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**REGULATION ON THE ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT  
OF THE DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAMS**

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## **1. Legal basis**

### **Art. 1.**

The current Regulation is based on the following documents:

1. Law of National Education no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;
2. Law no. 288/2004 on the organization of university studies, with subsequent amendments and additions;
3. Law no. 49/2013 amending article 12 of Law no. 288/2004 on the organization of university studies;
4. Law no. 19/2019 for the completion of Law no. 1/2011 on the introduction of doctoral thesis in the legal bookstore of BNR;
5. Law no. 164/2021 on the acceptance of the Global Convention for the recognition of qualifications in higher education, adopted in Paris on 25<sup>th</sup>, November 2019;
6. Government Decision no. 681/2011 on the approval of the Code of doctoral studies with subsequent amendments and additions;
7. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 5.360 of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 on the approval of the Methodology for the validation and registration of qualifications in higher education in the National Register of Qualifications in Higher Education (RNCIS);
8. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 3.651 of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on the approval of the Methodology for the evaluation of doctoral studies and of criteria, standards and performance indicators systems used for evaluation;
9. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 5.229 of August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on the approval of methodologies for granting of the habilitation certificate, granting of the doctoral title, as well as to the settling of intimations regarding the non-compliance with the standards of quality or professional ethics, including with respect to the existence of plagiarism within a doctoral thesis;
10. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 5.110 of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on the approval of minimal national standards for the granting of the doctoral title;
11. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 3.131 of January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on the inclusion in the curriculum of ethics and academic deontology courses for all university study programs organized in higher education institutions of the national education system;
12. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 3.651 of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on the approval of the Methodology for evaluation of doctoral studies and of the criteria, standards and performance indicators systems used for evaluation;
13. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 4.156/2020 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the condition of study documents in the higher education system;
14. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 667 of March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 based on which ANIMV was accredited as Doctoral University Studies Organizing Institution (IOSUD);

## **2. General provisions**

### **Art. 2**

- (1) The doctoral university studies are organized by “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy (ANIMV), as accredited Institution Organizing University Doctoral Studies (IOSUD) and are carried on in the doctoral study fields which are provisionally authorized or accredited by ARACIS.

- (2) The doctoral study programs represent the third cycle of the academic studies made available by "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy, consisting in academic didactic activities, scientific research activities, research - development and innovation activities, whose purpose consists in developing a human resource qualified in conducting scientific research, capable of insertion in the high qualified labor market.
- (3) University doctoral study programs represent the 8<sup>th</sup> cycle of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED), of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF/CEC) and of National Qualifications Framework (CNC) and ensures the acquiring of knowledge at the highest level in a labor or study field and knowledge on the frontier of different fields; the most advanced and specialized abilities and techniques, including the synthesis and evaluation ability necessary for solving the critical research and/or innovation problems and for the development and reframing of existing knowledge or professional practices; manifesting a high level of authority, innovation, autonomy, of scientific and professional integrity and of an unceasing engagement for the development of new ideas or processes in the van of a labor or study and research situation.

**Art. 3**

- (1) Doctoral university study programs organized and carried out in ANIMV are scientific doctoral studies.
- (2) The scientific doctorate has the purpose of acquiring original scientific knowledge on the frontier of different fields, with international relevance and based on scientific methods; elaboration of synthesis and evaluations based on the professional abilities and on the most advanced techniques, having as a result the solving of the critical research and/or professional specialization problems and the development and reframing of existing knowledge or professional practices.
- (3) The scientific doctorate is a requirement for the professional career in higher education and in scientific research. Following the completion of doctoral university studies, ANIMV shall grant the diploma and the title of Doctor of Science. The diploma certifying the granting and holding of the doctorate shall expressly mention the field of the doctoral university studies.

