



# **H2020-ITN-2017 Coordinators' Info Day**

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## **European Joint Doctorate (EJD)**

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# EJD Objective

To promote international, intersectoral and multi/inter-disciplinary collaboration in doctoral-level training in Europe through the creation of joint doctoral programmes, leading to the **delivery of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees**

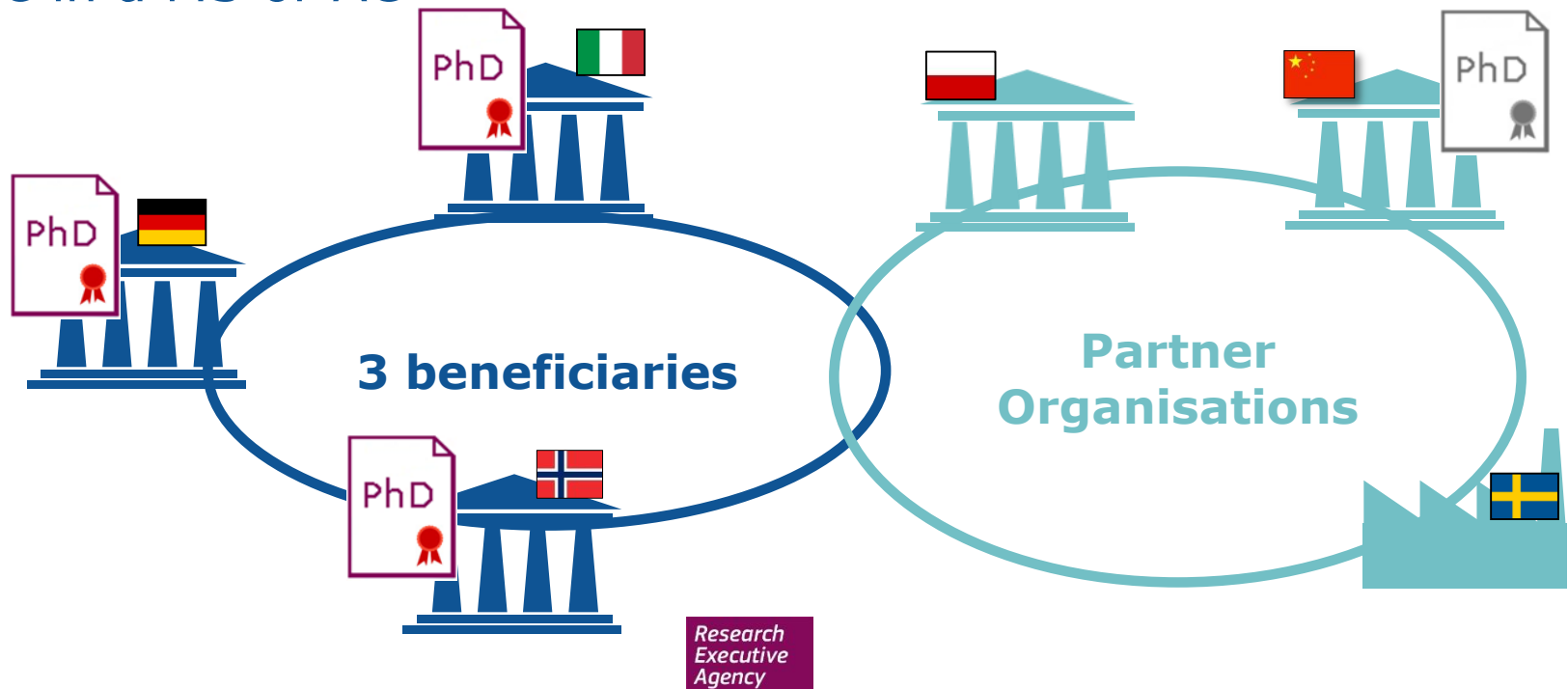
- **Joint degree:** a single diploma issued by at least two higher education institutions offering an integrated programme and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located
- **Double or multiple degree:** two or more separate national diplomas issued by two or more higher education institutions and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located



Consider **obligations and requirements** that researchers must fulfill to be entitled to be awarded with the PhD degree at each one of the degree-awarding institutions!

