

Eurodoc 2007 Questionnaire

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

▪ **Deadline for submission of answers: 05/03/2007 16:00 CET**

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Part One: Current Status

1. Have there been any changes in the status and/or conditions of doctoral candidates in the past year? Have there been any major changes in Higher Education or Research policies in country the past year? If yes – how have this affected the conditions of ESR's?

YOUR ANSWER ☒ No major changes, only minor connected to extension of the PhD-contract (and thus the payment of salary to the candidate) due to leave.

2. What are the major concerns of doctoral candidates in your country? And how is your association trying to address them?

YOUR ANSWER ☒ Extension of the PhD-contract due to taking care of a sick child or yourself being sick shorter than 14 days continuously is a concern. Terms connected to the 25% duty work is also a concern. We try to address these questions through different channels into the Ministry of Education. The activity of the national organisation is, however, at a minimum level at the present time, so not a lot of work is being done.

3. Have your Association heard of The European Charter and Code of Conduct? If yes – has it affected anything with regards to the condition of ESR's in your country?

YOUR ANSWER ☒ No

4. Have your association done anything to promote it or are you planning a promotion campaign? If yes – please give details – If no explain why?

YOUR ANSWER ☒ No. This is, again, due to the low activity level of the national organisation.

5. What have been the major projects for your association this past year?

YOUR ANSWER ☒ There has been a discussion about the activity level of the national organisation. SiN has also answered two hearings from the Ministry of Education.

6. Does your association feel that being a part of Eurodoc has been fruitful this past year?

YOUR ANSWER ☒ Due to the low activity of SiN, the involvement in Eurodoc has been rather low.

7. In how many and which languages do you receive you doctoral diploma and diploma information?

YOUR ANSWER ☒ Two languages, English and Norwegian (with the choice of either Norwegian bokmaal, Norwegian nynorsk and Samii)

Part Two: The Future

8. What are the major goals your association hope to reach in the next year or two?

YOUR ANSWER ☛Our main goal is to maintain contact between PhD students and PostDocs in the different PhD awarding institutions in Norway.

Another goal is concerning the rights concerning sick leave for PhD students. At the time being a student (or his/her child) has to be on sick leave for two consecutive weeks to be able to prolong the PhD time. This is not a good situation if we want to encourage women to continue with a PhD or PostDoc position. This is being discussed locally, and the rules are practiced differently at the different institutions. A goal would be to lift the discussion to a national level and work for an equal practice based on a more fine grained resolution than two weeks.

9. What would be the major topics you would like Eurodoc to focus on the next years?

YOUR ANSWER ☛Promoting co-work between the national organizations, promoting circulation of information concerning PhD students and PostDocs.

10. How do you see your association contributing to reaching these goals?

YOUR ANSWER ☛By circulating the information concerning young researchers at a national level and by informing EuroDoc if relevant information surfaces at the national level.