In the process of strengthening the quality of European research it is indispensable to consider how best to develop the next generation of researchers.

Therefore, Aarhus University and the University of Edinburgh have taken the initiative to set in motion a process towards a common understanding on Excellence in European Doctoral Training.

In the light of ongoing debates over the third cycle in the Bologna process and building further on the “Salzburg II” recommendations and the Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training the ambition is to reach a common understanding across Europe on how to promote quality, transparency and mobility in the third cycle, and define the place for doctoral education in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the European Research Area (ERA).

The launch of the process involves:

- A high level dialogue in September 2012, held at Aarhus University.
- A broad conference on Excellence in Doctoral Training, held at University of Edinburgh, early 2013.

Invited to participate in the process are: The European Commission, The major European university organizations (Coimbra, LERU, and EUA), outstanding European universities, and major granting organizations.

Read more about the initiative at: www.au.dk/DoctoralExcellence