

Press release

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# New transferable skills for doctoral education

# THE DOCENHANCE PROJET COMPLETED

After three intensive years, the EU-funded DocEnhance project has come to an end, resulting in the development of a career-tracking survey and an online platform hosting a set of transferable skills courses available for Higher Education institutions to implement in their existing doctoral programmes.

# **FINAL EVENT IN NOVA UNIVERSITY, LISBON**

Representatives of higher education institutions, the non-academic sector, doctoral graduates, sister projects, and other stakeholders gathered at NOVA University, Lisbon on 13 December for DocEnhance's final event on "Transferable skills in doctoral education". The DocEnhance Platform was presented as the project's main legacy, providing three ready-to-use courses on transferable skills for doctoral education, piloted and evaluated by students and teachers.

#### THE DOCENHANCE PLATFORM

The platform, accessible at <a href="http://courses.docenhance.eu">http://courses.docenhance.eu</a>, hosts courses developed and piloted by the project on data stewardship, career management and entrepreneurship, and supervision. Each course is structured in three interlinking learning modules: online learning resources (lectures, tools and case studies), followed by group work to be implemented locally, and an assignment to be provided by regional employers. The courses have been designed as open educational resources to be easily adapted and integrated into existing curricula and Moodle platforms; they can also be used as self-learning resources for supervisors and doctoral graduates.



## **CAREER-TRACKING SURVEY**

Another project legacy is the development of a career-tracking survey among doctoral graduates of nine European universities, resulting in <u>a report on the main findings</u>, as well as <u>good practice recommendations</u> for implementing a career-tracing survey of doctoral graduates in higher education institutions. As a result of this project, higher education institutions and policymakers have access to key findings on doctorate candidates' career pathways and transferable skills training.

## **TO FIND OUT MORE**

All project resources are available at <a href="https://docenhance">https://docenhance</a> and on the <a href="DocEnhance">DocEnhance</a> Community on Zenodo.

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