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Annex 6

Template for an international cotutelle PhD agreement where USVT is the lead institution

DOCTORAL COTUTELLE (JOINT SUPERVISING) AGREEMENT

No. _____ / _____

Art. 1. CONTRACTING PARTIES

1.1. **University of Life Sciences “King Mihai I” from Timișoara**, Romania, based in Timișoara, Calea Aradului 119, România, postcode: 300645, phone: 0256/277009, fax: 0256/200296, Timiș county, fiscal code no. 3487181, legally represented by the RECTOR, Prof. dr. Cosmin Alin POPESCU and Director of the Council for Doctoral University Studies, CSUD (interim), Prof. dr. Nicoleta Gabriela HĂDĂRUGĂ, as the supervising institution and

1.2. **University**, based in, country, postcode, phone:, fax., county/district, fiscal code no., legally represented by the RECTOR, and Director of the Council for Doctoral University Studies,, as co-supervising institution

have agreed to conclude this doctoral co-study agreement for Mr./Mrs.:

Name:

First name:

Father’s initial:

Born on:

Citizenship:

Domicile:

PhD studies contract

Art. 2. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

2.1. The purpose of this cotutelle agreement is to regulate the way in which the partner institutions will collaborate in the supervision of a doctoral thesis, **with an interdisciplinary topic**, developed by PhD student, entitled: “.....”.

2.2. The PhD student will carry out the project and the scientific research reports under the supervision of both PhD supervisors in compliance with the regulations in force, under the conditions required by each institution. The doctoral supervisors will consult regularly on the joint research progress of the doctoral student.

Art. 3. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

3.1. The present agreement shall have legal effect until the completion and public defence of the doctoral thesis and the award of the doctoral degree.

Art. 4. REGISTRATION

4.1. The PhD student is registered at IOSUD - University of Life Sciences “King Mihai I” from Timișoara, România, **Doctoral School**, in the field of doctoral studies, starting with the **academic year**/....., a supervisory institution that ensures the fulfilment of the specific conditions for doctoral studies (admission, signing of the doctoral studies contract, preparation and implementation of the individual training plan, examinations, granting of scholarships, collection of tuition fees, thesis defence, preparation of the doctoral documents, etc.), in accordance with the legislation in force in Romania and the university’s own regulations.

Art. 5. PhD SUPERVISORS

5.1. At the University of Life Sciences “King Mihai I” from Timișoara, România, the PhD student will carry out his/her activities at, under the main PhD supervision of Mr./Mrs.

5.2. At the University, the PhD student will carry out his/her activities at, under the cotutelle PhD supervision of Mr./Mrs.

Art. 6. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PhD STUDENT

6.1. The PhD student will carry out his/her doctoral activity alternately in the two institutions in accordance with the programme of activity established by the two PhD supervisors.

6.2. The doctoral student is obliged to respect the regulations/methodologies/procedures of both institutions.

6.3. The doctoral student will pay the registration and tuition fees (for those with tuition fee) to the University of Life Sciences “King Mihai I” from Timișoara, România, the institution where the public defence of the doctoral thesis will be conducted.

Art. 7. ENSURED RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

7.1. While working at the University of Life Sciences “King Mihai I” from Timișoara, România, the PhD student will be able to benefit from the research infrastructure necessary to achieve the objectives of the doctoral thesis provided by the existing equipment in the university, within:

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7.2. While working at the University, the doctoral student will be able to benefit from the research infrastructure necessary to achieve the objectives of the doctoral thesis provided by the existing equipment in the university, from

Art. 8. INSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS

8.1. The two institutions, the supervising institution and the co-supervising institution, will ensure

that, during the periods when the doctoral student is in the respective institution, he/she will be able to carry out an educational and research activity appropriate to the subject of the doctoral thesis, under the direct supervision of the PhD supervisor.

8.2. The research activity of the PhD student, during the period of his/her stay in the supervising/co-supervising institution, will be carried out according to the legal provisions regulating this activity in the institution where he/she is, including the protection of the research topics, the research results and the conditions of publication of these results in specialized journals.

8.3. Doctoral supervisors undertake to jointly supervise the doctoral student, agreeing on the topic and plan of the doctoral thesis.

8.4. If the doctoral supervisor oversees certain parts of the doctoral thesis, these will be mutually agreed upon in the annex to this agreement.

8.5. The doctoral student is fully accountable to the main supervisor, including in the regulation of his/her teaching and research work.

Art. 9. TERMINATION OF THE COTUTELLE AGREEMENT

9.1. The present cotutelle agreement terminates under the following conditions:

- a) the doctoral candidate completes his/her doctoral studies by writing and publicly defending his/her doctoral thesis;
- b) by agreement, in compliance with the legal provisions in force;
- c) by termination of the doctoral student candidate status;
- d) at the written and motivated request of the supervisor(s) or both supervisors of the doctoral student, of the representatives of the university/universities.

Art. 10. PREPARATION, ELABORATION AND PUBLIC DEFENCE OF THE DOCTORAL THESIS

10.1. The thesis defence will be preceded by three written reports.

10.2. There will be a defence before the “.....” department staff, with the participation of both doctoral supervisors, and subsequently another defence before the academic guidance and integrity committee after the issuance of the similarity report.

10.3. The committee for the public defense of the doctoral thesis is proposed by the doctoral supervisor, endorsed by the Doctoral School Council and approved by CSUD-USVT. The doctoral committee is composed of at least 6 members: the president, as a representative of IOSUD-USVT, the doctoral supervisors and at least 3 referees from the country or abroad, specialists in the field in which the doctoral thesis was developed and of which at least 2 carry out their activity outside IOSUD-USVT. The members of the doctoral committee have a doctorate and have at least the teaching position of associate professor or scientific researcher level II or have the quality of doctoral supervisor, in the country or abroad.

10.4. The thesis will be written and defended in Romanian or in an international language at the University of Life Sciences “King Mihai I” from Timișoara, România.

10.5. If the language spoken in the two signatory institutions of this agreement differs, the doctoral candidate must write an abstract in the other language. The doctoral thesis is written in both printed and digital format.

Art. 11. ISSUE OF DIPLOMA

11.1. On the basis of the minutes drawn up following the public examination recognized by the two educational institutions, the University of Life Sciences “King Mihai I” from Timișoara, România, will confer the title of Doctor and will issue the corresponding diploma, after confirmation of the scientific title, according to the legislation in force.

Art. 12. ARCHIVING THE THESIS, EXPLOITATION AND PROTECTION OF JOINT RESEARCH RESULTS

12.1. The archiving of the thesis and the exploitation and protection of the joint research results will be carried out in accordance with the legislation in force and the internal regulations specific to the two universities.

Art. 13. FINAL PROVISIONS

13.1. The processing of personal data in connection with the subject matter of this cotutelle agreement shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 679/2016 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

13.2 Personal data are necessary for the achievement of the main activity objective, namely the generation and transfer of knowledge, for the purposes of initiating and carrying out legal relations between the doctoral student and the supervising and co-supervising institutions.

13.3. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the legal representatives of the two educational institutions.

13.4. This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate, one for each university.

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