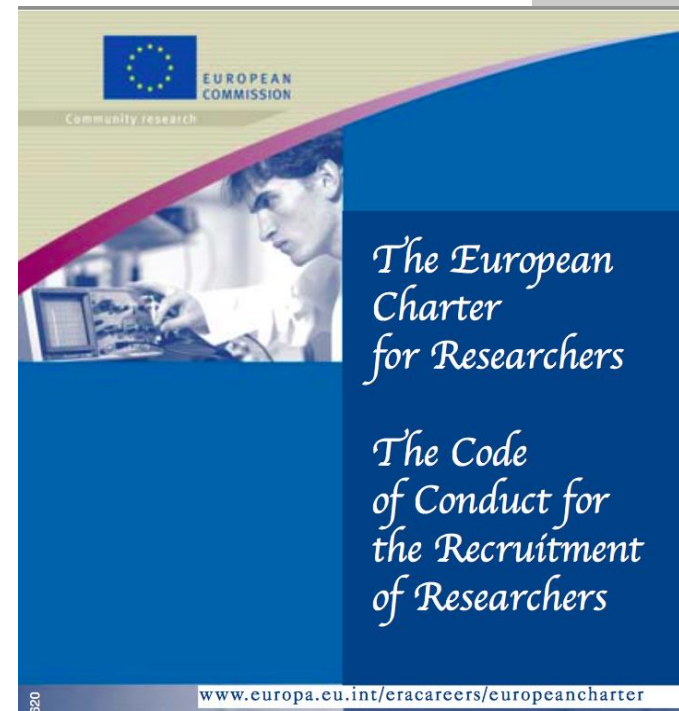
# Mission



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- represent and consolidate the community in our pursuit of a decent professional life
- act as a link and to promote and support cooperation between NAs
- participate actively in policy-making  
and in European funded research projects
- collaborate with other European and  
non-European organisations
- share best practices and circulate information  
among NAs  
(e.g. Charter & Code)



# What exactly we do?



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- monitor the social and working conditions of ECRs across Europe
- elaborate common position statements on policy issues and teaching and research practices
- represent the positions of ECRs to the relevant European bodies and stakeholders
- Taking parts in European projects



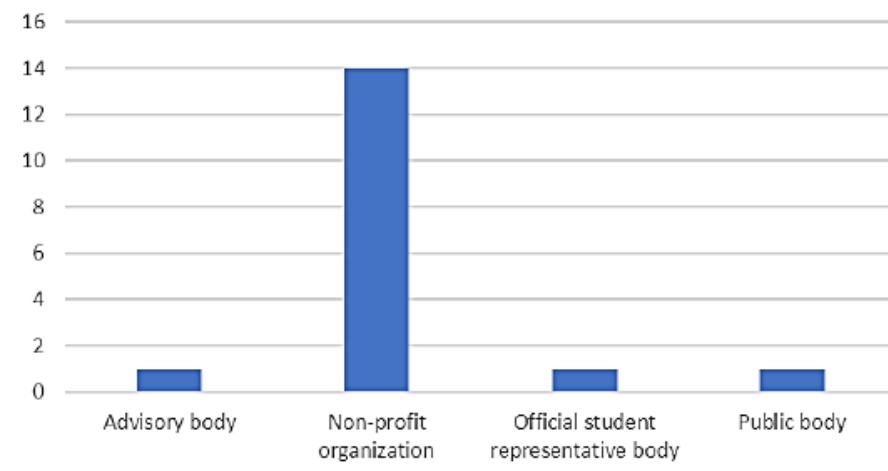
Directorate-General for Research and Innovation at the European Commission in Brussels, October 2017



