

EU-CONEXUS ENABLES PhD Candidate Evaluation Grid

Five criteria are established to evaluate assessment of applicants to co-tutelle PhD positions under the EU-CONEXUS ENABLES. The maximum score an applicant can obtain is 100 points.

1. Academic Excellence – 30 points

Criterion	Description	Points
Master Degree Quality	Relevance, academic ranking, and excellence of the previous degree	15 pct.
Academic Transcripts & Preparation	Grades, honors, and specific preparedness for the topic	15 pct.

2. Motivation & Alignment – 30 points

Criterion	Description	Points
Motivation Letter	Demonstrated enthusiasm for topic and international collaboration	15 pct.
Alignment with EU-CONEXUS ENABLES	Demonstrated prior and current interest in sustainability, coastal development, and digital transformation (e.g., through academic work, projects, extracurricular activities, or personal goals).	15 pct.

3. Research Skills & Experience – 15 points

Criterion	Description	Points
Research Background	Research projects, thesis, internships, publications	7.5 pct.
Methodological & Technical Skills	Familiarity with tools, modelling, data science, (especially for Digital Twin contexts)	7.5 pct.

4. Communication & Language – 15 points

Criterion	Description	Points
English Proficiency	Certification or clear evidence of B2+ skills	7.5 pct.
Communication Skills	Ability to explain research, present, and write effectively	7.5 pct.

5. Diversity & Impact Potential – 10 points

Criterion	Description	Points
Societal & Regional Contribution	Potential to impact society or address regional challenges	5 pct.
Mobility Willingness	Openness to work under co-supervision and in an international environment and to travel	5 pct.