# Composition of an eligible consortium

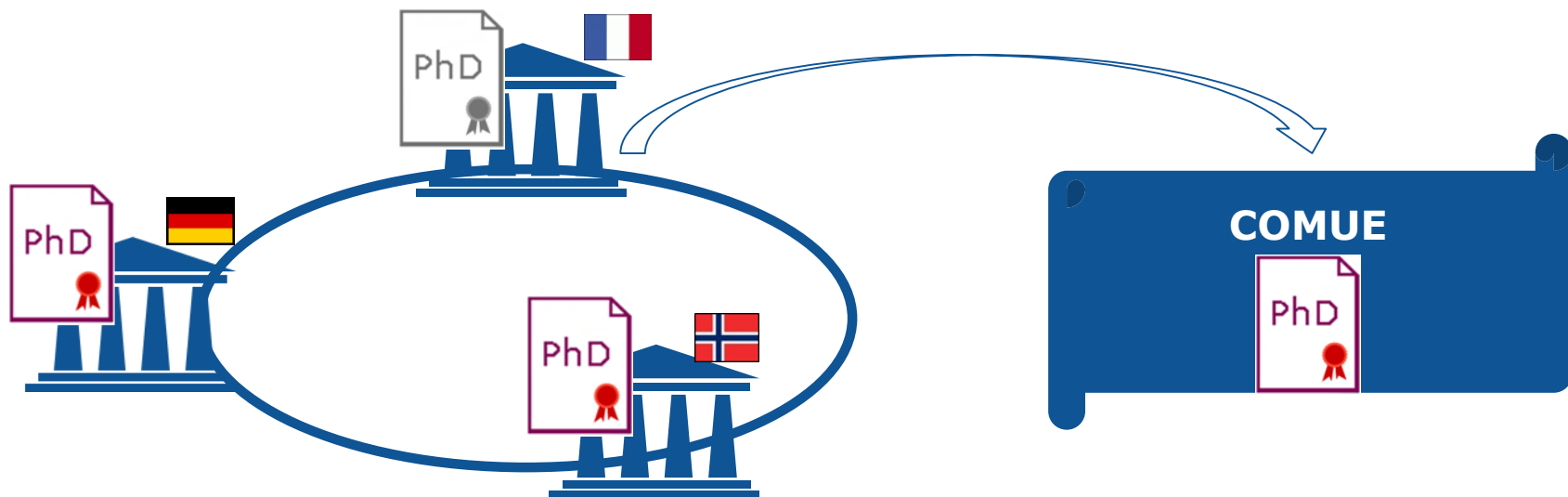
- Minimum of 3 *independent* beneficiaries (from the academic sector) located in different EU MS/AC
- Minimum of 3 beneficiaries entitled to award doctoral degrees
- At least 2 institutions conferring the joint/double/multiple degree are in a MS or AC



## *Transfer of the right to award the doctoral degree*

A beneficiary from the academic sector which has officially transferred the right to award the doctoral degree to a consortium of academic/research institutions to which it belongs may also participate **and would still count as a beneficiary entitled to award a doctoral degree**.

For example, this is the case of French COMUE (Communautés d'Universités et Etablissements).



# Mandatory requirements

- Each researcher shall be enrolled in a joint/double/multiple doctoral degree

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal4/desktop/en/support/faqs/faq-8368.html>

- Joint governance structure with joint admission, selection, supervision, monitoring and assessment procedures.
- Joint supervision of fellows
- The participation of beneficiaries from the non-academic sector is highly encouraged

# Recruitment option 1

Employed 100% by one beneficiary and sent to the other participating organisations for the share of time foreseen in Annex 1

## Recruitment option 2

Employed separately by each beneficiary for the share of time foreseen in Annex 1

- The researchers' eligibility (included mobility rule) is determined at the time of **their first recruitment** in the action
- The status of the researcher **will not evolve** over the life-time of the action



# Eligible Researchers

- Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs)
- Any nationality
- Transnational mobility mandatory

*At the time of recruitment by the host beneficiary, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date.*

*The mobility rule applies to the beneficiary where the researcher is recruited, and not to beneficiaries to which the researcher is sent or seconded. It is also only determined at one point in time: that of the **fellow's first recruitment in the action**.*

- The length of individual appointments: **3 – 36** months  
(36 months are highly encouraged for EJDs)

# Secondments

- The overall ITN rule apply: secondment to other beneficiaries and/or partner organisations are possible for up to 30% of the recruitment period (*contract duration*)



30% rule applies to each contract separately

- The 30% rule does **not** apply to EJD projects **as far as** secondments exceeding this rule occur in line with the Description of Action (for example, to fulfil obligations and requirements at each PhD-awarding institution)



## **1. Is it mandatory to appoint fellows for the maximum 36-month period under the EJD mode?**

Although not mandatory, this mode is designed to fund doctoral research programmes and therefore ESRs should generally be appointed for the maximum 36-month period.

## 2. Is it compulsory for the ESRs enrolled in a EJD to defend their thesis within 3 years?

No. In EJD the researchers must be **enrolled** in a doctoral programme leading to the award of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees (formal commitment to award joint doctoral degree required in the proposal).

