

Centralised Support to the Network of Higher Education Reform Experts (HERE)

Technical Assistance Missions (TAM) - QA in doctoral education

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Date of Visit	Oct 29-30
Themes	QA in doctoral education; Capacity building; Good practices; Institutional involvement; Supervision
Objectives of the visit	
Format of the activity (seminar, training, etc.)	Seminar with presentations and discussions
Brief description of activities conducted	<p>Introductory part (short presentations on the project and the state of the art given by the host representatives); a block of presentations on the status of doctoral education in Europe, QA, research and capacity building; each presentation has served as an introduction for open discussion, exchange of the ideas and experiences; at the end of the first day there was a global discussion and concrete examples-questions from the host.</p> <p>Second day was focused on the supervision, its role, necessary changes; the format was a short presentation followed by open, guided discussion.</p>
Participants targeted	<p>University management, University Committee for doctoral education, professors - supervisors, doctoral candidates, representatives from the responsible Ministry.</p> <p>About 30 participants.</p>
Main 'take-always' from the perspective of the expert	The doctoral education is the core activity of the university that is the main research-educational national institution and needs to be restructured; special emphasis has to be given to the QA, in particular capacity building and supervision.