

# Implementing Local Talent Management Centres in Higher Education

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# Agenda

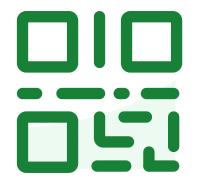


- Introduction to Talent Management Centres (15 mins)
- » Brief Q&A to clarify any immediate questions. (5 mins)
- Case studies of TMC implementation (15 mins)
- Top tips from the pilot projects (10 mins)
- Discussion group Interactive Activity (20 mins in total)
- Resources (5 mins)

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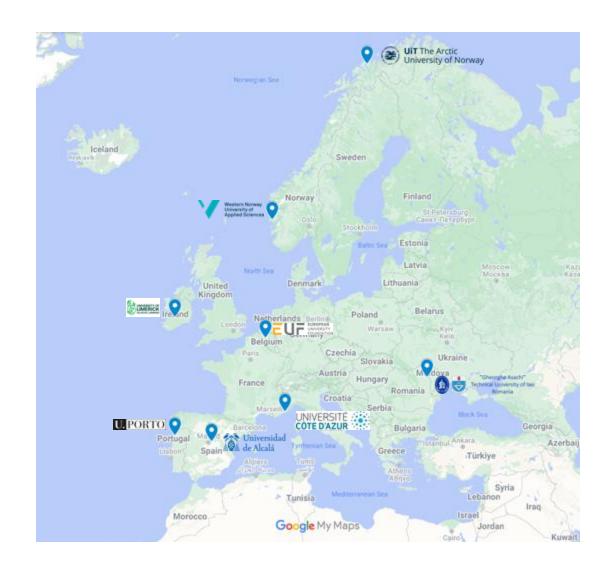




Current Awareness of TMCs
"How familiar are you with the concept
of Talent Management Centres (TMCs)?"









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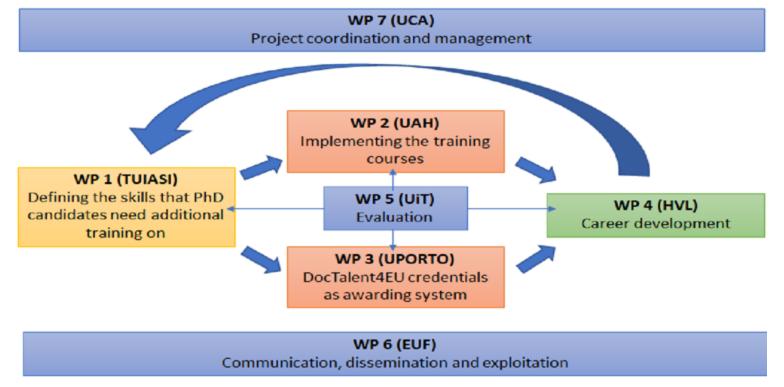




### **DocTalent4EU mission**



Enhance PhD employability through a strong, visible and innovative recognition system of the most in-demand transferable skills that ECRs acquire through their doctoral training and research activities.



# 1) Introduction to Talent Management Centres (TMCs)



Role in supporting PhD candidates' career development

Importance of TMCs for higher education institutions





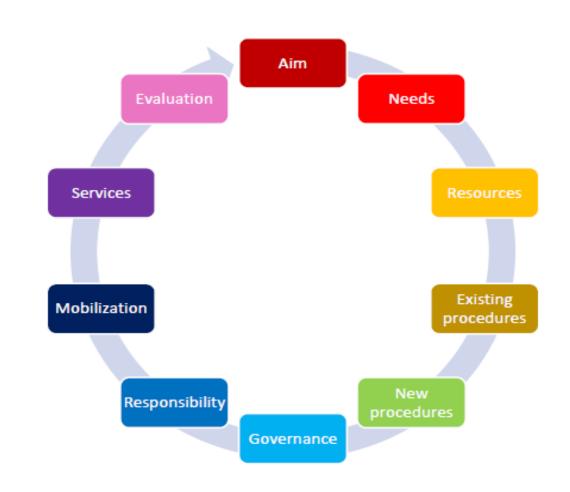
# Talent Management Centres (TMC) Services

- Early career and employability roadmaps
- Portfolio of career examples
- » Pitching events
- Practical support for recruitment
- Specific support for PhD entrepreneurs
- » Alumni Networks & Gatherings













# **Alignment with Strategic Goals**

 Importance of aligning TMCs with institutional and national strategic goals.

• Ensures that TMCs contribute to broader educational and employability objectives.



## **Sustainability & Resource Mobilisation**

- Using existing resources to sustain TMC operations, e.g digital tools and platforms
- Importance of integrating TMCs into institutional frameworks:
  - » maximise efficiency
  - » reduce operational costs
  - long-term viability



# Brief Q &A

# »Questions on Introduction Segment?



# 2) Case Studies: TMC Implementation



- (i) University of Limerick (UL), Ireland
- > Strategic alignment and institutional preparedness
- > Governance model and stakeholder involvement
- > Implementation of core services
- > Funding model and resource allocation

# 2) Case Studies: TMC Implementation



### » (ii) Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL) Case Study

- » HVL's approach to TMC implementation
- > Challenges and strategies for overcoming barriers
- > Unique aspects of HVL's TMC structure and services



# 2) Case Studies: TMC Implementation



### » (iii) University of Porto

- Strategic framework: TMC well-aligned with the university's overall strategies and PhD employability goals
- Resource allocation: Funding and sufficient resources allocated enabled advanced implementation.
- Centralised model of governance ensured strategic coherence
- Services, e.g. Early Career and Employability Roadmap, adapted to local requirements

# 3) Top Tips from Pilot Projects (



- » Key insights from institutions' experiences
- Common challenges and effective solutions
- Best Practices
  - Governance
  - Service Implementation
  - » Resource Allocation



"How important do you believe TMCs are / could be for enhancing PhI employability?"

- Extremely important
- Important
- Somewhat important

• Not important

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# 4) Discussion Group

- Primary challenges and opportunities
- » Please consider:
  - > Institutional readiness and strategic alignment
  - Potential governance models
  - > Core services to prioritise
  - > Resource allocation and funding strategies



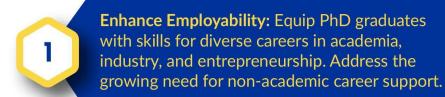


# 5) Resources: Where to Find Support

Resources available through DocTalent4EU project

Potential collaborations and networking opportunities





- Meet Employer Needs: Strengthen university-employer connections and align PhD training with workforce requirements to bridge the industry-academia gap.
- Support PhD Well-Being: Provide career clarity and tailored guidance to reduce anxiety and improve satisfaction with structured career support.
- Improve Institutional Reputation: Attract prospective students and funding by showcasing commitment to PhD career development and leadership in doctoral education.
- **Strengthen Alumni Engagement:** Build a strong alumni network and foster mentoring and industry insights through lifelong connections.

# 10 REASONS YOUR INSTITUTION NEEDS A TALENT MANAGEMENT CENTRE



Foster Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Connect

opportunities, enhancing research impact and

PhD candidates with cross-disciplinary

innovation.

Address Skills Gaps: Provide training in transferable skills (e.g., communication, leadership, digital skills) to prepare PhDs for global challenges.

Align with Policies: Respond to national and EU policy initiatives focused on employability and higher education's societal impact.

Drive Innovation & Economic Impact: Support graduates in entrepreneurship and innovation, enhancing the university's economic footprint and knowledge transfer culture.



# Thank you for your attention

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