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Announcement: Workshop on Professionalization of Ph.D. supervision

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Place: CAAS, Dubrovnik

Target group: university staff members from Montenegrin and Albanian universities who are supervising doctoral candidates and experienced supervisors who want to share their insights with starting supervisors.

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Introduction

For many scholars supervising doctoral candidates is one of the most satisfying things that they can do. Helping a new scholar to become an independent researcher is a significant achievement. Overall, the majority of supervision experiences are very positive. Many candidates and supervisors stay in contact for the rest of their academic careers and some even become life-long friends.

As emphasized in the ten Salzburg Principles and taken up again in the Salzburg Recommendation, supervision is the key to the success of doctoral education. However, we all do not necessarily have an innate ability to provide high quality supervision, in particular if we take on a candidate the first time. Moreover, each candidate is different, has a different background, different expectations, different working and learning styles, different career aspirations etc. Thus an exchange with peers in a dedicated forum has proven very valuable in many higher education institutions and both, 'newcomers' and more experienced supervisors may find it useful to attend this workshop. Workshops dedicated to the topic of "professionalization of supervision" have been established globally in leading research universities to support scientists in mastering their multiple challenges as a measure of their professional development. Learning never stops, and this is especially true at universities.

For the first MARDS workshop for supervisors we have formulated the following goals:

- Putting doctoral education and supervision into the global context
- Transferring knowledge about the state of art of supervision and linking it to participants' local context
- Sharing and reflecting on own supervisory experience
- Understanding basic principles of good supervision practice
- First clarification on key roles and responsibilities
- Formulating points for concrete individual action.

During this two-days workshop we will strive for a nice balance between transfer of knowledge on theory and policy on the one side and the exchange of valuable experiences between yourselves and the collective development of plans for the near future on the other side!

When you register we will invite you to short preparatory activities which will help us to fine tune our program.