**Art. 4**

- (1) Doctoral university study programs are financed from the state budget and from tuition fees or from other legally constituted sources.
- (2) A person may receive state budget financing only for one program of university doctoral studies.
- (3) According to provisions of the Law of National Education no. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions, state budget financing shall be made through the Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI).
- (4) SRI shall establish annually a number of multiannual doctoral grants for doctoral university studies. The annual number of doctoral grants shall be established by decree of SRI Director, on ANIMV proposal, and shall be communicated to the Ministry of Education and Research.
- (5) The doctoral grant shall include the quantum of the individual scholarship and the costs of the training program based on advanced university studies and for the individual program of scientific research for three academic years.
- (6) Persons who have the necessary qualifications and possess the appropriate financial resources (either from their own sources or from scholarships granted

by natural or legal persons) may be admitted, at their request and following the promotion of the doctoral admission examination, to the tuition fee seats.

- (7) The annual number of tuition fee seats in ANIMV IOSUD shall be established by decree of SRI Director, on ANIMV proposal and shall be communicated to the Ministry of Education and Research.

### **3. Organization and conduct of doctoral university study programs**

#### **Art. 5**

- (1) Doctoral university study programs shall be organized and conducted within doctoral schools (SD) in which the fields of doctoral studies provisionally authorized or accredited function.
- (2) Doctoral programs must be correlated with those of other IOSUD in which the doctoral study fields of ANIMV IOSUD function, in accordance with the national interests and needs and those of the Romanian Intelligence Service.

#### **Art. 6**

- (1) The duration of the doctoral study program is usually 3 academic years (6 semesters).
- (2) The duration of the doctoral program may be modified, under specific circumstances, by interrupting the program, extending the program, granting a grace period.
- (3) Discontinuation of the doctoral study program shall be done de jure, at the request of the doctoral student in the event of suspension of the individual employment contract:
- a) Maternity leave
  - b) Temporary disability leave
  - c) Quarantine
  - d) Exercise of a function within an executive, legislative or judicial authority for the duration of the tenure, unless otherwise provided by law;
  - e) Force majeure;
  - f) If the doctoral student is remanded in custody under the terms of the Code of Criminal Procedure;
  - g) In other cases, expressly provided by the law.
- (1) The doctoral program may be interrupted at the request of the doctoral student in the following situations involving the suspension of the individual employment contract:
- a) Parental leave up to the age of 2 years or, in case of a disabled child, up to the age of 3 years;
  - b) Leave for the care of a sick child up to the age of 7 years or, in case of a disabled child, for intercurrent illnesses, until the age of 18 years;
  - c) Paternity leave;
  - d) Professional training leave.
- (2) Interruption of the doctoral program is approved by the CSD. The duration of the doctoral studies is extended by the duration of the cumulative periods of approved interruptions.
- (3) The extension of the doctoral study program may be made by 1-2 academic years, at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor and with the consent of the doctoral student, with the endorsement of CSD and ANIMV Senate approval, without payment of the tuition fee for the extension of the doctoral study program, in the following situations:
- a) Applying for a scholarship (a documentation program) through a special grant competition in the field of the PhD topic;

- b) Applying for a research mobility grant (a training/documentation internship) or a scientific internship in the field of the PhD topic;
  - c) Carrying out scientific laboratory experiments or applied research activities in the field of the PhD topic;
  - d) Carrying out research activities as part of scientific research projects in the field of the PhD topic.
- (4) The extension of the doctoral study program may be made by 1-2 academic years, at the request of the doctoral student and with the consent of the doctoral supervisor, with the endorsement of CSD and the approval of ANIMV Senate, with the payment of the tuition fee for the extension of the doctoral studies, in case the doctoral student has not completed the individual scientific research program, but has achieved the minimum number of 30 ECTS for the promotion of the academic year.
- (7) Granting a grace period of up to 2 academic years for writing and defending the doctoral thesis may be made if the doctoral student fails to complete and publicly defend the doctoral thesis during the study program, including interruption and/or extension periods. The granting of the grace period is made at the request of the doctoral student, with the consent of the doctoral supervisor and the approval of the CSD.
- (8) The minimum duration of an interruption, extension or grace period is one academic semester and the maximum duration is one academic year.

**Art. 7.**

- (1) The granting of interruption, extension or grace period is made in accordance with a procedure proposed by the director of the SD in which the doctoral program operates, endorsed by the CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever there are legislative changes affecting.

