



UNIVERSITY OF LORRAINE

EUROPEAN DOCTORATE LABEL

ISSUANCE OF THE EUROPEAN DOCTORATE LABEL

In April 1991, the Liaison Committee of the European Union's Rectors' Conferences adopted a text on creation of a "European doctorate".

It is a "label" awarded as a supplement to the Doctorate delivered by a European university when the four following conditions are met:

1 – CONDITIONS

1. Authorisation to defend a thesis is given on the basis of reports drafted by at least two professors belonging to two higher education institutions from two Member States of the European Community other than the one in which the doctorate is defended.
2. At least one member of the Thesis Defence Committee must belong to a higher education establishment of a Member State of the Community other than the one in which the doctorate is defended.
3. An **additional** part of the thesis defence - including questions - must be presented in a language of the Community other than the national language(s) of the country in which the doctorate is defended. In addition, a summary of the content of a scientific article likely to be published must be written in the same foreign language, and **attached** to the manuscript.
4. The PhD must have been partly prepared during a stay of at least one term in another member country of the European Community, in partnership with a person accredited to supervise research in that country.

2 – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Before the thesis is defended: The European Label application must be filed at the same time that the pre-examiners and members of the Thesis Defence Committee are proposed ("European Label" box to be ticked on the "thesis defence application" form).

Conditions 1, 2 and 4 are checked by My Doc' Door (Maison du Doctorat) on the basis of:

- the "thesis defence application" form for conditions 1 and 2
- a document drafted by the Thesis Supervisor certifying that the student has spent time abroad, in compliance with the provisions set out in point 4.

After the defence of the thesis: In view of the thesis defence report certifying that the 3rd condition has been successfully met by the applicant, a European Label certificate is issued by the President of the University.