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OF IOSUD ANIMV**

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Section 1. Legal basis

Article 1.

The present Regulations are based on the following documents:

1. Law of higher education No. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and completions;
2. Order of the Ministry of Education No. 3020 of January 8, 2024 on the approval of the Framework regulations on doctoral university studies, with subsequent amendments and completions;
 - a. Order of the Ministry of Education No. 4653 of July 23, 2025, amending and supplementing the Framework Regulations on doctoral studies;
 - b. Order of the Ministry of Education No. 3214 of February 16, 2026, amending and supplementing the Framework Regulations on doctoral studies.

Section 2. General provisions

Article 2.

- (1) "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy is a higher education institution accredited to organize and conduct study programs specific to the Cycle III of university studies.
- (2) The legal representative of IOSUD ANIMV is the Commandant (Rector) of the "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy.
- (3) The *Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy* (IOSUD ANIMV) provide for the organizational and operational structure of IOSUD ANIMV and of the *Council for Doctoral University Studies* (CSUD), outline the manner of establishment, organization, and functioning of university management structures at the Cycle III level of university studies, and the manner of establishment, structuring, and functioning of university structures specific to Cycle III of university studies.

Article 3.

- (1) *The Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV* are drawn up in accordance with the vision centered on the following values:
 - a) equity, by ensuring opportunities for doctoral and postdoctoral studies, equitably for all;
 - b) excellence, by fostering and motivating it within the doctoral and postdoctoral education and research process;
 - c) integrity, by establishing values and promoting ethics in doctoral and postdoctoral education and research;
 - d) well-being, by supporting doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers through appropriate care and health measures, counseling, and career guidance, as well as by ensuring personal development conditions through appropriate support measures;
 - e) professionalism, by maintaining high standards in the training of faculty members and, implicitly, in the training provided to doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers;
 - f) respect, by appropriating respect for other persons, institutions, the environment and society, as part of the training;

- g) flexibility, by providing a dynamic learning path adapted to the needs of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers, in order to acquire skills;
 - h) diversity, by ensuring respect for variety and a tolerant environment for the training process of the doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers;
 - i) transparency, through the use of transparent evaluation mechanisms and maintaining open and honest communication with doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers;
 - j) collaboration, through the development of inter-university partnerships, partnerships with public or private research institutes, and with public or private economic operators, including for the development of interdisciplinary study programs, as well as for any other types of projects;
 - k) consultation, by involving stakeholders in the design and implementation of legislation, strategies and policies in the field of doctoral and postdoctoral studies;
 - l) inclusion, by ensuring that the educational process respects the status and rights of all candidates, doctoral students, and postdoctoral researchers, so that they have the opportunity to benefit from equal treatment with others;
 - m) sustainable development and green transition, by meeting the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs;
 - n) accountability, through the conscious assumption of responsibility for one's own behavior and actions, among all educational stakeholders: students, administrative staff, faculty, and support staff;
 - o) institutional transparency, whereby all university institutional resolutions, decisions, and regulations are characterized by the highest degree of transparency, in order to uphold the principle of public accountability.
- (2) The Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV are drawn up by the Council for Doctoral University Studies, in consultation with all directors of doctoral schools, in compliance with the legal provisions in force.
- (3) The Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV are endorsed by CSUD ANIMV and approved by ANIMV Senate.

Section 3. Institution Organizing Doctoral University Studies ANIMV

Article 4.

- (1) IOSUD ANIMV organizes and conducts doctoral studies and postdoctoral studies.
- (2) Doctoral studies are conducted within the doctoral university studies programs and within the postdoctoral programs, in accredited doctoral fields.
- (3) Doctoral studies are carried out within the doctoral schools of IOSUD ANIMV, which are directly coordinated by the Council for Doctoral University Studies of ANIMV.

Article 5.

- (1) IOSUD ANIMV may enter into partnerships with other higher education institutions and/or research and development units for the purpose of organizing and conducting doctoral university study programs and postdoctoral advanced research programs.
- (2) IOSUD ANIMV may employ, on a contractual basis, specialists from abroad who have the legal right to supervise doctoral students.
- (3) IOSUD ANIMV supports the development of a framework for the organization, operation, and promotion of doctoral programs and postdoctoral advanced research programs.
- (4) IOSUD ANIMV promotes procedures and principles for quality assurance in the organization and conducting of doctoral university study programs and postdoctoral advanced research programs.

Section 4. Council for Doctoral University Studies

Article 6.

- (1) The management of IOSUD ANIMV is carried out by the Council for Doctoral University Studies (CSUD), a deliberative and decision-making university management body.
- (2) The executive management of the CSUD is carried out by the Director of the CSUD, who is also a member of the CSUD by virtue of their position.

Article 7.

- (1) CSUD may consist of a minimum of 7 members and a maximum of 17 members. The number of members and the composition of the CSUD shall be determined for each term of office of the university's management structure, at least 30 days prior to the end of the CSUD's mandate, by means of a specific decision of the CSUD.
- (2) The CSUD is composed of:
 - a) doctoral supervisors representing the doctoral schools within the IOSUD ANIMV;
 - b) doctoral supervisors from outside IOSUD ANIMV, either from within the country or from abroad;
 - c) representatives of doctoral students and/or postdoctoral researchers, in proportion of 25% of the established number for the composition of the CSUD;
 - d) prominent scholars or professionals from the fields for which the IOSUD ANIMV prepares specialists; university faculty members and scientific researchers must be authorized to supervise doctoral students;
- (3) All members of the CSUD are elected by universal, direct, secret, and equal vote of the doctoral supervisors, as well as of the doctoral students and the postdoctoral researchers of the IOSUD ANIMV doctoral schools.
- (4) Members representing the doctoral supervisors from IOSUD ANIMV are elected by the universal, direct, secret, and equal vote of the doctoral supervisors of IOSUD ANIMV. The doctoral supervisors of IOSUD ANIMV, university faculty members, or scientific researchers, who meet the minimum and mandatory standards for the award of the habilitation certificate in effect on the date of their

application for the CSUD are eligible to run for office. All the doctoral supervisors of IOSUD ANIMV are eligible to vote.

- (5) Members representing the doctoral supervisors from outside the IOSUD ANIMV are elected by universal, direct, secret and equal vote of the doctoral supervisors of IOSUD ANIMV. The Rector of the ANIMV and the Director of the CSUD have the right to nominate such candidates. Candidates must hold the status of tenured university faculty members or scientific researchers at other IOSUDs, meet the minimum and mandatory standards for the granting of the habilitation certificate in effect at the time of their nomination for the CSUD, and be eligible to supervise doctoral studies in the fundamental field of science in which IOSUD ANIMV is accredited to organize and conduct doctoral and postdoctoral studies. All the doctoral supervisors of IOSUD ANIMV are eligible to vote.
- (6) Members representing the professional fields for which IOSUD ANIMV provides professional training are elected by universal, direct, secret, and equal vote of the doctoral supervisors of IOSUD ANIMV. The Rector of ANIMV and the Director of CSUD have the right to propose their candidacy. Candidates must hold a doctoral degree in one of the fields of doctoral study in which IOSUD ANIMV is accredited to organize and conduct doctoral and postdoctoral studies. All doctoral advisors at IOSUD ANIMV have the right to vote.
- (7) The members representing doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers within the CSUD are elected by universal, direct and, equal vote of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers, in accordance with the *Methodology for electing the representatives of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers in academic management structures*.
- (8) The mandate of the CSUD is 5 years. The duration of the full term of office of a member of CSUD is 5 years and ends upon the expiry of the CSUD's mandate.
- (9) In order to fill vacancies that arise during the mandate of CSUD, partial elections are held, depending on the specificity of the vacancy. The partial term of the members of the CSUD shall end on the expiry of the mandate of the CSUD.
- (10) The term of office of the members of the CSUD who are doctoral supervisors and professional personalities ends before its expiry in the following situations: death, retirement, loss of tenured professor status, loss of doctoral supervisor title, loss of doctoral title, withdrawal from office.
- (11) The term of office of the members of the CSUD who are doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers shall be terminated in accordance with the *Methodology for electing the representatives of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers in academic management structures*.

