**2025 EUA-CDE Thematic Peer Group**

#### Doctoral schools: building bridges beyond academia

**Application Form**

 **Deadline for submission: 10 September 2024**

Thematic Peer Groups (TPGs) organised by the EUA Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE) provide participating members with opportunities for mutual learning on selected topics. They contribute to a common knowledge base on doctoral education structures, policies and practices in Europe.

The 2025 EUA-CDE TPG will be dedicated to the topic of collaborative partnerships with non-academic sectors.

The main objectives of TPGs are:

* Mutual learning: discussion and exploration of success factors and areas for improvement in doctoral education structures, policies and practices in Europe;
* Common knowledge base: contribution to a common knowledge base on doctoral education in Europe by identifying key lessons learnt on the topic.

Based on mutual learning during the meetings, the TPG is expected to result in a report outlining key lessons on the selected topic.

By completing the application form, you acknowledge that you are signing up on behalf of your institution and that you have been endorsed by the institutional leadership as your institution’s representative. If selected to participate, your institution will be responsible for organising and covering the cost of your travel and accommodation for the TPG meetings.

***Please note that TPGs are reserved for*** [***EUA-CDE members***](https://eua-cde.org/membership.html) ***only.*** ***Please check that your institution is a member of EUA-CDE before filling this application form.***

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*Please submit your application by sending this form in* ***Word format,*** *by 10 September 2024 to Ana-Maria Peneoasu at* ana.maria.peneoasu@eua.eu*. The file should be named using the last name(s) of the author(s), e.g., Smith\_Jones.docx. Please do not send a hard copy or a PDF file.*

*Please note that all fields are obligatory.*

**Basic information**

**Name of the institution:**

**Country of the institution:**

**Institutional representative to be involved in the work of the TPG:**

* Each university should be represented by a vice-rector, head of doctoral school or other person in a senior position with responsibilities in doctoral education.

**Name and surname:**

**Position:**

**E-mail address:**

**Motivation (please respond to all the questions)**

* Please describe your institution’s motivation to apply for the TPG and the value you think it will bring to your institution (max. 200 words).
* Please present 1-2 collaborative initiatives/examples developed by your institution with non-academic partners , preferably not limited to the business sector (max. 200 words).
* Describe your personal experience and your institution’s experience on this topic (max. 200 words).
* Based on your experience, when partnering with non-academic sectors which were the success factors and what elements could be improved in the future to foster such collaboration (max. 200 words)?
* Do you see any future trends or opportunities that could stimulate more productive partnerships between the academic and non-academic sectors (max. 200 words)?
* In general, how relevant is collaboration with partners outside academia at doctoral level in your institution? (very relevant, relevant, irrelevant, very irrelevant). Please justify your response in max. 100 words.
* Will you be available to attend approximately 3 in-person meetings (full days) of this TPG in the course of this and next year? (Y/N)

**Chair**

* Would you like to chair the TPG? (Y/N)

**Host a meeting of the new Thematic Peer Group**

* Would your institution be interested in hosting one of the physical meetings of the TPG? Please note that hosting TPG meetings does not include any financial obligations for your institution. (Y/N)

Thank you for submitting your application.