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Section 1. Legal basis

Art. 1.

These Regulations are based on the following documents:

1. Higher Education Law No 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and supplements;
2. Order of the Ministry of Education No.3020/08.01.2024 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies.

Section 2. General provisions

Art. 2.

- (1) The “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy (ANIMV), as an accredited Organizing Institution for Doctoral University Studies (IOSUD), organizes and carries out the Doctoral University Studies Program in the doctoral field of Intelligence and National Security accredited by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS).
- (2) The doctoral university study program in Intelligence and National Security represents the third cycle of university studies offered by the “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy in the field of Intelligence and National Security, the purpose of which is to develop human resources competent in carrying out scientific research, capable of insertion in the high qualified labor market. It consists of training through scientific research for research-development and innovation and constitutes a professional research experience, completed by the award of a doctoral degree.
- (3) The doctoral university study programs in Intelligence and National Security represent the 8th 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 acquisition of knowledge at the highest level in the field of work or study of Intelligence and National Security and knowledge on the frontier of different scientific and fields; the doctoral university program ensures the acquisition of advanced and specialized skills and techniques.

Art. 3.

(1) The doctoral university study program is organized in the doctoral field of Intelligence and National Security accredited in IOSUD ANIMV and is of two types:

a. The scientific doctorate aims to produce original, internationally relevant scientific knowledge, based on scientific methods, and it can be organized in the form of full-time or part-time education. The scientific doctorate constitutes the basis for a professional career in higher education and in research.

b. The professional doctorate which aims to produce original knowledge based on the application of the scientific method, systematic reflection or applied research on topics of practical importance and which constitutes a basis for a professional career in higher education and research, in the fields concerned. The professional doctorate can be organized in the form of full-time or part-time education.

(2) The scientific doctorate organized in the doctoral field of Intelligence and National Security is also connected to paradigms from related scientific fields: security studies, law, political science, international relations, European studies, communication sciences, psychology etc. The scientific doctorate is oriented towards producing results, syntheses and evaluations based on scientific approaches, with the aim of

elucidating and solving critical problems of knowledge and scientific research, by expanding and redefining existing knowledge.

(3) The professional doctorate in the doctoral field of Intelligence and National Security also calls on knowledge and practices from related professional fields: security, defense, legal, diplomatic, communication, psychology, politics etc. The professional doctorate is oriented towards the development of new ideas or processes at the forefront of a professional situation, based on systematic approaches, with the aim of producing applicative, innovative, autonomous or integrated, doctrinal or programmatic solutions to the situations studied.

Art. 4.

(1) The scientific doctorate is organized in the form of full-time or part-time education.

(2) The professional doctorate may be organized as a full-time or part-time education program.

(3) The scientific doctorate may be financed from the state budget, from the Romanian Intelligence Service budget from other legally established sources, on a fee basis.

(4) A person may benefit from funding from the state budget for only one doctoral university study program.

Section 3. Organization and conduct of the doctoral university study program in Intelligence and National Security

Art. 5

(1) The doctoral university study program shall be organized and carried out within the doctoral school of intelligence and security, where the accredited doctoral studies field operates.

(2) The doctoral university study program is organized and carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Higher Education no 199/2023, with the provisions of the Framework Regulation on doctoral university studies OME no 3020/2024, with the CNATDCU standards for granting the doctoral degree with the national interests and needs of the Romanian Intelligence Service.

Art.6

(1) The duration of the doctoral study program is usually 4 academic years (8 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.

(4) 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.

(5) Interruption of the doctoral program is approved by the CSD and approved by the Council for Doctoral University Studies (CSUD). The duration of the doctoral studies is extended by the duration of the cumulative periods of approved interruptions.

(6) The extension of the doctoral study program may be made by 1-2 academic years, at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor, who will also mention the form of financing, with the endorsement of CSD and the approval of the ANIMV Senate, if the doctoral student has achieved at least 120 European Credits Transferable System (ECTS), for the following situations:

- a) the doctoral student has applied for a scholarship (a documentation program) through a special grant competition in the field of the PhD topic;
- b) the doctoral student has applied for a research mobility grant (a training/documentation internship) or a scientific internship in the field of the PhD topic;
- c) the doctoral student has carried out scientific laboratory experiments or applied research activities in the field of the PhD topic;
- d) the doctoral student has carried out research activities as part of scientific research projects in the field of the PhD topic.

