

# 3IN DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM ON SOCIAL SCIENCES

## What is a Doctoral Colloquium?

A Doctoral Colloquium is a forum in which PhD students and candidates can meet on a regular basis in order to discuss their topics, methods and all issues connected to their doctoral projects. It provides a platform for a peer-to-peer network where PhD students can support each other and tackle upcoming challenges and obstacles on the way towards their PhD together.

## What is the 3IN-Alliance?



The [3IN Alliance](#) brings together five diverse European higher education institutions in order to foster the international cooperation between the partner universities in Portugal (ISAVE), Finland (Diak), Norway (VID), Romania (UniTBv) and Germany (FHWS). They follow the joint mission to address societal challenges with new, innovative life-long learning opportunities and they share a strong commitment to human dignity, social justice, and diversity.

## Why a 3IN Doctoral Colloquium?

Being a PhD student is a very challenging and, most of the times, lonely task. With an international doctoral colloquium, you receive feedback from peers in an intercultural context.

It is important for a successful career to be able to speak and debate in English and to be used to international discussion panels.

It will be interesting and most importantly helpful to hear about challenges and coping strategies in other countries.

Additionally, you can extend your scientific network internationally. This might lead to new chances and opportunities that you have not thought of yet.

Others might know about publications or methods with which you are unfamiliar. Moreover, scientists in other countries might set different focus points, which could enrich your perspectives.

**Receive International Support**

**Become internationally competitive**

**Learn about new coping strategies**

**Extend your scientific network**

**Broaden your horizon!**

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## What will the 3IN Doctoral Colloquium look like?

This colloquium is meant to be a support for 3IN-PhD students and therefore, its structure and content should be based on the needs of the participants.

Usually, a PhD colloquium meets on a regular basis, like once a quarter/semester. During this meeting, PhD students have the possibility to present their topics (of course, only if they want to receive feedback). They can also discuss other topics, such as financial support, methods, time management, ethics etc. Additionally, PhD students can, for example, organize online writing workshops, in which the students agree to a certain time and date to meet virtually and to work and write on their own topics. Such initiatives help to stay motivated and committed.

**That's the good news:  
It can look like anything  
you want!**

## How to start the 3IN Doctoral Colloquium?

In a first step, all interested participants will have a first informal online meeting to get to know each other. In this meeting, participants talk about expectations and personal wishes and needs. Based on this, the participants can establish a plan for their personal 3IN Doctoral Colloquium. Let's start being creative!

If you are interested and/or curious, please send an e-mail to [Stefanie.witter@fhws.de](mailto:Stefanie.witter@fhws.de) and sign up for a first meeting.



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