**3.1 Admission to doctoral university study programs****Art. 8.**

- (1) Admission to doctoral studies is organized by CSUD and the CSD in which the doctoral study program operates.
- (2) CSUD develops and updates the *Methodology for the organization and conduct of admission to doctoral studies in ANIMV*, which presents the legal framework and the general framework for the organization of admission to doctoral studies.
- (3) *The Methodology for the organization and conduct of admission to doctoral studies in ANIMV* is approved by the ANIMV Senate and is published on ANIMV website at least 6 months prior to the date of the admission contest.
- (4) The CSD in which the doctoral program operates annually elaborates the *Procedure for the organization and conduct of admission to doctoral studies in the Doctoral School*, which specifies the documents required for the application to the contest, information on the number and distribution of vacancies of doctoral supervisors, the conditions for the admission and the timetable of the contest, other specific details.
- (5) *The Procedure for the organization and conduct of admission to doctoral studies* is approved by CSUD and published on the ANIMV website at least 6 months prior to the date of the admission contest.

**Art. 9.**

- (1) The application for admission to the contest for doctoral studies can be made regardless of the field in which the candidate has obtained the bachelor's and/or

master's degree.

- (2) Nationals of member states of the European Union, of countries belonging to the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation shall have access to doctoral studies under the conditions laid down in the regulation in force, including the specific tuition fees for the doctoral program.
- (3) After the admission contest, successful candidates are enrolled and, following the signing of the doctoral study contract, become doctoral students.
- (4) The enrollment to the doctoral studies is made by the administrative office of the SD in which the doctoral study program operates, based on the decision of ANIMV Commandant (Rector) to enroll the candidates admitted to the doctoral studies.

#### **Art. 10.**

- (1) The enrollment in the doctoral program is made in accordance with a procedure proposed by the director of the SD in which the doctoral program operates, endorsed by the CSD and approved by the CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever there are legislative changes affecting.

### ***3.2 The curriculum of doctoral university study programs***

#### **Art. 11.**

- (1) The general structure of the doctoral program is as follows:
  - a) The training program based on advanced studies which usually takes place in the first semester of the doctoral study program;
  - b) The individual scientific research program which usually takes place in semesters 2 to 6 of the doctoral study program;
  - c) The knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy complementary program, which is carried out on a modular basis, in each year of study, in addition to the advanced postgraduate program and the individual scientific research program.
- (2) The doctoral study program is carried out on the basis of the Curriculum drawn up for each series of studies in the field of the doctoral studies. The specific features of the doctoral program are specified in the Curriculum.
- (3) The doctoral program is completed with the defense of the doctoral thesis.

#### **Art. 12.**

- (1) The curriculum of the doctoral studies is drawn up annually by the Doctoral School Council (CSD), at least 6 months before the start of the academic year, is endorsed by the Council for Doctoral University Studies (CSUD) and approved by the ANIMV Senate.
- (2) The curriculum must ensure at least 180 ECTS form the advanced study-based program, the complementary program of knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy and/or the individual scientific research program.
- (3) The condition for the successful completion of one year of doctoral studies is the compulsory completion of a minimum of 30 ECTS.
- (4) The condition for the successful completion of the doctoral studies is the compulsory completion of a minimum of 180 ECTS.

#### **Art. 13.**

- (1) The analytical curriculum of the doctoral study program contains the subject outlines, activity outlines and specific module outlines for each program of the curriculum.

- (2) The course description of the subjects in the advanced degree-based training program are made by the subject holders. The scientific research activity outlines of the individual scientific research program are drawn up by the doctoral supervisors. The module outlines of the complementary program of knowledge, skills, responsibilities and autonomy are drawn up by the coordinators of each module.
- (3) The analytical schedule of the doctoral program is endorsed by CSD in which the doctoral program operates and is approved by CSUD.
- (4) The analytical schedule of the doctoral program is drawn up annually, for each series of studies, at least 3 months prior to the beginning of the academic year.

### **3.2.1 Training program based on advanced university studies**

#### **Art. 14.**

- (1) The training program based on advanced university studies is the training component of the doctoral program. The training program is carried out in the first semester of the doctoral program and usually lasts 3 months.
- (2) The training program based on advanced university studies is included in the Curriculum of the doctoral study program. It is based on the subject outlines so as to ensure the achievement of the competences designed as learning outcomes.
- (3) The subject outlines are drawn up by the subject holders and are included in the Analytical program of the doctoral program. The subject holders must be doctoral supervisors in ANIMV or be qualified in the field of the doctoral studies of the doctoral program or hold the teaching rank of university professor/scientific researcher, qualification level I or associate professor / scientific researcher, qualification level II.