(7) The reduction of the doctoral university study program can be made by a maximum of 1 year, at the request of the doctoral student, with the approval of the doctoral supervisor, with the approval of the CSD and the ANIMV Senate, in the following situations:

- a. the doctoral student has achieved 210 ECTS;
- b. the doctoral student has fulfilled the requirements set out in the CNATDCU standard for granting the doctoral degree;
- c. the doctoral student submitted the doctoral thesis for public defense and CSUD decided to initiate the procedure for the public defense of the doctoral thesis by establishing the doctoral committee.

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 periods is made in accordance with a Procedure for granting interruption, extension and reduction periods, endorsed by the CSD and approved by CSUD.

(2) The procedure shall be updated whenever incidental legislative changes occur.

Section 4. Admission to the doctoral university study programs in Intelligence and National Security

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 organizing and conducting the admission to doctoral studies in ANIMV*, which presents the legal framework and the general framework for organizing and admission to doctoral studies.

(3) *The Methodology for organizing and conducting the admission to doctoral studies in ANIMV* is approved by the ANIMV Senate and is published on the ANIMV website at least 6 months prior to the date of the admission competition.

Art. 9

(1) Admission to the doctorate university study program is carried out by a competition committee proposed by the CSD and be approved by the CSUD.

(2) The competition committee is composed of at least 3 doctoral supervisors and the doctoral supervisor.

(3) The competition consists of two tests:

- a. the evaluation of the doctoral supervisor, with a weight of 50% of the final grade;
- b. the evaluation of the competition committee, with a weight of 50% of the final grade.

(4) The content of the assessments and the evaluation method are specified in the *Procedure for organizing and conducting the admission competition to the doctoral university study program in Intelligence and National Security*.

(5) The CSD of the doctoral school in which the doctoral university study program operates annually develops the *Procedure for organizing and conducting the admission competition to the doctoral university study program in Intelligence and National Security*, which specifies the documents required for registration for the competition, information regarding the number and distribution of vacancies by doctoral supervisor, admission conditions and competition calendar, other specific details.

(6) *Procedure for organizing and conducting the admission competition to the doctoral university study program in Intelligence and National Security* is endorsed by the CSD, approved by CSUD and published on the ANIMV website at least 3 months before the date of the admission competition.

Art. 10

(1) Application for admission to the competition 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) Citizens of the member states of the European Union, of the countries belonging to the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation have access to doctoral studies under the conditions provided by the normative acts in force, including the specific tuition fees for the doctoral program.

(3) After the admission competition, candidates declared admitted are enrolled and, following the signing of the doctoral study contract, become doctoral students.

(4) 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.11

(1) Enrollment in the doctoral university study program is done in accordance with an Enrollment Procedure, endorsed by the CSD and approved by the CSUD.

(2) The procedure shall be updated whenever incidental legislative changes occur.

Section 5. Curriculum of the doctoral university study program in Intelligence and National Security

Art. 12

(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; the training program based on advanced university studies ensures the acquisition of cognitive and partially transversal skills;
- b) the individual scientific research/ professional research program, which is usually carried out in semesters 1-6/7 of the doctoral study program; the individual scientific research/ professional research program ensures the acquisition of research skills and partially of transversal skills.
- c) the complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy, which is carried out modularly, in each year of studies, in addition to the training program based on advanced university studies and the individual scientific research program; the complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy ensures the acquisition of transversal and partially cognitive and research competencies.
- d) the period of completion and public defense of the doctoral thesis, usually by the 8th semester of the doctoral university study program.

(2) The doctoral university study program is carried out on the basis of the Curriculum, which is developed for each series of studies in the field of doctoral university studies. The Curriculum will specify the particularities of the scientific doctorate and the professional doctorate.

Art.13

(1) The curriculum of the doctoral university study program is developed annually by the Doctoral School Council (CSD), at least 6 months before the start of the academic year, is endorsed by CSUD and approved by the ANIMV Senate.