# Basic statistics – NAs



Legal status



NA represents



■ Doctoral candidates ■ Doctoral candidates and Post-docs ■ Others

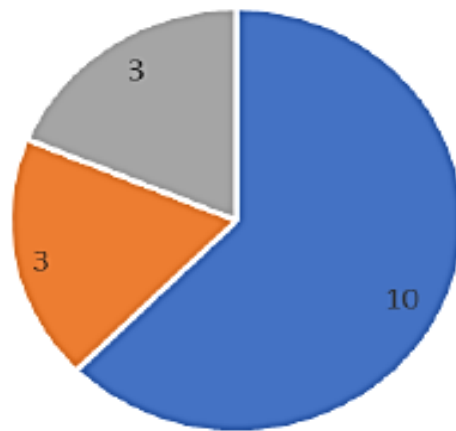
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# Basic statistics – DCs' status



Status of doctoral candidates



■ Student ■ Employee ■ Both

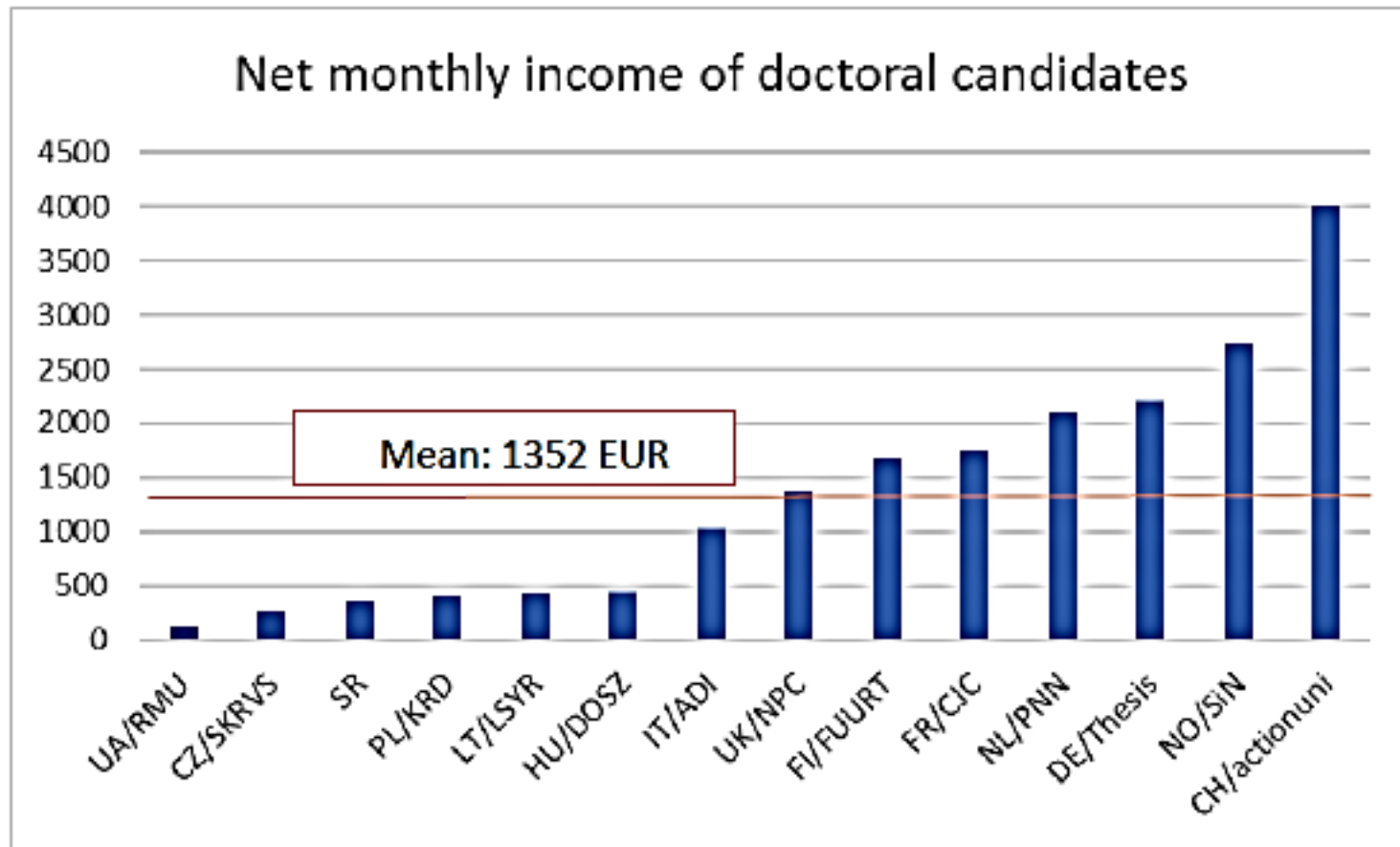
Preferred status for doctoral candidates