#### **Art. 15.**

- (1) The completion of the advanced university studies ensures a maximum of 20 ECTS. Obtaining credits is conditional upon successful passing of the examinations in the subjects set out in the doctoral program curriculum.
- (2) The training program based on advanced university studies does not affect the doctoral student's availability for the individual scientific research program.
- (3) Participation of the doctoral student in the training program based on advanced university studies is decided exclusively and independently by his/her doctoral supervisor after an advanced discussion with the doctoral student.
- (4) The assessment results of the training program based on advanced university studies are for information purposes only, do not imply compulsory promotion and do not condition the funding of the doctoral students or their progress in the doctoral program.

#### **Art. 16.**

- (1) The completion of the training program based on advanced university studies is carried out in accordance with a procedure proposed by the SD director, endorsed by the CSD and approved by the CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated when necessary and whenever there are legislative changes affecting.

### **3.2.2 Individual scientific research program**



**Art. 17.**

- (1) The individual scientific research program is the research component of the doctoral program. The individual scientific research program may start in the first semester of the doctoral program and has to be completed in the last semester of the doctoral program.
- (2) The individual scientific research program is included in the Curriculum of the doctoral study program. It is carried out on the basis of scientific activity outlines, so as to ensure the achievement of the competencies designed as learning outcomes.
- (3) The scientific activity outlines are drawn up by the doctoral supervisors and recorded in the Analytical program of the doctoral study program.
- (4) The scientific research activities of the individual scientific research program are as follows:
  - a) Developing the doctoral research project (first semester);
  - b) Participation in scientific conferences (semesters 2 to 6);
  - c) Publication of scientific papers (semesters 2 to 6);
  - d) Delivering scientific research reports (semesters 2 to 5);
  - e) Approval of the doctoral thesis for public defense (semesters 5 to 6).
- (5) The scientific research activities of the individual scientific research program are coordinated and endorsed by the doctoral supervisor and assessed by the advisory Committee.

**Art. 18.**

- (1) The number of ECTS completed in the individual scientific research program is at least 180. Obtaining credits is conditional upon successful completion of the scientific research activities set out in the curriculum of the doctoral study program.
- (2) Supervising the doctoral student within the individual scientific research program, from the endorsement of the doctoral research project to the approval of the doctoral thesis for public defense is made by a scientific advisory Committee whose members are appointed by the doctoral supervisor.
- (3) The responsibility for the structure, content, organization and conduct of the individual scientific research program of the doctoral student lies with the doctoral supervisor.
- (4) The scientific achievements of the doctoral student in the individual scientific research program will be credited in ECTS system, the number of ECTS for each research activity being mentioned in the curriculum.
- (5) The doctoral student's publication activity is considered only if it takes the form of published articles or scientific communications. After publication of their own articles or scientific communications, doctoral students must submit to their supervisors the scientific journals or volumes of the sessions in which their articles or communications were published.
- (6) Conclusions resulting from scientific research, represented by the accepted scientific papers, may be published by the doctoral student, with the endorsement of the doctoral supervisor, in the form of articles or communications.
- (7) On the basis of scientific works, acceptance of scientific research papers, doctoral thesis approval, the doctoral student shall complete the scientific achievements in the individual scientific research program.
- (8) The doctoral student is obliged to seek advice and respond to the requests of

the doctoral supervisor or members of the guidance Committee during the individual scientific research program.

**Art. 19.**

- (1) Doctoral students shall go through the individual scientific research program in accordance with a procedure proposed by the SD director where the doctoral study program operates, endorsed by CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever necessary and when incident legislative changes occur.

**3.2.3. Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy**

**Art. 20.**

- (1) Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy is organized in modular format, a module usually lasting 5 days.
- (2) Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy is developed in the Curriculum of the doctoral study program. It is done on the basis of the module outlines in such a way as to complement the projected learning outcomes.
- (3) The module outlines are developed by the module coordinators and are centralized in the Analytical Program of the doctoral study program. The module coordinators can be doctoral supervisors from ANIMV or other university teachers, scientific researchers or experts in the field who have the scientific title of doctor.

