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THE CZECH
ASSOCIATION
OF DOCTORAL
RESEARCHERS

Who are we:

- Founded in 2016
- Volunteering organization; society (per law)
 - any doctoral researcher enrolled in doctoral study in the Czech republic might become a member (we are open to international students as well)
- Any member of ČAD can be a candidate for member of the board
- Activism

Why was ČAD founded?

- Doctoral researchers are students by law, however, ECR at the same time (some of them are also employees) – what is their role? Who should represent them? It seemed nobody cared.
- Scholarship stagnation (2008-2018: 4k – 13k Kč/month) = (160 – 520 EUR/month); below minimal wage
- Without social benefits, health insurance
- <50 % success rate of Ph.D. studies, only 10% finish in time (3 – 4 years) (depending on the institution)

What we do:

- 1) agenda setting, lobbying for doctoral researchers' interests (members of government and estate administration, universities, institutions, stakeholders, etc.)
- 2) taking part in ongoing discussions on doctoral education in CZ (conferences, round tables, panel discussions)
- 3) raising awareness about doctoral education:
 - - sharing good practices, surveys, and systematic problems of ECR – Fb, LinkedIn, building a community (target audience: doctoral researchers, peers)
 - - media: article writing, communicating with journalists (radio, newspaper, podcast, etc.) (target audience: broader society)
 - - workshops, seminars, discussions
 - - 2 guides (issued together with SK RVŠ) – for 1st yr. Doctoral researchers; for Master students considering Ph.D. study
- 4) Communication with our members, assistance with their problems – answering their questions, advising, mediation, etc.

- Activities overlap

Achievements:


Intensification of cooperation with the Student Chamber of the Council of HEIs (pulling together)

2021+ Strategic Plan of MŠMT for Universities

Amendment of the law of higher education (commenting on the legislating)

2 guides

"respectable "position

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- Thank you for your attention, and looking forward to a fruitful discussion!

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