(2) The curriculum must ensure at least 210 ECTS from the training program based on advanced studies, from the individual scientific research program and from the complementary knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy program.

(3) The condition for the successful completion of one year of doctoral studies is the mandatory achievement of a minimum of 30 ECTS.

(4) The condition for completing the doctoral university study program consists of the mandatory achievement of a minimum of 210 ECTS.

Art.14

(1) The analytical curriculum of the doctoral study program contains the course description, 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 done 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.

Section 5.1 Training program based on advanced university studies

Art.15

- (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.
- (2) The training program based on advanced university studies ensures the acquisition of the following cognitive skills:
 - a. advanced knowledge of fundamental theories and approaches in the field of intelligence and national security;
 - b. knowledge, identification, formulation and creative solution of theoretical and practical problems specific to the field of intelligence and national security;
 - c. comprehensive knowledge of the paradigms specific to intelligence studies and security culture;
 - d. knowledge and capacity to document and capitalize on scientific works;
 - e. specific knowledge of data processing and manipulation at an advanced level;
 - f. knowledge specific to critical thinking, developing the skills to analyse, interpret and formulate reasoning in different contexts;
 - g. advanced knowledge of the principles and values of ethics and academic integrity and of correct conduct in scientific research in the field of intelligence, information and security culture;
- (3) The training program based on advanced university studies ensures the acquisition of the following transversal competencies:
 - a. advanced digital skills, appropriate for social digital transformation, including through the use of artificial intelligence in the field of intelligence and security;
 - b. applying critical thinking, interpreting or formulating reasoning in different contexts;
 - c. use of legislation in the field of intellectual property rights;
- (4) The training program based on advanced university studies is designed in the Curriculum of the doctoral university study program and is carried out based on the subject sheets. The competencies assigned to the subject are specified as learning outcomes.
- (5) The course description is developed by the subject holders, approved by the director of the doctoral school and centralized in the Analytical Program of the doctoral university study program.
- (6) Completing the training program based on advanced university studies ensures the achievement of 30 ECTS. Obtaining the credits is conditional on successfully passing the exams in the disciplines provided for in the Curriculum of the doctoral university studies program.
- (7) The training program based on advanced university studies does not affect the availability of the doctoral student for the individual scientific research program.
- (8) The participation of a doctoral student in the training program based on advanced university studies is mandatory.

Art.16

- (1) The completion of the training program based on advanced university studies by doctoral students is carried out in accordance with a *Procedure of the training program based on advanced university studies*, endorsed by CDS and approved by CSUD.

- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever necessary and when incidental legislative changes occur.

Section 5.2 Individual scientific research program

Art. 17

- (1) The individual scientific research program represents the research component of the doctoral university study 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 ensures the acquisition of the following scientific competences:
 - a. knowledge of scientific and applied research methods and techniques specific to the field of intelligence and national security;
 - b. knowledge of new procedures and solutions in scientific and applied research specific to the field of intelligence and national security;
 - c. data processing and analysis at an advanced level, including through the use of dedicated software, in the field of intelligence and security;
- (3) The individual scientific research program ensures the acquisition of the following transversal competencies:
 - a. skills of interaction, cooperation and scientific collaboration;
 - b. risk, crisis and failure management in scientific and applied research;
 - c. the application of legislation in the field of intellectual property rights;
- (4) The individual scientific research program is designed in the Curriculum of the doctoral university study program. It is carried out based on scientific activity sheets, so as to ensure the acquisition of the competencies designed as learning outcomes.
- (5) The scientific activities sheets are developed by the doctoral supervisors, approved by the director of the doctoral school and centralized in the Analytical Program of the doctoral university study program.
- (6) The scientific research activities of the Individual Scientific Research Program are:
 - a. drafting doctoral research reports (semesters 1-3);
 - b. participation in scientific conferences (semesters 2-8);
 - c. publishing scientific articles (semesters 2-8);
 - d. development of the doctoral thesis (semesters 5/6-6/7);
 - e. presentation of the doctoral thesis (semesters 7/8)/
- (7) The scientific research activities of the Individual Scientific Research Program are coordinated and approved by the doctoral supervisor and evaluated by the academic advisory and integrity committee.