Article 8.

- (1) The CSUD normally meets, as a rule, on a monthly basis or whenever necessary. Extraordinary meetings are held at the request of the CSUD Director or at the request of at least one-third of the CSUD members.
- (2) Decisions of the CSUD are made by a simple majority of the members present. The meeting quorum is achieved by the participation of at least two-thirds of the total number of CSUD members, but with the mandatory presence of at least one representative of doctoral students.

- (3) Decisions for which the CSUD has approval competence are submitted for information to the Board of Trustees of the ANIMV; decisions for which the CSUD has the endorsement competence shall be submitted to be approved by the ANIMV Senate or Board of Trustees of the ANIMV, according to their competences.

Article 9.

- (1) The CSUD has the following responsibilities in ensuring the operation of IOSUD ANIMV:
- a) approves the *Regulations on organization and functioning of the doctoral schools of ANIMV*;
 - b) approves the results of the habilitation processes for obtaining doctoral supervisor status and submits them to the National Council for Attestation of University Titles, Diplomas, and Certificates (CNATDCU) for validation;
 - c) approves the doctoral supervisors' requests to become members of doctoral schools;
 - d) approves the granting or revocation of the membership of the Doctoral School to doctoral supervisors based on minimum standards of scientific performance;
 - e) approves the doctoral supervisors' requests to become scientific coordinators of the doctoral schools;
 - f) approves the registration of candidates declared admitted, namely the dismissal of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers, upon the recommendation of the doctoral school councils;
 - g) approves national and international mobility internships of doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, and doctoral supervisors;
 - h) endorses the *Regulations on organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV* and submits it to the ANIMV Senate for approval;
 - i) endorses partnerships for conducting doctoral studies programs and postdoctoral advanced research programs with other higher education institutions or research-development units, which they submit to the Board of Trustees for approval;
 - j) endorses the *Strategy for increasing the quality of educational and research experience in IOSUD ANIMV*, proposed by the Director of the CSUD, and submits it to the ANIMV Board of Trustees for approval;
 - k) endorses the *Methodology for the appointment of the Director of the CSUD* and submits it to the ANIMV Senate for approval;
 - l) endorses the *Methodology for the organization and conduct of admission process to doctoral university studies in ANIMV* and submits it to the ANIMV Senate for approval;
 - m) endorses the *Methodology for the organization and conduct of admission process to postdoctoral university studies in ANIMV* and submits it to the ANIMV Senate for approval;
 - n) endorses the IOSUD ANIMV periodic self-evaluation report of, every 5 years, and submits it to the ANIMV Senate for approval;
 - o) formulates proposals on the establishment, merger, dissolution of doctoral schools within the IOSUD ANIMV, which it submits to the ANIMV Senate for approval;

- p) analyzes and resolves the decisions of the doctoral schools' councils and submits them to the ANIMV Senate or to the ANIMV Board of Trustees, if applicable.

Article 10.

- (1) The CSUD has the following responsibilities in providing doctoral university studies programs:
 - a) approves the procedures necessary for the proper conduct of the activities specific to doctoral programs in doctoral schools;
 - b) approves the curricula of doctoral university study programs in accredited doctoral studies fields;
 - c) approves the composition of the committees for public defense of doctoral theses;
 - d) approves the internal evaluation reports of accredited doctoral fields of study;
 - e) approves the replacement of the doctoral supervisor (permanent internal mobility), respectively the redistribution of doctoral students to doctoral supervisors within doctoral schools, where appropriate;
 - f) approves the criteria and indicators for the evaluation of doctoral theses by the advisory and academic integrity committees and by the committees for the public defense of doctoral theses;
 - g) approves the reports of periodic self-evaluation of the doctoral fields of study conducted by the doctoral schools at 5-year intervals;
 - h) endorses the Regulations on the organization and functioning of Doctoral Studies Programs within IOSUD ANIMV and submits it to the ANIMV Senate for approval;
 - i) endorses the curricula of the doctoral university studies programs in the fields of accredited doctoral studies and submits them to the ANIMV Senate for approval.

Article 11.

- (1) The CSUD has the following responsibilities in delivering postdoctoral advanced research programs:
 - a) approves the procedures necessary for the proper conduct of the activities specific to advanced postdoctoral research programs within doctoral schools;
 - b) approves the curricula of advanced postdoctoral research programs in accredited doctoral study fields;
 - c) approves the composition of the committees for the public defense of the scientific theses required for completion of the postdoctoral advanced research program;
 - d) approves the internal evaluation reports of postdoctoral advanced research programs in accredited doctoral study fields;
 - e) approves the replacement of the scientific supervisor (permanent internal mobility), respectively the reassignment of postdoctoral researchers to scientific supervisors within doctoral schools;
 - f) approves the criteria and indicators for the evaluation of graduation scientific papers by the advisory and academic integrity committees and by the committees for the public defense of graduation papers, proposed by the Doctoral School Councils;
 - g) endorses the Regulations on the organization and conduct of postdoctoral advanced research programs within IOSUD ANIMV and submits it to the ANIMV Senate for approval;

- h) endorses the curricula of advanced postdoctoral research programs in accredited fields and submits them to the ANIMV Senate for approval.

Section 5. Director of the Council for University Doctoral Studies

Article 12.

- (1) The Director of the Council for Doctoral Studies (CSUD) ensures the operational management of the CSUD and represents the ANIMV Institute for Doctoral Studies (IOSUD) in inter-institutional relations. The position of Director of the CSUD is equivalent to that of Vice-Rector.
- (2) The Director of the CSUD is appointed following a public competition organized by the Rector of ANIMV, in accordance with these Regulations and the Methodology on the appointment of the CSUD Director.
- (3) The term of office of the CSUD Director is 5 years.
- (4) The responsibilities of the CSUD Director are as follows:
- a) Chairs CSUD meetings and is an ex officio member thereof;
 - b) coordinates the drafting of the *Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV*, reviews the final form of the draft, and presents it to the CSUD members for endorsement;
 - c) monitors organizational, operational, and administrative activities of doctoral university study programs in accredited doctoral fields, in accordance with the provisions of the *Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV* and the applicable legislation;
 - d) proposes for endorsement to CSUD the *Strategy for improving the quality of educational and research experience within IOSUD ANIMV* for each accredited doctoral study fields within IOSUD ANIMV;
 - e) proposes for endorsement to CSUD the strategies for the internationalization of university study programs, the strategies to increase international visibility and notoriety, and international agreements in the field of scientific and doctoral research of CSUD;
 - f) proposes to CSUD and doctoral schools inter-institutional and scientific research project agreements in accredited doctoral fields of study;
 - g) proposes for endorsement to CSUD the methodologies necessary for the proper conduct of the activities specific to doctoral university programs within ANIMV, in accordance with the *Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV*, the *Regulations on the organization and conduct of doctoral university study programs within IOSUD ANIMV*, the *Regulations for the organization and conduct of postdoctoral programs within IOSUD ANIMV*, and the applicable legal framework;
 - h) leads the internal self-evaluation activities of IOSUD ANIMV and doctoral schools, based on the methodologies in force, and proposes to CSUD the Internal self-evaluation report of IOSUD ANIMV.
 - i) ensures the publication on the animv.ro website of at least the following documents and information:
 1. The *Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV*;

2. The regulations of doctoral university study programs and postdoctoral programs in accredited doctoral fields;
 3. The methodologies regarding CSUD-specific activities;
 4. Information regarding the composition of the CSUD;
 5. Information regarding the strategies and policies for the development of doctoral studies and their internationalization
- j) ensures the prevention and sanctioning of deviations from the norms of academic ethics and integrity and of scientific and professional research standards, in accordance with the Code of Ethics and Professional Deontology of ANIMV.

