Abstract
The creation of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) is one of the most ambitious objectives established by the European Union to achieve the convergence in the Higher Education between the 45 countries of the Community in 2010. The doctoral studies are of a great importance for the EHEA as they are the base of the academic formation and the investigation. For this reason, the purpose of the study is to analyze and compare the doctoral studies in 45 countries of the EHEA. The results show great differences between the analyzed legislations which makes the convergence within the established time limit more difficult.

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The Bologna Declaration, doctoral studies, European Higher Education Area, European convergence.