Art. 18

- (1) Completing the individual scientific research program ensures the achievement of a minimum of 170 ECTS. Obtaining the credits is conditional on the successful completion of the scientific research activities set out in the curriculum of the doctoral study program.
- (2) The guidance of the doctoral student within the individual research program is provided by the academic advisory and integrity committee whose composition is established by the doctoral supervisor and approved by the CSD.

- (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) 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.
- (7) 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) The completion of the individual scientific research program by doctoral students is carried out in accordance with the Procedure for the individual research program, endorsed by CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever necessary and when incidental legislative changes occur.

Section 5.3 The complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy

Art.20

- (1) The complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy is organized in modular format, a module usually lasting 4 days.
- (2) The complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy ensures the acquisition of the following cognitive and scientific competencies:
 - a. ability to write scientific papers and other academic materials at an advanced level, in a style appropriate to the intelligence and security field and in compliance with its specific rigors at national and international level;
 - b. academic-level language skills necessary for the documentation, development and communication of scientific papers;
- (3) The complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy ensures the acquisition of the following transversal skills:
 - a. interpersonal and teamwork skills;
 - b. written and oral communications skills in the field of intelligence and national security;
 - c. career management skills, job search techniques and job creation for others;
 - d. risk, crisis and failure management in the academic and scientific research career;
 - e. management of human, material and financial resources in the field of intelligence and national security;
- (4) The complementary program knowledge skills, responsibilities, autonomy is designed in the Curriculum of the doctoral university study program. It is carried out based on the module sheets, so as to complement the designed learning outcomes.

- (5) Module sheets are developed by the module coordinators, approved by the director of the doctoral school and centralized in the Analytical Program of the doctoral university study program.

Art.21

- (1) Completion of the complementary program knowledge skills, responsibilities, autonomy ensures the achievement of a maximum of 30 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 a formative role, do not imply compulsory promotion and do not condition the financing of the doctoral students or the course of the doctoral students within the doctoral university study program.

Art.22

- (1) The completion of the individual scientific research program by doctoral students is carried out in accordance with the Procedure for the complementary program, endorsed by CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever necessary and when incidental legislative changes occur.

Section 6. Completion of the doctoral university study program in Intelligence and National Security

Art. 23

- (1) Completion of the doctoral university study program in Intelligence and National Security involves two stages:
 - a. approval of the doctoral thesis by the academic advisory and integrity committee, which is usually done in the 6th/7th semester of the doctoral university study program;
 - b. the public evaluation of the doctoral thesis by the doctoral committee, which is done in the 7th/8th semester of the doctoral university study program.
- (2) The doctoral thesis is the scientific work through which the doctoral student proves the ability to scientifically address a problem, a subject of scientific research of professional research. It must highlight the ability to extract the essential ideas from the studied bibliography, to operate with fundamental theories and those specific to the field of science, to identify the most appropriate scientific or professional research methods, to establish scientific or professional research objectives and operationalize them, to extract conclusions based on arguments and to offer theoretical and applied solutions of their own for a scientific or professional research topic.
- (3) The doctoral thesis must demonstrate the doctoral student's ability to use the research results in a creative, original and innovative way so as to produce a new perspective, a new solution to the problem addressed in the thesis or, as the case may be, to demonstrate the ability to generate ideas and solutions that have not been produced in previous research. This component of the doctoral thesis can be embodied in models, operational research, case studies etc.

Art. 24

- (1) The doctoral thesis must be the result of the doctoral student's own scientific or professional research activity and contain original results in the field of scientific knowledge.
- (2) The doctoral student is the author of the doctoral thesis and assumes the correctness of the date and information presented in the thesis, as well as the opinions and positions expressed in the thesis.
- (3) The content of the doctoral thesis is established by the doctoral student in consultation with the doctoral supervisor and will respect the framework structure and limitations imposed by the IOSUD regulations. The doctoral thesis is an original work, and it is mandatory to mention the source for any material taken over.
- (4) The doctoral thesis is a public document, the name and surname of the doctoral thesis holder, of the doctoral supervisor and of the members of the academic advisory and integrity committee, as well as the identification data of IOSUD being also public information.
- (5) The CSD in which the doctoral university studies program operates, propose criteria and indicators for evaluating doctoral theses, approved by the CSUD. The criteria for evaluating the quality of a doctoral thesis refer to the scientific or professional research results obtained within the doctoral university study program.