Article 13.

- (1) The position of the CSUD Director is incompatible with the management positions provided by Article 170, paragraph (5) of the Law of higher education No. 199/2023. If the CSUD Director is in a situation of incompatibility with other management positions, they have 15 days to resolve the incompatibility situation, including by suspending themselves from one of the positions.

Section 6. Doctoral Schools within ANIMV

Article 14.

- (1) "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy, as an Institution Organizing Doctoral University Studies, proposes the establishment and organization of doctoral schools for accredited or provisionally authorized doctoral fields and ensures their operation.

Article 15.

- (1) The proposals for the establishment, reorganization, or dissolution of doctoral schools are decided by the CSUD and submitted to the ANIMV University Senate for endorsement. The ANIMV University Senate endorses proposals for the establishment, reorganization, or dissolution of doctoral schools. In the event of a favorable opinion, the Decision of the ANIMV University Senate is submitted to the Ministry of Education and Research for approval. In the event of dissolution, the CSUD shall determine the procedure for terminating the doctoral programs conducted within the dissolved Doctoral School.
- (2) The proposal of a new doctoral study field may be submitted to CSUD by the CSUD Director, by the directors of doctoral schools or by doctoral supervisors habilitated in the new doctoral field. The CSUD approves or rejects the proposal of a new doctoral field. In the case of approval of the proposal of a new doctoral field, the CSUD shall ensure the minimum legal standards for the functioning of the doctoral field of study. The Decision of CSUD will be submitted to the ANIMV Senate for approval.

Article 16.

- (1) A Doctoral School may be established if at least the following minimum legal standards are met:
- a) at least one doctoral field exists in which there are at least 3 doctoral supervisors, tenured or visiting professors of IOSUD ANIMV, who meet the minimum and mandatory standards for awarding the habilitation certificate, approved by order of the Minister of Education and Research, in force at the date of establishment

of the Doctoral School, and who have expressed their intention to be active within the Doctoral School;

- b) ANIMV has the necessary scientific resources and equipment for conducting research under the best conditions in the doctoral field;
 - c) ANIMV has budgetary or extrabudgetary resources to ensure the financial sustainability of Doctoral School activities;
 - d) ANIMV has identified interests and opportunities from the scientific and academic environment, from the Romanian Intelligence Service and from the System of Defense, Public Order, and National Security, as well as from the economic, cultural, and social environment, which ensure and contribute to achieving the objectives of the Doctoral School and which can provide human, informational, financial, and material resources for the functioning of the Doctoral School.
- (2) Doctoral schools operate under the direct coordination of the CSUD. Each Doctoral School is headed by a Doctoral School director, who ensures the operational management of the Doctoral School, and by a Doctoral School Council, as a deliberative academic management structure.

Section 7. Doctoral university study programs

Article 17.

- (1) Doctoral university study programs represent Cycle III of university studies, the purpose of which consists in developing human resources competent in conducting scientific research, employable in the highly qualified labor markets. They consist of research-based training for research, development, and innovation and constitute a professional research experience, concluded with the award of a doctoral degree.
- (2) Doctoral programs are organized in accredited doctoral fields of IOSUD ANIMV and are of two types:
- a) Scientific doctorate, the purpose of which is to produce original, internationally relevant scientific knowledge based on scientific methods, and which may be offered as a full-time or part-time education form. The scientific doctorate serves as the foundation for a professional career in higher education and research;
 - b) Professional doctorate, the purpose of which is to generate original knowledge through the application of the scientific method, systematic reflection, or applied research on topics of practical importance, and which serves as a foundation for a professional career in higher education and research in the relevant fields. The professional doctorate may be offered as a full-time or part-time educational form.

Article 18.

- (1) Accredited doctoral university study programs of IOSUD ANIMV are organized and conducted in the following forms:
- a) the scientific doctorate is organized in form of full-time or part-time education.
 - b) the professional doctorate may be organized in form of full-time or part-time education.
- (2) Accredited doctoral university study programs of IOSUD ANIMV are financed from the following sources:

- a) the scientific doctorate may be financed from the state budget, from the SRI budget, from other legally constituted sources, on a tuition-fee basis.
 - b) the professional doctorate may be financed from the SRI budget, from other legally constituted sources, on a tuition-fee basis.
- (3) The candidate for professional doctoral university study programs may choose when applying for the admission competition one of the forms of education, in accordance with the obligations provided in Section 10.

Article 19.

- (1) The organization and conduct of admission, training, research, and completion of doctoral university study programs are specified in the *Regulations on the organization and conduct of doctoral university study programs*.
- (2) The Regulations are proposed by the CSUD Director, endorsed by CSUD, and approved by the ANIMV Senate.

Section 8. Advanced research postdoctoral programs

Article 20.

- (1) Advanced postdoctoral research programs are intended for persons who obtained a doctoral degree in science no more than 5 years prior to admission to the postdoctoral program or who participated in and obtained a certificate of excellence in the "Marie Skłodowska Curie," competitions organized by the European Commission, regardless of the time when the doctoral title was obtained.
- (2) Advanced postdoctoral research programs are organized in accredited doctoral fields of IOSUD ANIMV and, depending on the financing sources, may be organized as:
- a) study programs organized in form of full-time education, funded from legally constituted sources, on a tuition-fee basis;
 - b) study programs organized in form of part-time education, funded from the SRI budget, on a tuition-fee basis.
- (3) The candidate for advanced postdoctoral research programs may choose one of the forms of study at the time of registration for the admission competition, in accordance with the obligations set forth in Section 11.

Article 21.

- (3) The procedures for organizing and conducting the admission, training, research, and completion of postdoctoral advanced research programs are specified in the *Regulations for the organization and conduct of postdoctoral advanced research programs*.
- (4) The Regulations are proposed by the CSUD Director, endorsed by CSUD, and approved by the ANIMV Senate.

Section 9. Doctoral supervisor - Scientific coordinator

Article 22.

- (5) In order to hold the status of doctoral supervisor, a habilitation certificate is required. Only persons who hold a doctoral degree and who meet the minimum national standards established by the National Commission for Attestation of

University Titles, Diplomas and Certificates (CNATDCU), approved by order of the Minister of Education, may apply in order to obtain the habilitation certificate.

- (6) Obtaining the habilitation certificate within IOSUD ANIMV is carried out in accordance with the applicable legislation and the provisions of the *Methodology for organization and conduct of the process of obtaining the habilitation certificate*, proposed by the CSUD and approved by the ANIMV Senate.
- (7) A person may be a doctoral supervisor within IOSUD ANIMV if they obtained the right to supervise doctorates prior to the entry into force of the Law of higher education no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and completions, as well as persons who obtained the habilitation certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Law of higher education no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and completions.
- (8) A doctoral supervisor may supervise doctoral students only in the field for which they obtained this right. As an exception, upon its establishment, a new field of doctoral studies may operate with supervisors from the same branch of science.
- (9) A doctoral supervisor may not simultaneously guide doctoral students except within a single IOSUD, with the exception of doctorates conducted in co-tutorship. Within IOSUD ANIMV, a doctoral supervisor may supervise a maximum of 8 doctoral students. Exceptional situations are analyzed and resolved by decisions of the ANIMV Senate.
- (10) In order to obtain the status of doctoral supervisor within IOSUD ANIMV, persons who hold the right to supervise doctorates shall request affiliation to a Doctoral School of IOSUD ANIMV, according to the doctoral field.

Article 23.