In those countries where the duration of PhD study is formally 4 years, the participant is strongly encouraged to secure **additional funding from other sources** in order to fund the 4<sup>th</sup> year of doctoral studies.

### **3. Will it be checked whether the doctoral degree has actually been awarded in EJD mode?**

In cases when a doctoral degree will be awarded after the end of the fellowship or even after the end of the project, the REA may check if the commitment to provide doctoral training was fulfilled.

#### **4. Is it possible to arrange secondments to partner organisations in the same country where the PhD is hosted?**

Secondments within the same country are permitted, although international secondments are strongly encouraged in the Innovative Training Networks calls.



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## Reports & payment requests

HOW TO

Under Article 19 and Article 20 of the grant agreement (GA), the coordinator must submit to the Commission technical and financial reports, including requests for payment - specifically:

- **deliverables** identified in Annex 1
- **periodic report** (both technical and financial) within 60 days of the end of each reporting period (including the final one), including requests for payment
- **final report** at the end of the project ('action'). It consisting in a summary for publication and it is generated automatically by the IT tools.

**Reporting functionalities**

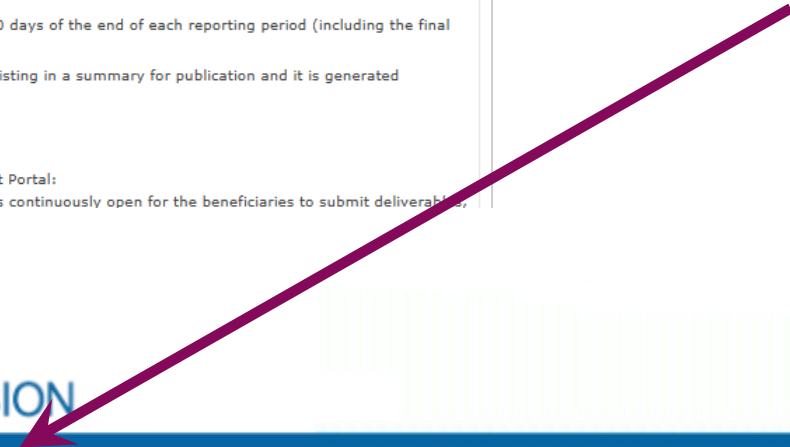
- **Continuous reporting functionality** in the Participant Portal:  
it is **activated at the time the project starts** and it is continuously open for the beneficiaries to submit deliverables.

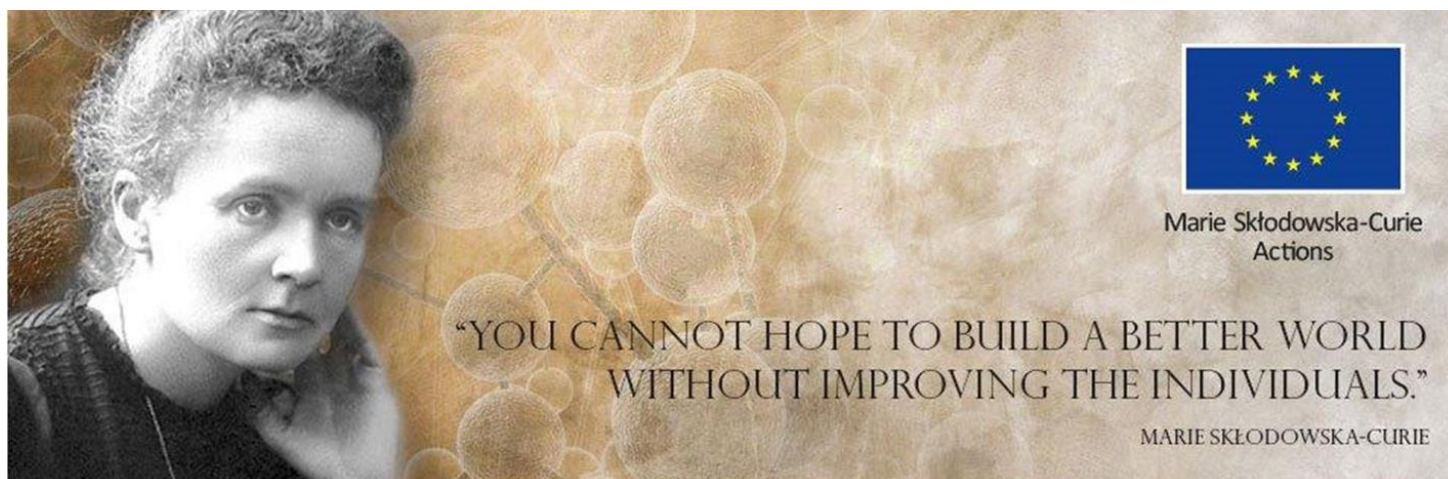
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