■ Employee ■ Student ■ Both

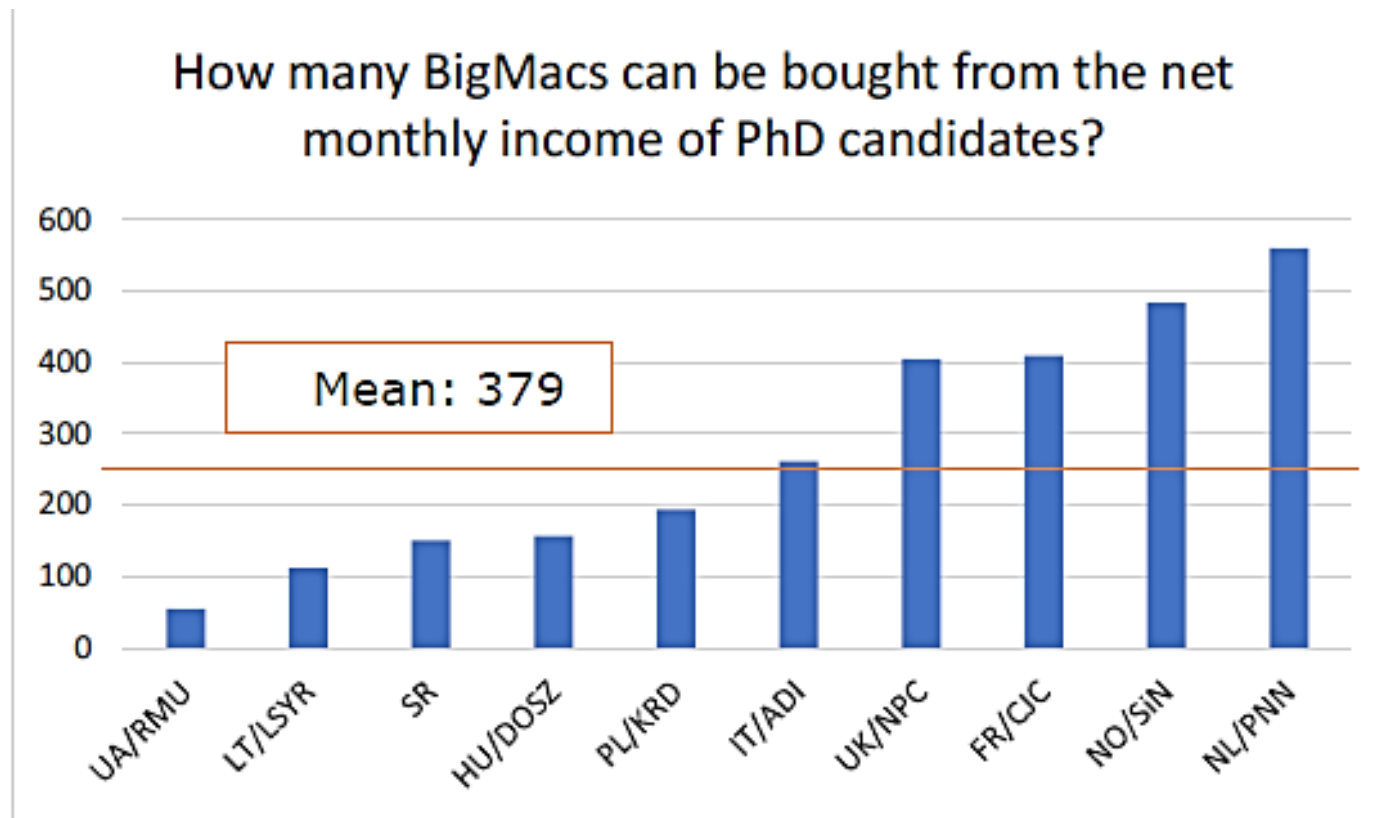
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# Basic statistics – income