Art. 25

- (1) For the approval of the doctoral thesis by the academic advisory and integrity committee, the following actions are taken:
 - a. the doctoral student submits the doctoral thesis in electronic format to the secretariat of the doctoral school, together with the doctoral thesis summary and the declaration on one's responsibility regarding the originality of the doctoral thesis;
 - b. the secretariat of the doctoral school performs the similarity analysis using a program recognized by CNATDCU; the doctoral school may additionally use another program to identify similarities, according to IOSUD's own regulations, the similarity reports being included in the doctoral file;
 - c. the analysis and interpretation of the results of the similarity report are carried out both by the academic advisory and integrity committee, and by the committee proposed by the CSD and approved by the CSUD, according to IOSUD regulation;
 - d. if the analysis and interpretation of the similarity report indicates the need for changes in the doctoral thesis, the doctoral student and the doctoral supervisor are officially notified by the doctoral school. After the elements notified are remedied, the actions from Art.25 are resumed;
 - e. if the analysis and interpretation of the similarity report does not indicate the need for changes, the doctoral thesis is presented to the Academic advisory and Integrity Committee for approval with a view to public support;
 - f. if the academic advisory and integrity committee does not approve the thesis for public defense, the doctoral student is informed of the elements that need to be redone;
 - g. if the academic advisory and integrity committee approves the thesis for public defense, the doctoral supervisor drafts the acceptance report of the doctoral thesis which he submits to the secretariat of the doctoral school accompanied by the minutes of approval of the doctoral thesis by the academic advisory and integrity committee and the other documents provided for in the procedure for establishing the public defense file;

- h. the doctoral thesis and its annexes will be uploaded by the secretariat of the doctoral school for public consultation for 90 calendar days on the national platform managed by the Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (UEFISCDI), in accordance with the legal provisions in force in the field of copyright.

Art.26

- (1) After the 90 days public consultation period, public observation regarding the existence of deviations from ethical and deontological standards, including from the perspective of the existence of plagiarism, shall be recorded in a report prepared by the doctoral school, which shall be submitted to the CSUD for analysis and decision in order to validate the initiation of the procedure for the public defense of the doctoral thesis and shall be part of the doctoral file.
- (2) If CSUD invalidates the initiation of the public defense procedure of the doctoral thesis, the doctoral student receives recommendations regarding the rewriting of the doctoral thesis and the elimination of situations not in compliance with the standards of ethics and deontology and is obliged to revise the content of the doctoral thesis within 3 months from the communication of the decision to invalidate the defense, with the resumption of the procedures provided for in Art.25 – Art.26.
- (3) If the CSUD decision is for validation, the procedure for the public defense of the doctoral thesis is initiated and the doctoral committee is established.

Art.27

- (1) Entry into the public defense procedure of the doctoral thesis may be made if the following conditions are met:
 - a. the doctoral student has achieved the CNATDCU standard in force for the award of the doctoral degree;
 - b. the doctoral student has achieved a minimum of 200 ECTS from the sum of the ECTS of the training program based on advanced university studies and the individual scientific research program;
 - c. the doctoral student has achieved a minimum of 210 ECTS within the doctoral university study program; if he/she has not achieved a minimum of 210 ECTS, the doctoral student cannot defend the doctoral thesis and is expelled.

Art. 28

- (1) The evaluation of the doctoral thesis in public defense is carried out by a doctoral committee proposed by the doctoral supervisor, endorsed by the CSD, approved by the CSUD and appointed by Decision of the Rector of ANIMV.
- (2) The Commission shall be composed of at least 5 members:
 1. president – representative of the IOSUD ANIMV management;
 2. the doctoral supervisor from the doctoral school;
 3. at least 3 official examiners from the country or abroad, specialists in the field in which the doctoral thesis was developed and who are tenured in higher education or scientific research at institutions other than IOSUD ANIMV.
- (3) The members of the doctoral committee must have the scientific title of doctor and at least the teaching rank of associate professor or scientific researcher level II or hold the quality of doctoral supervisor, in the country or abroad.

