



Cotutelle within the 4EU+ Alliance

The EU4+ Alliance includes, in addition to the Charles University, Københavns Universitet, Sorbonne Université, Universität Heidelberg, Università degli Studi di Milano, Uniwersytet Warszawski and now also Université de Genève. One of the key areas and strategic priorities of the 4EU+ University Alliance is the development of innovative educational mechanisms and academic cooperation across all partner institutions. This includes the dual supervision of dissertations (cotutelle), in which the student has one supervisor from the Charles University and one supervisor from a foreign university, and is normally required to spend part of their studies at both institutions. Due to the professional reputation and prestigious status of the associated universities, there is a growing interest among students in this type of cooperation within this Alliance. This poster therefore presents the most frequently asked questions about the interdependence of cotutelle and the 4EU+ Alliance, together with a brief formulation of the answers.

1) If I study cotutelle with one of the partner universities, will I get a financial support?

At the moment, the Alliance does not automatically offer funding for cotutelle studies, but it is possible to apply for funding through the various calls and competitions that are launched within the Alliance. It is also possible to follow the same procedure as in the case of regular cotutelle agreements and to use, in addition to the Mobility Fund of Charles University, the financial programmes to support mobility within individual faculties (in addition to the traditional mobility funds, also PROGRES, other internal faculty calls, Erasmus+ programme) or the designated part of the budget of a grant project (GAČR, TAČR, GAUK, SVV, PRIMUS, UNCE...) if the student is part of it. Support in this respect can also be provided by a foreign (partner) institution and other independent funds and foundations (for example, the French Institute in Prague, etc.).

2) Is the admission procedure at other universities within the 4EU+ alliance simplified in any way for existing students of the doctoral programmes of Charles University?

To be able to conclude a cotutelle agreement, you need to go through the standard admission procedure at both partner universities and enrol for studies. The agreement for a dual supervision of dissertations can only be concluded afterwards.

3) What diploma(s) will I receive after completing the cotutelle in the cooperation between Charles University and one of the Alliance partners?

Upon successful defence of the dissertation, the candidate receives a doctoral degree (jointly awarded by both institutions), followed by one university diploma and a diploma supplement from each partner.

4) What is the benefit of the 4EU+ Alliance for the preparation of cotutelle agreements?

The main benefit for potential applicants is the intensive networking of academics and departments sharing academic and scientific practices and interests. The 4EU+ project can therefore be of particular help to those interested in cotutelle studies who are interested in collaborating abroad, but do not have the contacts to arrange such collaboration with specific academics of a similar focus. A key framework for establishing academic and scientific collaborations is the list of 'flagships', i.e. flagship research areas that the Alliance is developing and which bring together renowned experts across the diverse spectrum of academia at all participating institutions. An overview of these areas, together with the responsible coordinator for the UK, is given on the Alliance's website (www.4euplus.eu).

If you are interested in a PhD study with dual supervision of dissertations in cooperation with academics from one of the project's partner institutions, do not hesitate to consult the Alliance's website www.4euplus.eu. Methodological supervision of the process of concluding cotutelle agreements at the Charles University is the responsibility of the Department of Quality of Education and Accreditations, whose employee Mgr. Jan Potoček (jan.potocek@ruk.cuni.cz) will be happy to answer any questions on the operational and procedural side of the matter.