



The experience of cotutelles

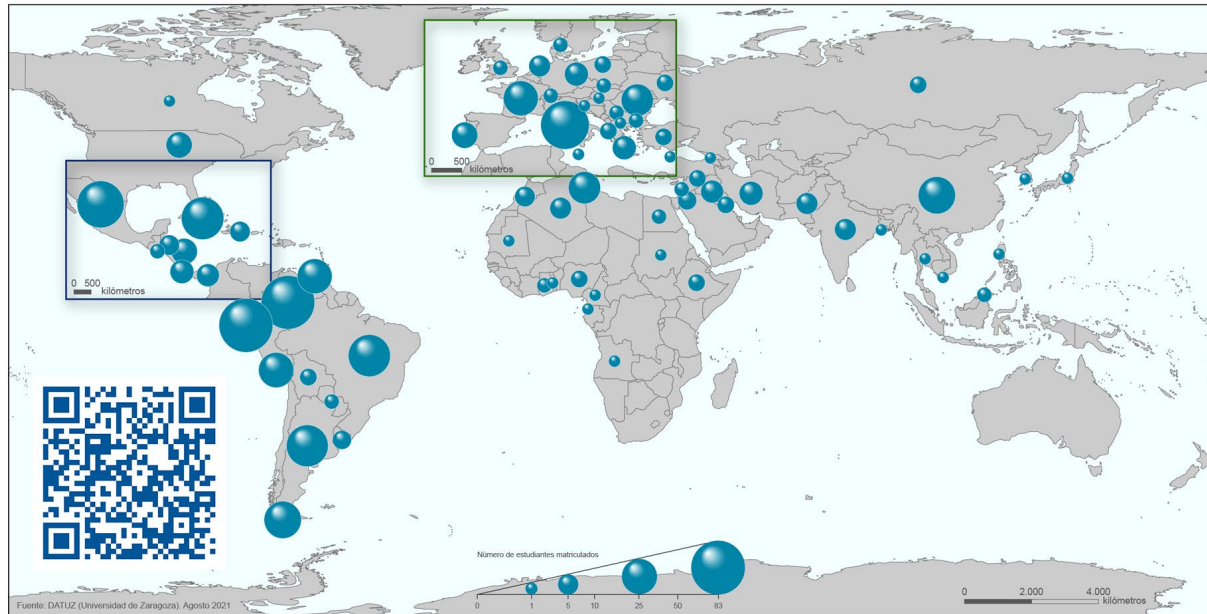
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General information about EDUZ



It has currently more than 2400 students enrolled in 50 prog.
Around 20% of the students are international:

Maps of the internationalization activity from the Doctoral School

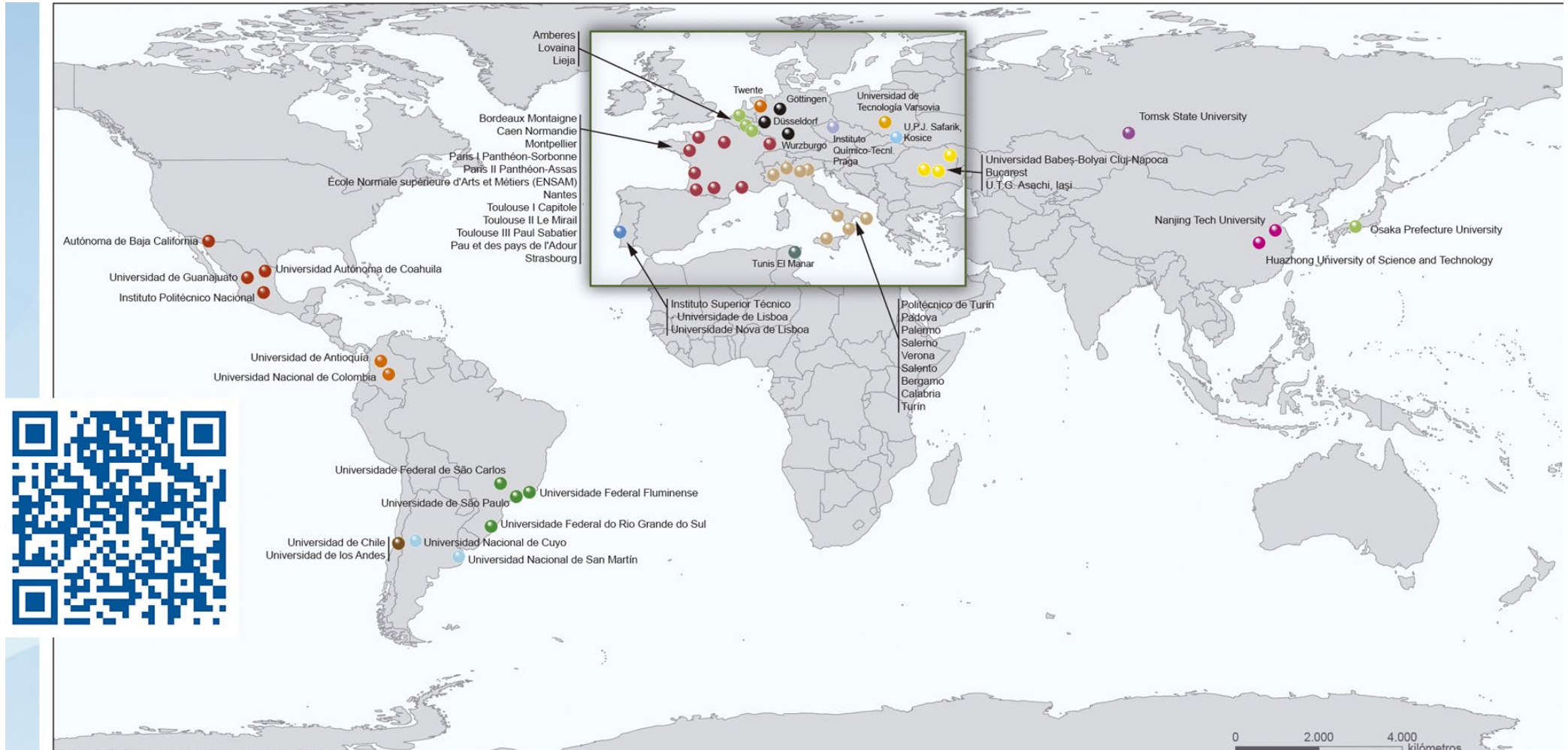


Since the 2012-2013
more than a hundred
cotutelle agreements
have been signed with
foreign universities...

Origins of international students enrolled in the Doctoral School



EDUZ Cotutelle agreements



What is a cotutelle?

- The cotutelle modality allows a PhD student to get a Doctor title from two Universities.
- There is a **joint supervision**: the PhD student will have a thesis supervisor at each of the two participating **universities**.
- He/she has to be enrolled in both universities and fulfill both universities **doctoral requirements of both universities**.




UZ requirements

SUPERVISION and ANNUAL FOLLOW-UP (bureaucracy – [SIGMA](#))

- **Training and research plan/project**

Living and updated document
Endorsed by tutors and directors

Title / Supervisors
Presentation of the topic and current status
Work hypothesis
Objectives
Methodology
Means and resources available
Milestones and timeline
Literature
Activities to be carried out 



Academic calendar

- **Annual evaluation** of the doctoral student by the DP Academic Commission

- **Document of activities (DAD)**

transversal and specific training activities.
others: conferences; seminars; summer courses; [research stays](#).



Real Decreto 576/2023, 4 july

- FT: **4 years** vs PT: **7 years**
- Extensions FT and PT: **1 year**

From 1st September 2024 two reports from external
researchers are required for every PHD at UNIZAR



What is a cotutelle?

- The PhD student must spend at least **nine months** outside his/her home university.
- At least **six months** must be at the university with which the co-supervision agreement has been signed.
- The other **three months** can be spent in another University (changed in the context of UNITA alliance).
- Stays may be carried out at one time or in periods of at least three months each.



What is a cotutelle?

- Each thesis co-supervision shall be carried out within the framework of a **specific agreement** between the two participating universities, in accordance with the principle of reciprocity.
- This agreement, **signed by the Rectors** of both institutions, establishes the academic and administrative details governing the co-supervision.
- Under the agreement, each institution will **recognize the validity** of the doctoral thesis defended within this framework.



What is a cotutelle?

In the cotutelle agreement it is detailed:

- The supervisor in each institution
- The fees to be paid (the student has to be enrolled in both institutions, but generally pays the fees in one of them and no fees or just management costs in the other University. The stays to be performed at the cotutelle University.
- The language to be used in the thesis (abstract and conclusions in the other language).
- The composition of the jury that will assess the PhD and the place of the defence (just one).



Cotutelle predoctoral contracts



- The UNIZAR and the UPPA have a stable agreement to **finance six predoctoral contracts every year**.
- From 2022, an annual call to finance three PhDs to be carried out as UNITA cotutelles is also launched at UNIZAR (and in other UNITA universities).
- In the context of UNITA Alliance **Choral project** will hire 42 doctoral candidates (now second call) in the field of Cultural Heritage

Now, we have 21 active cotutelles within UNITA (12 UPPA, 6 UNITO, 1 UBI, 1 UVT, 1 USMB)



Other options



- The internationalization of the doctoral theses is considered an indicator of their quality and is also key to the development of the doctor's subsequent professional career.
- There is also the option of getting the “International Mention”.
 1. To have spent a **minimum 3-month outside Spain**, in one or several research stays, at a higher education institution or prestigious research center. One of the stages has to have a minimum duration of one month.
 2. At least the abstract and conclusions of the doctoral thesis must have been written and presented in one of the usual languages for scientific communication in the field of knowledge other than any of the official languages in Spain.
 3. At least **one member of the thesis jury** has to belong to a non-Spanish higher education institution or research center.



Mobility

Info about mobility grants:

<https://escueladoctorado.unizar.es/es/informacion/menu-ayudas-estancias>

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