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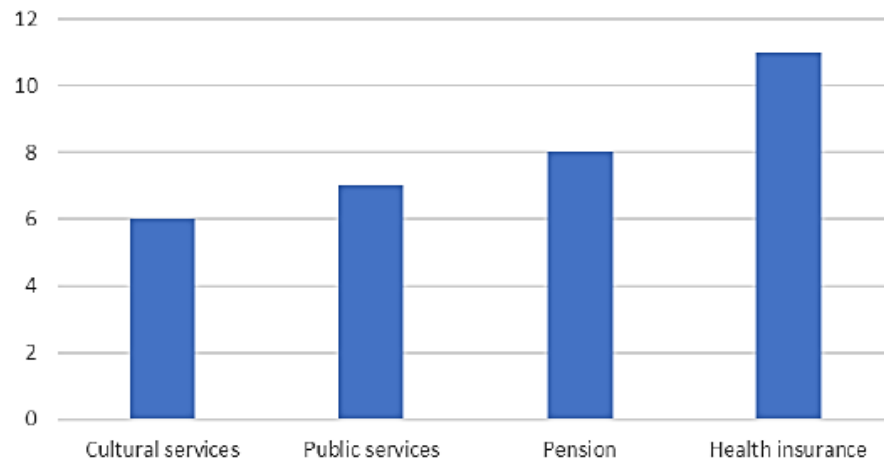


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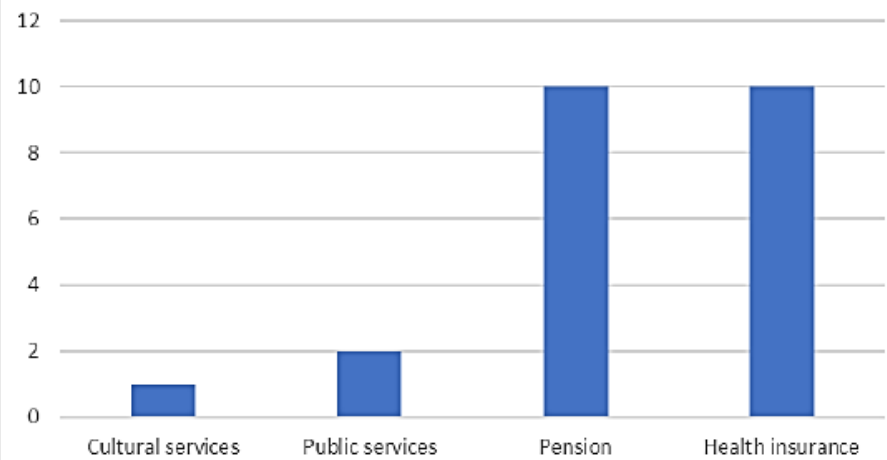
# Basic statistics – social benefits