**Art. 21.**

- (1) Completion of the Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy ensures the achievement of a maximum of 20 ECTS. Obtaining credits is conditional on active participation in the activities of each module provided in the Curriculum of the doctoral study program.
- (2) Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy does not affect the doctoral student's availability for the individual scientific research program.
- (3) Participation of a doctoral student in the Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy can be done during any year of study and it can be resumed to strengthen knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy, but will be credited only once.
- (4) The results of the evaluations under the Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy have an informative role, do not involve compulsory promotion and do not condition the financing of the doctoral students or the course of the doctoral students under the doctoral study program.

**Art. 22.**

- (1) Doctoral students shall go through the Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy in accordance with a procedure proposed by the SD director, endorsed by CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever necessary and when incident legislative changes occur.

**3.3 Public defense of the PhD thesis**

**Art. 23.**

- (1) Public defense of the PhD thesis is usually done in the 6<sup>th</sup> semester of the

doctoral study program.

(2) PhD thesis can be defended if:

- a) the doctoral student obtained at least 180 ECTS from the summation of the ECTS specific of the three programs of the curriculum, of which at least 140 ECTS from the individual scientific research program or 180 ECTS exclusively from the individual scientific research program;
- b) the doctoral student has achieved the CNATDCU standard for granting the doctorate.

(3) If he hasn't completed a minimum of 180 ECTS in the doctoral study program, the doctoral student is expelled.

#### **Art. 24.**

(1) PhD thesis is the work by which the doctoral student proves the ability to scientifically approach a problem, a scientific research subject. It must highlight the ability to extract essential ideas from the studied bibliography, to operate with fundamental and specific theories of the field of science, to identify the most appropriate methods of scientific research, to set scientific research objectives and operationalize them, to draw conclusions based on arguments and to provide their own theoretical and practical solutions for the scientific research topic.

(2) PhD thesis must prove the doctoral student's ability to use the research results creatively, original and innovatively, as to create a new perspective, a new solution on the issue addressed in the thesis or, as the case may be, prove the ability to issue ideas that have not been produced in previous research. This component of the PhD thesis can be materialized in models, operational research, case studies etc.

#### **Art. 25.**

(1) Public defense of the PhD thesis is made in order to obtain the scientific title of doctor in the field of provisionally authorized or accredited science in which the doctoral study program operates.

(2) PhD thesis must be the result of the doctoral student's own scientific research activity and to contain original results in the field of scientific knowledge.

(3) The doctoral student is the author of the PhD thesis and assumes the correctness of the data and information presented in the thesis, as well as the opinions and the positions expressed in the thesis.

(4) Doctoral supervisors are responsible together with the authors of PhD theses for complying with quality standards and academic ethics.

(5) The CSD in which the doctoral study program operates proposes criteria and indicators for evaluating PhD theses in accordance with the provisions of Law 288/2004, Chapter. IV and the specifics of the fields in which the doctoral study are organized and carried out.

(6) The criteria for assessing the quality of a PhD thesis refer to the results of scientific research obtained in the doctoral study program.

#### **Art. 26.**

(1) The evaluation of the PhD thesis in public defense is done by a doctoral Committee proposed by the doctoral supervisor, endorsed by the CSD in which the doctoral study program operates, approved by CSUD and appointed by decision of the Commandant (Rector) of ANIMV.

(2) The Committee will consist of at least 5 members:

1. Chairman – representative of the ANIMV IOSUD management;
2. SD doctoral supervisor;

3. at least 3 official reviewers from the country or abroad, specialists in the field in which the PhD thesis was elaborated and who are tenured in higher education or in scientific research at institutions other than ANIMV.
- (3) Members of the doctoral Committee must have the scientific title of doctor and at least the teaching degree of associate professor or scientific researcher grade II or to hold the status of doctoral supervisor in the country or abroad.
- (4) Doctoral supervisors associated with doctoral schools in ANIMV IOSUD cannot be official reviewers in ANIMV IOSUD doctoral Committees.