- (4) Members of the Academic Advisory and Integrity Committee cannot be members of the doctoral committee.
- (5) Doctoral supervisors associated with doctoral schools in IOSUD ANIMV cannot be official examiners in the doctoral committees of IOSUD ANIMV.

Art.29

- (1) For the evaluation of the doctoral thesis, the doctoral committee has 15 days during which the official examiners study the doctoral thesis and prepare evaluation reports that they submit to the secretariat of the doctoral school.
- (2) After all evaluation papers are submitted, at the proposal of the doctoral student, with the approval of the doctoral supervisor and the president of the doctoral committee, the date of defense of the doctoral thesis is established at least 25 calendar days before the proposed date for defense.
- (3) On the same date, the doctoral thesis is submitted in printed format to the ANIMV library for public consultation.
- (4) The announcement of the public defense of the doctoral thesis is posted on www.animv.ro at least 20 days before the date set for the public defense, together with the other documents provided for in the procedure for establishing the public defense file.

Art.30

- (1) The public defense of the doctoral thesis may only take place in the presence of at least 4 members of the doctoral committee, with the mandatory physical participation of the committee chair and the doctoral supervisor, the other members of the committee may also participate via online videoconference.
- (2) The public defense of the doctoral thesis consists of:
 - a. presentation by the doctoral supervisor of the content of the doctoral thesis acceptance report;
 - b. presentation by the doctoral student of the main elements of novelty and originality in the content of the doctoral thesis;
 - c. presentation by the official reviewers of the content of the doctoral thesis evaluation reports;
 - d. mandatory participation in a question-and-answer session with the members of the doctoral committee and the public.
- (3) Based on the public defense of the doctoral thesis, the examiners' reports, the declaration on the originality of the work and the analysis on the degree of similarity, the doctoral committee evaluates and deliberates on the award of the doctoral degree, in compliance with the minimum standards developed by CNATDCU for the award of the doctoral degree.

Art.31

- (1) In the event of failure to meet the minimum standards required for the award of the doctoral degree, the doctoral committee shall specify the elements to be reworked or completed in the doctoral thesis and shall request a new public defense of the thesis, after resuming the procedures provided for in Art.25 – Art.29. The second public defense of the thesis shall take place before the same doctoral committee as in the case of the first defense. If the maximum standards are not met even at the second public defense, the doctoral degree shall not be awarded and the doctoral student shall be expelled.

- (2) If the doctoral student has fulfilled all the requirements set out in the scientific research program, as well as the minimum standards related to the field, the doctoral committee proposes the award of the doctoral degree, a proposal that is submitted together with the doctoral file, within a maximum of 30 calendar days, to CNATDCU.
- (3) If CNATDCU decides that the administrative procedure carried out at IOSUD did not comply with the provisions of this regulation, the doctoral file will be sent back to IOSUD to be re-analyzed and completed. It may be re-sent to CNATDCU for a new analysis only after resuming the procedure provided for in Art.25- Art.29.
- (4) In the event that the CNATDCU commission issues the compliance notice within 30 calendar days from receiving the compliance notice, IOSUD issues the decision to award the doctoral degree, signed by the rector of ANIMV, draws up and issues the doctoral degree.
- (5) Within 30 calendar days, the final version of the doctoral thesis shall be submitted in printed and digital format to the ANIMV Library and to the National Library of Romania.

Art. 32

- (1) The activities of public defense of the doctoral thesis are carried out in accordance with a Procedure for Public Defense of the Doctoral Thesis, endorsed by endorsed by the CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever incidental legislative changes occur.

Section 7. Final provisions

Art.33

- (1) This Regulation enters into force on the date of its approval by the ANIMV Senate.
- (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, any regulation referring to the organization and operation of doctoral university study programs is repealed.