



## Joint degree – ikke alltid vellykket etablering

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# Developing a Joint PhD collaboration

- Accreditation – documentation to both national bodies
- Agreement – does the existing agreement cover PhD level?
- Develop a joint study plan for the PhD program
  - Degree versus program – important to differentiate; different criteria
  - Allocate responsibilities – who's program manager, who's responsible for which parts in a joint PhD program and who's...
  - Mobility – timeline for the student
- Supervisors – names and academic degree (*8/4-criteria*)
  - Each PhD candidate shall have at least two supervisors with shared academic-related responsibility for the candidate

# Requirements that cannot be waived

- Admission requirements (5 year master)
- The doctoral thesis must be made available to the public
- The public defense must be evaluated by an impartial committee
- All academic supervisors must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent qualification in the relevant research field and be working actively as researchers.

# PhD course

- Access to each others ordinary PhD courses
  - Guarantee admission for partners
  - Teach in English
  - Mutual recognition
- Cooperating courses av PhD level
  - Joint teaching
  - Collaborate in study plan development
- Required coursework

# Hvorfor lyktes vi ikke?

## Vi hadde:

- Faglig vilje
- Faglig kompetanse
- Rekrutteringsgrunnlag
- Finansiering til utvikling

## Vi hadde ikke:

Kompatible nasjonale lover og regler for doktorgradsprogram

# PhD collaborations – degree of integration

1. Joint PhD programme X
2. Cotutelle agreements ✓ (sannsynligvis)
3. PhD course ? (delvis?)
4. Mobility ✓