- (1) In order to obtain the status of scientific coordinator and the right to supervise postdoctoral researchers in advanced postdoctoral research programs, one must hold the status doctoral supervisor affiliated with a Doctoral School within IOSUD ANIMV.

Article 24.

- (1) A doctoral supervisor may simultaneously supervise a maximum of 8 doctoral students enrolled in the training program based on advanced university studies and/or in the individual scientific research program, including doctoral students who have interrupted or extended the doctoral university studies program. Doctoral supervisors exceeding this limit may not be allocated new doctoral student positions under their supervision during the admission process.
- (2) A doctoral supervisor may simultaneously co-supervise, in a secondary role, a maximum of 4 doctoral students enrolled in the individual scientific research program, including doctoral students who have interrupted or extended the doctoral university studies program. Doctoral supervisors exceeding this limit cannot accept new doctoral students in co-tutorship.
- (3) In the case of redistribution of doctoral students following termination of the employment contract of a doctoral supervisor with IOSUD ANIMV, the maximum number of doctoral students simultaneously supervised may be exceeded, with the annual Senate approval, until the established maximum number is restored.

- (4) For the activity carried out in this capacity, doctoral supervisors are assigned teaching loads in accordance with the *Methodology for establishing the academic load within ANIMV* and are remunerated according to legislation in force.

Article 25.

- (1) A scientific coordinator may simultaneously supervise a maximum of 4 postdoctoral researchers in the individual advanced scientific research program, including postdoctoral researchers who have interrupted or extended the postdoctoral advanced research program. Scientific coordinators exceeding this limit may not be assigned coordination of new postdoctoral researcher vacancies.
- (2) In the case of redistribution of postdoctoral researchers following termination of the employment contract of a scientific coordinator with IOSUD ANIMV, the maximum number of postdoctoral researchers simultaneously guided may be exceeded, with annual approval of the ANIMV Senate, until the established maximum number is restored.
- (3) For the activity carried out in this capacity, the scientific coordinators are assigned academic loads in accordance with the *Methodology for establishing the academic load in ANIMV* and are remunerated according to the legislation in force.

Article 26.

- (1) The rights and obligations of the doctoral supervisor, and of the scientific coordinator, are governed by the *Law of higher education No. 199/2023; Framework Regulation on Doctoral University Studies OME No. 3020/2024; ANIMV Charter; Regulations on the organization and functioning of IOSUD ANIMV; Regulations on the organization and functioning of the Intelligence and Security Doctoral School*; the employment contract concluded with IOSUD ANIMV.
- (2) The rights of the doctoral supervisor are as follows:
- a) the right to supervise and evaluate the doctoral student's work within the doctoral program, in accordance with professional and academic autonomy, in line with the requirements of the doctoral program, and while respecting the doctoral student's professional interests;
 - b) the right to submit proposals for the Doctoral Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, and the Doctoral Commission;
 - c) the right to an impartial internal and external evaluation, in accordance with the specific methodology of the evaluation process;
 - d) the right to know the methodology by which they are evaluated, both in internal and external evaluations;
 - e) the right to know the results of the internal and external evaluation of their own work;
 - f) the right to refuse to supervise a doctoral student if they are placed, against their will, in a conflict of interest;
 - g) the right to submit a reasoned request to the Doctoral School Council to terminate the supervisory relationship with a doctoral student;
 - h) the right to request that the Doctoral School organize an admission competition for each vacant doctoral student position under their supervision;
 - i) the right to determine the course elements within the advanced university studies program in which the doctoral student must participate, in accordance with the

provisions of the *Regulations on the organization and functioning of Doctoral Studies Program in IOSUD ANIMV*.

(3) The obligations of the Doctoral supervisor are as follows:

- a) to provide scientific, professional and deontological guidance to each doctoral student;
- b) to propose scientific research topics within their own scientific research projects;
- c) to ensure the conditions and stimulate the progress of doctoral students in the research they carry out;
- d) to conduct objective and rigorous monitoring and evaluation of each doctoral student;
- e) to support the mobility of doctoral students for advanced studies and doctoral research;
- f) to avoid conflicts of interest in guiding doctoral students;
- g) to exercise due diligence in verifying the compliance of doctoral dissertations with the specific requirements of an original work;
- h) to remain constantly informed of the progress of the doctoral students under their supervision and their fulfillment of the tasks established in their doctoral study contracts;
- i) to guide doctoral students in developing their scientific project for the preparation of their doctoral theses and in developing their individual scientific research program;
- j) to propose to the Doctoral School Council the expulsion of doctoral students who fail to meet the objectives imposed by the doctoral studies program or who violate the rules of conduct and ethics in scientific research;
- k) to participate in the implementation of the advanced academic training program for doctoral students;
- l) to establish, together with the doctoral student, the deadlines for the presentation of scientific research reports and ensure that these deadlines are met;
- m) to be part of the Doctoral Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee and of the Commission for public defense of doctoral theses;
- n) to endorse the doctoral student's application for interruption, extension or reduction of the duration of the doctoral program;
- o) to fulfill his obligations under doctoral study contracts;
- p) to participate in the scientific communication sessions organized by IOSUD ANIMV and encourage the doctoral students whom they supervise to participate in these events;
- q) to review the doctoral student's scientific outputs and to allow their presentation only if they deem it to have substantial scientific content, in accordance with the scientific research project for the preparation of the doctoral dissertation;
- r) to endorse the doctoral theses only if they consider that the work has an adequate scientific content, is original and authentic and if the doctoral student meets the standards in force for the award of the doctoral title.

(4) The rights of the Scientific Coordinator are as follows:

- a) the right to supervise and evaluate the postdoctoral researcher's work within the advanced postdoctoral research program, in accordance with professional and

academic autonomy, in line with the requirements of the advanced postdoctoral research program and respecting the professional interests of the postdoctoral researcher;

- b) the right to submit proposals for the Doctoral Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, respectively the Commission for public defense of the graduation scientific paper;
 - c) the right to an impartial internal and external evaluation, in accordance with the specific methodology of the evaluation process;
 - d) the right to be informed of the methodology used to evaluate them, both in internal and external evaluations;
 - e) the right to know the results of the internal and external evaluation of their own work;
 - f) the right to refuse the guidance of a postdoctoral researcher when they are unwillingly involved in a conflict of interests;
 - g) the right to submit a reasoned request to the Doctoral School Council to terminate the mentoring relationship with a postdoctoral researcher;
 - h) the right to request that the Doctoral School organize a competitive selection process for each vacant postdoctoral researcher position under their supervision.
- (5) The obligations of the scientific coordinator are as follows:
- a) to ensure the scientific, professional and deontological guidance of each postdoctoral researcher;
 - b) to ensure the conditions and stimulate the progress of postdoctoral researchers in the research they carry out;
 - c) to perform objective and rigorous monitoring and evaluation of each postdoctoral researcher;
 - d) to support the mobility of postdoctoral researchers for postdoctoral research;
 - e) to avoid conflicts of interest in providing guidance to postdoctoral researchers;
 - f) to exercise due diligence in verifying the compliance of postdoctoral research theses with the specific requirements for an original work;
 - g) to remain constantly informed of the progress of the postdoctoral researchers under their supervision and their fulfillment of the tasks established in their postdoctoral study contracts;
 - h) to collaborate with postdoctoral researchers in developing the scientific research project for the preparation of the graduation scientific paper and in developing the individual scientific research program;
 - i) to propose to the Doctoral School Council the expulsion of postdoctoral researchers who fail to achieve the objectives imposed by the postdoctoral program of advanced research or who violate the rules of conduct and ethics in scientific research;
 - j) to establish, together with the postdoctoral researcher, the deadlines for presenting progress reports on the completion of the scientific thesis and to ensure that these deadlines are met;
 - k) to be part of the Doctoral Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee and the Commission for public defense of the graduation scientific papers;

- l) to endorse the postdoctoral researcher's application for interruption, extension or reduction of the duration of the doctoral program;
- m) to fulfill their obligations as set forth in the postdoctoral study contracts;
- n) to participate in the scientific communication sessions organized by IOSUD ANIMV and encourage the postdoctoral researchers whom they supervise to participate in these events;
- o) to review the postdoctoral researcher's scientific outputs and to allow their presentation only if they deem them to have substantial scientific content, in accordance with the scientific research project for the preparation of the final scientific thesis.

