

Rules of the pre-defense of PhD dissertations

The Council of the Doctoral School reviewed the benefits and necessities of the “pre-defense” conducted prior to the public defense of a doctoral thesis. The Council agreed on the need for such procedure to ensure high professional standards. The Council formulated the following rules in this regard:

- dissertations prepared in the Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences can be submitted for public defense if they are preceded by a pre-defense (“home defense”),
- the dissertation (thesis) should be given to two opponents, who will be jointly assigned by the Programme head and the supervisor,
- each of the two opponents cannot be the official reviewer of the final dissertation at the public defense,
- a written report (minutes) of pre-defense should be attached to the student's material,
- a register of attendance should be enclosed,
- the schedule of pre-defense is determined by the candidate and his / her supervisor, but the recommended time is when the thesis has been completed but has not yet been formally submitted for review,
- the place of the pre-defense is not restricted, it can be organized at the university, or at any external institution where the research work has been performed.