

Accountable Research Environments for Doctoral Education (ARDE)

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Focus Group 4:

Evaluating and Assessing Doctoral Education

What value do institutions place on their doctoral schools and programmes and how are they assessed by external evaluators? What is the place of doctoral education in national research assessments and quality assurance frameworks, and where can good practices be identified? The discussion will focus on how the research capacity of institutions is/should be assessed, how the structures of doctoral schools can/should be evaluated and how these elements can be combined to the benefit of universities. The focus group will also look at the balance between autonomy and control as well as the opportunities and constraints of evaluations as a means to enhance quality.

Programme

09.00 - 09.30 Coffee

09.30 - 10.00 Welcome word and presentation of ARDE Project

10.30 - 11.00 ARDE Survey – results on evaluating and assessing doctoral education

11.00 - 12.00 Round table presentation I

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 14.00 Round table presentation II

14.00 - 15.00 Gallery walk*

15.00 – 15.20 Coffee

15.20 - 16.00 Common discussion of outcomes

The 'Gallery Walk' is an exercise whereby small groups of participants circulate among flipcharts containing key questions and are invited to contemplate the issues, discuss them and write their comments underneath, as well as comment on the statements of other groups.