Section 10. Doctoral student

Article 27.

- (1) A doctoral student is a person enrolled in a doctoral program. The status of doctoral student is maintained throughout the entire duration of the doctoral program, including during periods of domestic and international mobility, except during periods when doctoral studies are interrupted, but includes any periods of extension of the doctoral program approved by the ANIMV Senate, specifically from enrollment until graduation from the doctoral program or until withdrawal.
- (2) The doctoral student is enrolled in IOSUD ANIMV based on the Decision of the Rector (Commandant) of ANIMV.
- (3) The doctoral student enrolled in a study program in form of full-time education, financed from the state budget (on a scholarship), is employed by ANIMV as research assistants within the teaching staff of ANIMV's doctoral schools, as research assistants within the staff of ANIMV's research institutes, or as teaching assistants within the teaching staff of ANIMV's faculties, under a fixed-term individual employment contract, typically for 4 years, which may be extended to a maximum of 6 years.
- (4) The doctoral student employed as a research assistant may perform teaching or research activities remunerated on an hourly basis, in accordance with applicable legislation, within the limits of the teaching load of a university assistant.
- (5) The doctoral student enrolled in a study program in form of full-time education, financed from the state budget (on a scholarship) is entitled to recognition of their work and professional experience for the entire duration of their studies.
- (6) The doctoral student enrolled in a study program in form of full-time education, financed from the state budget (on a scholarships) is entitled to recognition of their work and professional experience, as well as free medical and dental care under the conditions provided by Law No. 95/2006 on health care reform, as republished, with subsequent amendments and completions, and the framework agreement, without paying the mandatory social contributions regulated by Law No. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, with subsequent amendments and completions.
- (7) The period during which the doctoral studies are carried out is assimilated for the purpose of determining the contribution period, in accordance with to the legislation on pensions.

Article 28.

- (1) Depending on the type education program in which they are enrolled, the doctoral student has the following attendance requirements during their doctoral university study program:
 - a) The doctoral student enrolled in a study program in form of full-time education is required to have daily attendance for 8 hours, during which they will carry out the specific activities of the doctoral program and other activities specific to the doctoral school in which they are enrolled.
 - b) A doctoral student enrolled in a study program in form of part-time education is required to attend only during the specific activities of the doctoral program and may optionally participate in other activities specific to the doctoral school in which they are enrolled.
- (2) Depending on the type of financing of the doctoral studies in which they are enrolled, doctoral researchers have the following obligations to justify the financing during the doctoral study program:
 - c) the doctoral student financed by the state budget (with scholarship) is required to submit a monthly doctoral activity report, endorsed by the director of the Doctoral School and approved by the director of the CSUD;
 - d) the doctoral student financed from the SRI budget is required submit a doctoral activity report every semester, endorsed by the commandant of the structure to which they are assigned and approved by the director of the CSUD;
 - e) the doctoral researcher with a tuition fee-based contract shall document their doctoral activities in a report upon request by their financing body.
- (3) Doctoral students are required to notify the Doctoral School in the event of the termination of their indefinite-term employment contract with ANIMV or SRI.
- (4) A doctoral student may receive state financing for only one doctoral university study program.

Article 29.

- (1) Doctoral students have the following academic and scientific research rights:
 - a) to benefit from the support, guidance and coordination of the doctoral supervisor as well as guidance from the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee;
 - b) to participate in working meetings of the research and development personnel within IOSUD ANIMV, when subjects relevant for the topic of their doctoral theses are under discussion;
 - c) to be represented in the university management structures of IOSUD ANIMV that provide for such representation: Doctoral School Council, Council for Doctoral University Studies, ANIMV Senate;
 - d) to access and use the infrastructure, logistics, resource centers, libraries, and equipment of the Doctoral School and of IOSUD ANIMV for the development of research projects and the doctoral dissertation;
 - e) to enroll in courses and activities organized by other doctoral schools, relevant to the topic of their doctoral theses;
 - f) to be part of research project teams within IOSUD ANIMV, including by participating in the process of drafting and submitting financing applications;
 - g) to benefit from national or international study or scientific research mobilities, depending on the opportunities offered by IOSUD ANIMV;

- h) to benefit from institutional support for participating in scientific conferences or congresses, workshops, summer or winter schools, and national and international seminars in the field of their chosen doctoral dissertation;
 - i) to participate in the scientific communication sessions organized by the *Intelligence and Security Doctoral School* or/by IOSUD ANIMV;
 - j) to be informed about the curriculum of doctoral studies within the *Intelligence and Security Doctoral School*;
 - k) to benefit from the student support services available at IOSUD ANIMV, including those for accommodation and food services;
 - l) to benefit, as the case may be, from the organization of the doctorate under co-tutorship;
 - m) to request, for reasons specified in the doctoral studies regulations, the interruption of the doctoral university studies program;
 - n) to request, with the endorsement of the doctoral supervisor, the reduction of up to one year in the duration of the doctoral university study program;
 - o) to request from the Doctoral School Council the replacement of the doctoral supervisor (permanent internal mobility) in the event of the doctoral supervisor's unavailability for a period of at least 6 months, in the event of failure to comply with the terms of the doctoral study contract, or for other justified reasons;
 - p) to be reassigned to another doctoral supervisor within the Doctoral School in the event that the doctoral supervisor has lost their status as a doctoral supervisor, has terminated their employment contract with IOSUD ANIMV, or in the event of the doctoral supervisor's death; in such situations, the Doctoral School Council is required to decide on reassignment to another doctoral supervisor;
 - q) to change the title of the doctoral dissertation with the consent of the doctoral supervisor, until the submission of the file for its public defense;
 - r) to request, with the consent of the doctoral supervisor, access to an electronic system for verifying the degree of similarity between their own research results and other existing scientific works;
 - s) to request the termination of the doctoral study contract;
 - t) not to pay tuition fees for periods during which the doctoral university study program is interrupted;
- (2) The doctoral student has the following academic and scientific research obligations:
- a) to respect the schedule established together with the doctoral supervisor and to fulfill their obligations regarding the defense of their work and the presentation of their research results;
 - b) to give a presentation on the progress of their scientific research program at least once every 12 months before the Academic Advisory and Integrity Committee and their doctoral supervisor;
 - c) to be in permanent contact with the doctoral supervisor through the resources made available by IOSUD ANIMV, in order to ensure continuity of training and a normal flow of information;
 - d) to respect institutional discipline without restricting academic freedom;

- e) to comply with university ethics and deontology policies and to carry out their studies and research in accordance with the standards of academic integrity;
- f) to achieve the minimum number of ECTS credits each academic year in order to advance to the next year, in accordance with the applicable regulations;
- g) to comply with attendance requirements, depending on the form of education in which they are enrolled;
- h) to submit doctoral activity reports, depending on the financing type under which they are enrolled;
- i) to develop a training program based on advanced university studies, the individual scientific research program, and a supplementary training program;
- j) to provide all the documents required to compile the doctoral file for the validation of the doctoral dissertation by CNATDCU;
- k) to meet the current standards for the award of a doctoral degree, as set forth in the doctoral study contract;
- l) to keep their contact and personal information in the doctoral student profile up to date at all times;
- m) to stay up to date with information communicated by the doctoral school administration through various channels (publication on the website, via the doctoral supervisor, by mail, telephone, fax, email, etc.);
- n) to pay tuition fees by the deadlines specified in the doctoral study contract and its addenda, if enrolled in a fee-based doctoral study program;
- o) to comply with the rules regarding the protection of classified information and personal data;
- p) to carry out their activities as a doctoral student in accordance with the principles of equidistance and political non-involvement of the SRI.

