



Decision No. 19/15.02.2021  
adopting the amendment of the implementation criteria for the European  
Doctorate at Babeş-Bolyai University

Considering Decision no. 1295/08.02.2021 of the Babeş-Bolyai University Administrative Council on the *amendment of the implementation criteria for the European Doctorate at Babeş-Bolyai University*,

Considering the positive recommendation of the Committee on Scientific Research and the Committee on Legal Affairs,

Pursuant to Article 18, point (e) of the Regulation on the Organisation and Operation of the Senate,

the Babeş-Bolyai University Senate,  
reunited in the online meeting on 15 February 2021,  
decides:

Art. 1. Section II.2 of the Addendum to Senate Decision no. 21.480/08.11.2016 on the European Doctorate at Babeş-Bolyai University is supplemented by adding a new paragraph with the following content: *“As an alternative, the minimum four-month training period can also be carried out in a remote (online) format, subject to a Traineeship Agreement, which expressly outlines the doctoral student’s individual research/course of study plan and is signed by the doctoral student’s supervisor and the traineeship tutor from the partner university.”*

Art. 2. The Decision on the European Doctorate at Babeş-Bolyai University, with the amendment mentioned in Article 1, will be republished.

President

Professor Florin Streteanu, PhD

Secretary

Anca Ghingheli



Addendum to Senate Decision no. 19/15.02.2021

## The European Doctorate at Babeş-Bolyai University

### I. Introduction

The European Doctorate programme (*European PhD or Doctor Europaeus/Europaea*) originated from an initiative of the former *Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences* (today *European University Association*) aimed at promoting the integration of doctoral graduates from the European Union into the European academic and socio-economic environment.

Although it is not formally regulated today - i.e. by an institution of the European Union -, the European Doctorate is offered by a number of universities in the European space, following the model proposed by the *Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences* (see the list appended to the material which includes a selection of prestigious universities from the most representative countries implementing the European Doctorate).

The implementation of the European Doctorate at UBB serves as a mechanism for internationalisation and quality assurance of doctoral studies at UBB, fostering a stronger integration of research into doctoral education at UBB.

### II. Criteria for awarding the European Doctorate at UBB (based on the criteria proposed by the *Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences*):

1. The student has completed a UBB accredited doctoral programme and enrolled in the European Doctorate at the latest in the second year of doctoral studies (upon starting the research programme within the doctoral studies). All doctoral students can apply for a European Doctorate label, application is optional and the doctoral student can withdraw from this route before the scheduling of the viva.
2. The doctoral programme requires that the student spends at least four months in at least one EU institution (outside Romania and no more than two universities).

As an alternative, the minimum four-month training period can also be carried out in a remote (online) format, subject to a Traineeship Agreement, which expressly outlines the doctoral student's individual research/course of study plan

and is signed by the doctoral student's supervisor and the traineeship tutor from the partner university.

3. The approval of the public defence of the thesis is conditional upon two favourable reports signed by at least two reviewers, academics or researchers from prestigious universities or research institutions from EU countries.
4. At least one member of the doctoral defence committee has to be an academic/researcher in a prestigious EU university or research institution.
5. The doctoral thesis is written and defended in a language of international circulation.

UBB encourages looking for European collaborators from universities in the top 500 (in the global universities rankings), from prestigious research institutions in the European Union and/or from European consortia where UBB is a member. Reviewers and members of the public defence committee must be prestigious academics/researchers who meet all criteria established by UBB legislation regarding the public defence committee. Also, where possible, the inclusion of UBB doctoral studies into European Union programmes (e.g. Marie Curie networks) and/or in consortia organised in the doctoral field can facilitate the development of the European Doctorate programme (see EDGE - <http://www.edge-page.net/>).

### III. UBB European Doctorate Certificate

The Doctoral Diploma issued in accordance with national legislation will be accompanied by a European Doctorate Certificate, in English, issued by UBB.

The Certificate template will be submitted by the UBB Council for Doctoral Studies and will be approved by the UBB Administrative Council. It must include the label "*European Doctorate (Doctor Europaeus/Europea)*".

### IV. Implementation of the European Doctorate

The UBB doctoral schools will publish on their own webpage the European Doctorate route and will list the doctoral students who choose this route.

The Doctoral Studies Council, in collaboration with the UBB Scientific Council, encourages and monitors the implementation of the European Doctorate at UBB.