Social benefits for doctoral candidates

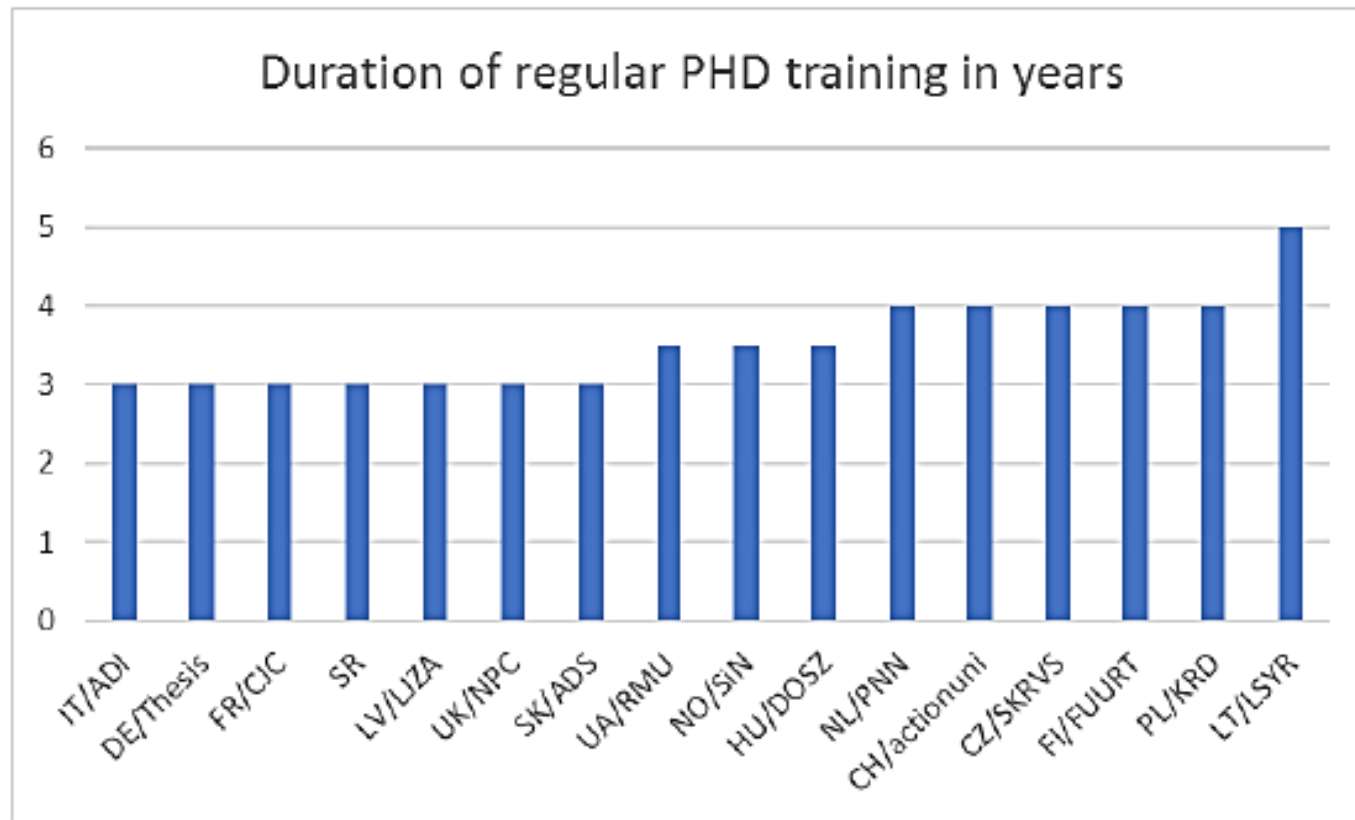


Social benefits for junior researchers



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source: Eurodoc AQ 2017

# Basic statistics – training



Note: methodology  
source: Eurodoc AQ 2017

# Basic statistics – defense



**Table 5 Averagely needed years to obtain the PhD**

Country	CH	CZ	DE	FI	HU	LT	NL	NO	PL	SK	SR	UA	UK	MEAN
Years	4	5-6	3-4	5-7	5-6	4-5	5	5	4-6	3-5	4-5	3-5	3.8	4.67

**Table 6 Percentage of PhD candidates successfully obtaining the PhD degree**

Country	Percentage, %
FR	60-90
HU	40-50
LT	70
LV	30
NL	75
NO	65
PL	41
SK	70
SR	50
UA	50-60
UK	84
Mean	59.64

Note: methodology  
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- Employment and Career Development
- Equality
- Interdisciplinarity
- Mobility
- Policy Research
- Open Access
- PhD Training



# Still hesitating?

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- Conferences and AGM
- International workshops
- Surveys
- Collaborate with important European stakeholders
- Projects:
  - SuperProfDoc (modern doctorates)
  - SAF21 ( effective fisheries management strategies)
  - Printeger (research integrity)
  - FOSTER (practical implementation of Open Science in H2020)

And many more...

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