Section 11. Postdoctoral researcher

Article 30.

- (1) A postdoctoral researcher is a person enrolled in the postdoctoral advanced research program. The status of postdoctoral researcher is maintained throughout the entire duration of the postdoctoral advanced research program, including during periods of domestic and international mobility, except during periods of interruption of postdoctoral studies, but includes any periods of extension of the postdoctoral advanced research program approved by the ANIMV Senate, specifically from enrollment until completion of the postdoctoral program or until withdrawal.
- (2) The postdoctoral researcher is enrolled in IOSUD ANIMV based on the Decision of the Rector (Commandant) of ANIMV.
- (3) The postdoctoral researcher enrolled in a study program in form full-time education, with financing from other legally established sources, may be employed by ANIMV as a scientific researcher within the teaching staff positions of ANIMV's doctoral schools, or as a scientific researcher within the staff positions of ANIMV's research institutes, or as a university assistant within the teaching staff positions of ANIMV's faculties, with a fixed-term individual employment contract, equal to the duration of financing from other legally established sources.

- (4) The postdoctoral researcher employed as a scientific researcher may perform teaching or scientific research activities remunerated on an hourly basis, in accordance with the applicable legislation, within the limits of the teaching load of a university assistant.

Article 31.

- (1) Depending on the type of education program in which they are enrolled, the postdoctoral researcher has the following attendance requirements during their advanced postdoctoral research program:
- a) The postdoctoral researcher enrolled in a study program in form of full-time education is required to have daily attendance for 8 hours, during which they will carry out the specific activities of the postdoctoral advanced research program and other activities specific to the Doctoral School in which they are enrolled.
 - b) A postdoctoral researcher enrolled in a study program in form of part-time education is required to attend only during the specific activities of the advanced postdoctoral research program and may optionally participate in other activities specific to the doctoral school in which they are enrolled.
- (2) Depending on the type of financing of the postdoctoral studies in which they are enrolled, postdoctoral researchers have the following obligations to justify the financing during the postdoctoral advanced research program:
- a) the postdoctoral researcher receiving financial support from other legally established sources shall submit a monthly postdoctoral activity report, endorsed by the director of the doctoral school and approved by the director of the CSUD;
 - b) the postdoctoral researcher financed from the SRI budget are required submit a postdoctoral activity report every semester, endorsed by the commandant of the structure to which they are assigned and approved by the director of the CSUD;
 - c) the postdoctoral researcher with a tuition fee-based contract shall document their postdoctoral activities in a report upon request by their financing body.
- (3) Postdoctoral researchers are required to notify the Doctoral School in the event of the termination of their indefinite-term employment contract with ANIMV or SRI.

Article 32.

- (1) Postdoctoral researchers shall have the following academic and scientific research rights:
- a) to benefit from the support, guidance and coordination of the scientific coordinator, as well as guidance from the Academic Advisory and Integrity Committee;
 - b) to participate in working meetings of the research and development personnel within IOSUD ANIMV, when subjects relevant for the topic of their research are under discussion;
 - c) to be represented in the university management structures of IOSUD ANIMV that provide for such representation: Doctoral School Council, Council for Doctoral University Studies, ANIMV Senate;
 - d) to access and use the infrastructure, logistics, resource centers, libraries, and equipment of the Doctoral School and of IOSUD ANIMV for the development of research projects and the final thesis;

- e) to enroll in courses and activities organized by other doctoral schools, relevant to the topic of their research;
 - f) to be part of research project teams within IOSUD ANIMV, including by participating in the process of drafting and submitting financing applications;
 - g) to benefit from national or international study or scientific research mobilities, depending on the opportunities offered by IOSUD ANIMV;
 - h) to benefit from institutional support for participating in scientific conferences or congresses, workshops, summer or winter schools, and national and international seminars in the field of their research work;
 - i) to participate in the scientific communication sessions organized by the *Intelligence and Security Doctoral School* or/and by IOSUD ANIMV;
 - j) to be informed about the curriculum of postdoctoral studies within *the Intelligence and Security Doctoral School*;
 - k) to benefit from the support services for researchers existing at the IOSUD ANIMV level, including those for accommodation and food services;
 - l) to request for reasons specified in the postdoctoral studies regulations, the interruption of the postdoctoral advanced research program;
 - m) to request, with the endorsement of the scientific coordinator, a reduction of up to one semester in the postdoctoral advanced research program;
 - n) to request from the Doctoral School Council the replacement the scientific coordinator (permanent internal mobility) in the event of the coordinator's unavailability for a period of at least 6 months, in the event of their failure to comply with the terms of the postdoctoral study contract, or for other justified situations;
 - o) to be reassigned to another scientific coordinator within the Doctoral School in the event that the scientific coordinator has lost their status as a scientific coordinator, has terminated their employment contract with IOSUD/ANIMV, or in the event of the scientific coordinator's death; in such situations the Doctoral School Council is required to decide on the reassignment to another scientific coordinator;
 - p) to change the title of the graduation scientific paper, with the consent of the scientific coordinator, until the submission of the file for its public defense;
 - q) to request, with the consent of the scientific coordinator, access to an electronic system for verifying the degree of similarity between their own research results with the other existing scientific works;
 - r) to request the termination of the postdoctoral study contract;
 - s) not to pay fees for periods of interruption of the postdoctoral advanced research program;
- (2) The postdoctoral researcher has the following academic and scientific research obligations:
- a) to respect the schedule established together with the scientific coordinator and to fulfill their obligations regarding the defense of to support the works and presentation of their research results;

- b) to give a presentation on the progress of their scientific research program at least once every 6 months before the Academic Advisory and Integrity Committee and their scientific coordinator;
- c) to be in permanent contact with the scientific coordinator through the resources made available by IOSUD ANIMV, in order to ensure continuity of training and a normal flow of information;
- d) to respect institutional discipline, without restricting academic freedom;
- e) to comply with university ethics and deontology policies and to carry out their studies and research in accordance with the standards of academic integrity;
- f) to achieve the minimum number of ECTS credits each academic year in order to advance to the next year, in accordance with the applicable regulations;
- g) to comply with attendance requirements, depending on the form of education in which they are enrolled;
- h) to submit postdoctoral activity reports, depending on the form of financing to which they are enrolled;
- i) to develop the individual scientific research program and the supplementary training program;
- j) to provide all the documents required to compile the graduation file;
- k) keep their contact and personal information in the postdoctoral researcher profile up to date;
- l) to stay up to date with information communicated by the doctoral school administration through various channels (publication on the website, through the doctoral supervisor, by mail, telephone, fax, email, etc.);
- m) to pay the tuition fees by the deadlines specified in the postdoctoral study contract and its addenda, if enrolled in a fee-based postdoctoral study program;
- n) to comply with the rules regarding the protection of classified data and personal data;
- o) to carry out their activities as postdoctoral researcher in accordance with the principles of equidistance and political non-involvement of the SRI.

Section 12. Doctorate in co-tutorship

Article 33.