**Art. 27.**

- (1) For the evaluation of the PhD thesis, the doctoral Committee has 30 days, in which the doctoral supervisor draws up the acceptance report and the official reviewers prepare evaluation reports, which they submit to the SD secretariat in which the doctoral study program operates.
- (2) On the basis of the evaluation documents, the chairman of the doctoral Committee proposes to the director of the SD in which the doctoral study program operates the public defense or non-defense of the PhD thesis.
- (3) The PhD thesis is submitted to consultation to the ANIMV Library at least 30 days before the date of public defense.
- (4) The announcement of the public defense of the PhD thesis is posted on the animv.ro site at least 20 days before the public meeting, together with the summary of the PhD thesis.

**Art. 28.**

- (1) Public defense of the PhD thesis can only take place in the presence of at least 4 of the members of the public defense Committee, the participation of the chairman of the Committee and of the doctoral supervisor being mandatory.
- (2) If one of the official reviewers cannot be present at the public defense, he may request online participation, according to the *Methodology for the organization and conduct of online activities in the SD* in which the doctoral study program operates.
- (3) If one of the official reviewers is not available for participation, he shall notify the chairman of the Committee and the director of the SD in which the doctoral study program operates about this situation at least 24 hours before the time of defense and presents in an envelope the vote on the granting of the doctoral title.
- (4) If one of the official reviewers is not available for participation and has not sent a vote in the envelope, his absence shall be recorded by the chairman of the doctoral Committee.
- (5) Public defense of the PhD thesis consists of:
  - a) presentation by the doctoral student of the main elements of novelty and originality from the content of the thesis;
  - b) presentation by the official reviewers and the doctoral supervisor of the conclusions on the value of the scientific content of the thesis;
  - c) holding a session on questions to the doctoral student by members of the doctoral Committee and/or members of the public and answers provided by the doctoral student. The Secretariat of the SD in which the doctoral study program operates shall note/record questions and answers to them and shall draw up an annex, which shall be attached to the report of public defense of the PhD thesis.
- (6) On the basis of the public defense of the PhD thesis and of the reports of the official reviewers, the doctoral Committee deliberates and decides the grade it assigns to the PhD thesis. The grades that can be assigned are: EXCELLENT, VERY GOOD, GOOD, SATISFACTORY and UNSATISFACTORY.

**Art. 29.**

- (1) If the doctoral Committee gives the grade UNSATISFACTORY, the doctoral Committee shall propose to the Commandant (Rector) of ANIMV not to grant the doctorate and to rewrite the PhD thesis, under the conditions of Law no. 49/2013, single article and GD no. 681/2011, article 68 paragraph (4). If, in the second public defense, the Committee gives the grade UNSATISFACTORY, the doctoral student shall be expelled.
- (2) If the doctoral Committee gives the grades EXCELLENT, VERY GOOD, GOOD, SATISFACTORY, the doctoral Committee proposes to the ANIMV Commandant (Rector) to award the doctorate in the doctoral field in which the doctoral study program operates and to send the doctoral file to CNATDCU for validation.
- (3) If the CNATDCU Commission invalidates the PhD thesis, based on the written motivation, the PhD thesis is rewritten within one year, under the conditions of Law no. 49/2013, single article and GD no. 681/2011, article 68 paragraph (5). If the PhD thesis is invalidated a second time, the doctoral student is expelled.
- (4) If the CNATDCU validates the PhD thesis, MEC issues the order to grant the doctoral title in the doctoral field in which the doctoral study program operates.

**Art. 30.**

- (1) The activities of public defense of the PhD thesis are carried out in accordance with a procedure proposed by the director of the SD in which the doctoral study program operates, endorsed by CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure is updated whenever necessary and when incident legislative changes occur.

**4. Final provisions****Art. 31.**

- (1) This *Regulation* shall enter into force from the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the academic year 2021-2022.
- (2) This *Regulation* shall be updated whenever necessary and when incident legislative changes occur.
- (3) On the date of entry into force of this Regulation, *the Regulation on the organization and conduct of Doctoral University Study Program in ANIMV IOSUD* (2020, as subsequently amended and supplemented) shall be repealed.
- (4) This *Regulation* was amended by the ANIMV Senate Decision no. 11 of March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.