- (1) IOSUD ANIMV encourages the organization and conduct of doctoral studies in co-tutorship, in which case doctoral students carry out their activity under the joint supervision of a doctoral supervisor from IOSUD ANIMV and a doctoral supervisor from another IOSUD, either within the country or abroad, based on a written agreement and an addendum to the doctoral student's doctoral study contract.
- (2) If the written co-tutorship agreement is concluded between IOSUD ANIMV and an IOSUD from abroad, the course of the study program, the doctoral dissertation and the conditions for its public defense must be established in such a way as to comply with the applicable legal provisions in both countries. Otherwise, the administrative procedure carried out by IOSUD ANIMV will be invalidated, and the doctorate degree will not be awarded.
- (3) The doctorate under co-tutorship can be also organized if both doctoral supervisors are from IOSUD ANIMV, for example, when they are qualified in different doctoral

fields or when one of the doctoral supervisors has reached retirement age and continues to have a fixed-term individual employment contract with IOSUD ANIMV.

Article 34.

- (1) The organization and conduct of the doctorate under co-tutorship shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the regulations on the organization and functioning of each doctoral school.

Section 13. Scholarships, grants, and study and research mobilities awarded to doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers

Article 35.

- (1) Doctoral study programs organized in form of full-time education are scholarship-supported. Doctoral study programs organized in form of part-time education are not scholarship-supported.
- (2) Grants for doctoral university studies include the total amount of individual scholarships for the scientific/professional doctoral programs organized in form of full-time education and do not include the total amount of individual scholarships for the scientific/professional doctoral programs organized in form of part-time education.
- (3) IOSUD ANIMV shall allocate a minimum of 20% of its funding to doctoral grants for research activities carried out by doctoral students, including their national and international mobility.
- (4) IOSUD ANIMV shall transparently establish, through its own regulations, the criteria and method for distributing budgeted spots and doctoral scholarships to doctoral schools, as well as the minimum percentage of the doctoral grant allocated exclusively to financing the professional training of doctoral students.
- (5) IOSUD ANIMV shall constantly focus on attracting financial resources from other legally established sources for the financing of academic mobility and study and research scholarships granted to postdoctoral researchers.

Article 36.

- (1) Academic mobility entails the right of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers to have their transferable credits recognized, in accordance with the law, at other higher education institutions in the country or abroad. Mobility may be domestic or international, physical, virtual, or mixed, and may be permanent or temporary, for all forms of education.
- (2) The organization and conduct of doctoral and postdoctoral mobility programs shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the organizational and operational regulations of each doctoral school.
- (3) Doctoral and postdoctoral scholarships are awarded in accordance with the provisions of the methodology for awarding scholarships within the IOSUD ANIMV, proposed by the director of the CSUD, endorsed by the CSUD, and approved by the ANIMV Senate.

Section 14. Ethics, academic integrity, copyrights, and incompatibilities

Article 37.

- (1) The doctoral university studies cycle represents the Cycle III of university studies whose purpose consists in developing scientific research competences in the field of doctoral studies. Through the results of the research presented in scientific communications, scientific articles, scientific research reports, and in the doctoral dissertation / postdoctoral graduation scientific paper, the scientific knowledge and professional practice is extended or redefined.
- (2) The doctoral dissertation / final scientific paper is an original work that demonstrates the acquisition of knowledge at the highest level in the field of doctoral studies, the development of advanced research skills and techniques, and the attainment of scientific autonomy and responsibility characterized by authority, innovation, and academic integrity.
- (3) Any form of intellectual fraud is prohibited within the doctoral program / postdoctoral advanced research program: plagiarism, falsification, or fabrication of research results. Ideas, data, and materials taken from other authors in scientific communications, scientific articles, scientific research reports, and in the doctoral dissertation or graduation scientific paper must be cited by indicating the authors and sources.
- (4) The doctoral student is responsible for the originality of the doctoral dissertation. The postdoctoral researcher is responsible for the originality of the graduation scientific paper.
- (5) Doctoral student/postdoctoral researcher is required to submit, upon submission of the doctoral dissertation / graduation scientific paper, a written statement, under their own responsibility, regarding the originality of the content of the doctoral dissertation / graduation scientific paper, and compliance with quality standards and professional ethics.
- (6) Doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers are the authors of scientific research results and are responsible for the accuracy of the data and information, opinions, arguments, assertions, and proofs presented in scientific papers, scientific articles, scientific research reports, and in their doctoral dissertations or final scientific paper.
- (7) Academic fraud is not tolerated in the work of doctoral supervisor/scientific coordinators, members of the guidance and academic integrity committees, doctoral students, and postdoctoral researchers at IOSUD ANIMV.

Article 38.

- (1) The author of the doctoral dissertation / graduation scientific paper shall be responsible for ensuring the originality of its content. The doctoral supervisor / scientific coordinator has the duty to exercise due diligence in verifying the conformity of the doctoral dissertation / graduation scientific paper, according to the specific requirements of an original creation.
- (2) It is forbidden to offer for selling, to sell or to make available to individuals, in any way, works to be used as projects, articles, scientific reports, doctoral dissertations / graduation scientific papers in order to pass evaluations.
- (3) It is forbidden to purchase works to be used as projects, articles, scientific reports, doctoral dissertations / graduation scientific papers in order to pass evaluations.
- (4) Organizing and conducting training activities by any person without a provisional operating authorization issued by ARACIS and carrying out educational activities

within unauthorized specializations / study programs shall be sanctioned according to the provisions in paragraph (5).

- (5) The facts referred to in paragraph (2)-(4) constitute contraventions and shall be sanctioned with:
- a) a fine from 100,000 to 200,000 RON for those stipulated in paragraph (2) and (3);
 - b) a fine from 50,000 to 100,000 RON for those stipulated in paragraph (4).

Article 39.

- (1) The IOSUD ANIMV encourages the implementation and development of a culture of fairness and responsibility in the elaboration of scientific communications, scientific articles, scientific research reports, doctoral dissertations / graduation scientific papers.
- (2) The CSUD approves, upon the proposal of the Doctoral Schools' Councils, the composition of the Commission for the Analysis and Interpretation of the Result of the Similarity Report of the doctoral theses and of the graduate scientific papers submitted for public defense.
- (3) The CSUD approves annually, upon the recommendation of the doctoral school councils, the maximum permissible values of similarity coefficients for works produced as part of the scientific research activities of doctoral supervisor, doctoral students, and postdoctoral researchers.
- (4) The maximum permissible similarity coefficients refer to instances of similarity resulting from the application of and adherence to good research practices, as provided for in Law No. 206/2004 on good conduct in scientific research, technological development, and innovation, with subsequent amendments and completions.

Article 40.

- (1) Doctoral supervisors, faculty members, or research staff in doctoral programs are required to inform doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers about scientific, professional, and academic ethics and to ensure compliance with these standards, including adherence to ethical guidelines, throughout the duration of doctoral and postdoctoral studies.
- (2) The doctoral student is the author of the doctoral dissertation and assumes responsibility for the accuracy of the data and information presented in the dissertation, as well as for the opinions and arguments expressed therein.
- (3) The postdoctoral researcher is the author of the graduation scientific paper and assumes responsibility for the accuracy of the data and information presented in the paper, as well as for the opinions and arguments expressed therein.
- (4) The IOSUD ANIMV takes measures to prevent and sanction violations of scientific, professional, and academic ethics, in accordance with the ANIMV Code of Academic Ethics and Deontology.
- (5) In cases of suspected academic fraud, violations of academic ethics, or breaches of good conduct in scientific research, responsibility for academic integrity rests exclusively with the individuals involved.

Article 41.

- (1) In the event that a member of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, the committee responsible for analyzing and interpreting the results of similarity reports

for doctoral dissertations and graduation scientific papers, or the Public Defense Commission for doctoral dissertations / scientific graduation papers, or a member of the academic community or another person reports, during the evaluation process of the doctoral dissertation / scientific graduation paper or during the public defense of the research work of the doctoral student / postdoctoral researcher, serious deviations from the rules of conduct in scientific research, violations of academic ethics and integrity, or expresses suspicions regarding the doctoral student's / postdoctoral researcher, including plagiarism of texts or ideas, falsification or substitution of research results, or fabrication of fictitious results in scientific research, that person is required to report the situation to the ANIMV University Ethics Commission and the Ethics Commission of the institution where the doctoral supervisor is employed.

- (2) Any natural or legal entity may submit comments regarding any breaches of ethical and professional standards, including allegations of plagiarism. Comments may be submitted online, via an email address provided by the Doctoral School, or to the IOSUD registry, regarding doctoral dissertations available for public consultation for 90 calendar days, prior to the public defense, on the national platform managed by the Executive Unit for the Financing of Higher Education, Research, Development, and Innovation (UEFISCDI). The comments are recorded in a report prepared by the Doctoral School, which will be submitted to the CSUD for review and decision regarding the validation of the initiation of the procedure for the public defense of the doctoral dissertation and will be included in the doctoral file regarding non-compliance with quality standards or professional ethics.

Article 42.

- (1) It is prohibited for a candidate, doctoral student, or postdoctoral researcher to offer, or for doctoral supervisors, scientific coordinators, faculty members, or scientific researchers, to accept gifts or other undue benefits, including the reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the Doctoral Admissions Commission, the Advisory Committee, or the Public Defense Commission for the doctoral dissertation or scientific graduation paper.

Article 43.

- (1) Doctoral dissertations (including their annexes) that have been publicly defended are public documents. They are published on a website administered by the Ministry of Education and are deposited with the ANIMV Library and the National Library of Romania, in compliance with applicable copyright laws.
- (2) The protection of intellectual property rights over the doctoral dissertation or the scientific graduation scientific paper, during the public defense and after the public defense, is ensured by storing it in the database of the similarity checking system, in accordance with the legal provisions of the contract for anti-plagiarism verification services and with the consent of the author of the doctoral dissertation.
- (3) The exploitation of copyright and/or intellectual property rights over the original product or creation produced within the doctoral program / postdoctoral advanced research program is carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation.
- (4) If the doctoral student does not opt for the separate publication of the dissertation or chapters thereof, the digital version of the dissertation is made public and will

be freely accessible on the national platform following the issuance of the decision to award the doctoral degree.

- (5) If the doctoral student chooses to publish the doctoral dissertation or certain chapters thereof separately, a grace period of up to 24 months is granted to complete the publication. Upon expiration of the grace period, and in the absence of any notification to IOSUD ANIMV regarding the separate publication of the doctoral dissertation, the digital version shall be made freely accessible on the national platform.
- (6) After the publication of the doctoral dissertation or certain chapters thereof, the author is required to notify IOSUD ANIMV and to submit the bibliographic citation and a link to the publication, which will then be made public on the national platform

Article 44.

- (1) The following positions within ANIMV are incompatible within the meaning of the provisions of the Law of higher education No. 199/2023, Article 179, paragraph (1), and cannot be held concurrently by spouses, in-laws and relatives up to and including the third degree:
 - a) the positions of director of the CSUD and director of a Doctoral School;
 - b) the positions of vice-rector and director of a Doctoral School;

Article 45.

- (1) A conflict of interests within the meaning of the provisions of the Law of higher education No. 199/2023, Article 179, paragraph (1) refers to a person who is involved in the evaluation process of a doctoral dissertation or graduation scientific paper, if the person is a spouse, in-law or relative up to the third degree of the person whose thesis is evaluated, including of the doctoral supervisor.
- (2) The conflict of interest mentioned in par. (1) may occur between the following categories of persons:
 - a) candidates for doctoral studies and members of the selection board for admission to doctoral studies;
 - b) candidates for postdoctoral studies and members of the Commission for admission competition to postdoctoral studies;
 - c) doctoral students and doctoral supervisor, members of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, members of the Committee for analysis and interpretation of the result of the similarity report of the doctoral dissertations and graduation scientific papers submitted for public defense, members of the Committee for Public Defense of the doctoral dissertations / graduation scientific papers;
 - d) teaching staff and scientific researchers from the Commission for admission to doctoral or postdoctoral studies, from the advisory and academic integrity committee, committee for analysis and interpretation of the result of the similarity report of the doctoral dissertation and graduation scientific papers submitted for public defense, from the committee for public defense of the doctoral dissertations / graduation scientific papers.

Article 46.

- (1) Any conflicts or misunderstandings in the professional relationship between the doctoral student / postdoctoral researcher and the Doctoral School shall be

mitigated by the CSUD, and in case of failure to resolve the conflict at this level, it shall be mediated by the CSUD.

- (2) Any conflicts or misunderstandings in the professional relationship between the doctoral student and the doctoral supervisor/postdoctoral researcher and the scientific coordinator or the members of the advisory and academic integrity committee shall be mitigated by the Doctoral School Council, and if the conflict at this level is not resolved, it shall be mediated by the CSUD.

Section 15. Doctoral study contract / Postdoctoral study contract

Article 47.

- (1) As a provider of educational services, IOSUD ANIMV enters into a doctoral study contract with each doctoral student or a postdoctoral research contract with each postdoctoral researcher, as applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the law.
- (2) The study contract is signed by the doctoral student, the doctoral supervisor / scientific coordinator, the director of the Doctoral School to which the doctoral student / postdoctoral researcher is assigned, the legal advisor, the chief accountant, and the Commandant (Rector) of ANIMV.
- (3) The study contract and any addenda to the study contract shall be concluded prior to the start of the academic year.
- (4) For each modification of the contractual terms of study, an addendum to the study contract shall be drawn up, which is signed by the same persons mentioned in paragraph (2) of this article.
- (5) The template for the university study contract and the templates of addenda to the study contract shall be drafted by the CSUD and made available to the doctoral schools.
- (6) The template for the study contract and the templates of addenda to the study contract shall be drafted at least 6 months before the start of the academic year.

Article 48.

- (1) Study contracts, addenda to the study contract consist of at least the following information:
 - a) information about IOSUD and the Doctoral School;
 - b) identification details of the doctoral student and of the doctoral supervisor / postdoctoral researcher and scientific coordinator;
 - c) field of the doctoral study;
 - d) type of doctoral / postdoctoral program;
 - e) form of education;
 - f) type of financing;
 - g) monthly amount of the scholarship / tuition fees, as applicable;
 - h) research and/or teaching load, as per the position, in the case of a full-time doctoral program;
 - i) duration of the doctoral study program / duration of the postdoctoral program for advanced research;
 - j) research topic;
 - k) the language in which the program is conducted;

- l) the language in which the doctoral dissertation / graduation scientific paper is written and defended—Romanian, the language of a national minority, or an internationally recognized language; doctoral dissertations / graduation scientific papers written in a language other than Romanian must be accompanied by an abstract written in Romanian;
 - m) the minimum standards that must be met throughout the course of study and during the preparation of the doctoral dissertation / graduation scientific paper;
 - n) deadline for the completion of the doctoral dissertations / graduation scientific papers;
 - o) conditions for extending the deadline for completing the doctoral dissertation / graduate scientific paper; the conditions for reducing duration of the study program;
 - p) conditions for interrupting the study program;
 - q) the amount of the teaching activities carried out by the doctoral student / postdoctoral researcher and the period during which they are carried out;
 - r) the conditions under which the doctoral supervisor / scientific coordinator may be changed;
 - s) the conditions for terminating the study contract;
 - t) information regarding the processing of personal data, in accordance with applicable law.
- (2) Periods of interruption, extension of the study program shall be recorded in addenda to the study contract.

Section 16. Final provisions

Article 49.

- (1) The present Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their approval by ANIMV Senate.
- (2) The present Regulations shall be amended as often as necessary and whenever relevant legislative changes occur.
- (3) Upon the entry into force of the present Regulations, the *Regulations on the Organization and Functioning of the CSUD (2022)* shall be repealed.