

**Addendum**  
**to the Contract on the establishment of a strategic Alliance between universities of excellence from 2011**  
**concerning**  
**the joint supervision of doctoral candidates**  
**within the EuroTech Universities Alliance**

Between the partners Denmark's Technical University (DTU), École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), École Polytechnique (I'X), Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e), and Technical University of Munich (TUM).

This agreement replaces the original agreement on the joint supervision of doctoral candidates signed in June 2016, by DTU, EPFL, TU/e and TUM. It was valid from 08.11.2016 to 07.11.2021. L'X and Technion entered the agreement on June 28, 2019.

### **1. Scope and objectives**

As supplement to the contents and procedures agreed between the alliance partners in the *Contract on the establishment of a strategic Alliance between universities of excellence* from 2011, this joint supervision agreement aims to:

- Strengthen the collaboration between the EuroTech universities;
- Bring together the unique teaching and research features of the EuroTech universities;
- Provide a framework for co-supervision of doctoral candidates;
- Enhancing the doctoral experience.

### **2. Organisation of jointly supervised EuroTech doctorate**

Each doctoral candidate will have a "Home University" and one "Host University". Multiple Host Universities are also possible. Each doctoral candidate will have a supervisor at the Home University and a co-supervisor at the Host University who will jointly define the individual supervision programme. Both universities will recognize each other's doctoral qualification programme elements whenever possible.

This programme is designed for doctoral candidates who spent minimum of 6 months at the Host University. All partners agree to promote the joint supervision of doctoral candidates programme widely to their graduate students and raise the visibility of EuroTech partners.

### **3. Duties**

According to its own rules, the Home University:

- Takes charge of all the administrative and financial aspects of the doctorate, which includes application, acceptance and registration, annual review, final examination,

together with approval and arrangements for the doctoral candidate's stay at the Host university/universities.

- Nominates a "main supervisor" for each doctoral candidate.

The Host University takes responsibility for:

- Nominating a "co-supervisor" for each doctoral candidate.
- Organising with the co-supervisor the provision of all the facilities necessary to carry out the additional research programme agreed with the Home University;

#### 4. Review of the doctoral training

A "Doctoral Project Description" will be prepared for each doctoral candidate at least 6 months before the exchange. This description will outline the aim and the objectives of the overall research collaboration and contain the plan of collaboration to be undertaken at the involved university.

At least once a year, the supervisors will monitor the research and training activities of the doctoral candidate carried out at both the Home University and at the Host University according to the procedures at the Home University. The criteria for the evaluation will be:

- progress of the doctoral project;
- progress in the course of studies of the Home university
- attendance of conferences, courses, seminars and workshops;
- progress reports or paper publications;
- bibliographic research activities.

#### 5. Thesis dissertation and doctoral degree award

The Home University, following local rules and regulations for the thesis dissertation and degree award, will award the doctoral degree.

The examiners of the doctoral thesis will be designated by the Home University and will to the extent possible, include an examiner from a Host University.

The thesis will display the mention "Joint Supervision Doctorate" and the name(s) of the universities involved. The names of supervisors shall be displayed in the thesis. An appendix to the diploma, which will be jointly issued by the Home and Host University, will describe the activities carried out at the Host University.

#### 6. Intellectual property (IP)

The agreement on the joint supervision of doctoral candidates will observe the established IP regulations of the *Contract on the establishment of a strategic Alliance between universities of excellence* from 2011, signed by DTU, EPFL, TU/e and TUM. L'X entered this agreement in June 2018, Technion in January 2019.

## 7. Duration

The duration of this agreement is five (5) years, from the moment of signature in autumn 2021, to 31. December 2026. The agreement is subject to renewal by mutual written consent of the EuroTech universities six months before its expiration date. When the agreement is not renewed, ongoing doctoral projects are completed within the frame of the present agreement.

## 8. Final provisions

In the case of a question on implementation of this agreement, such a question will be first referred to for settlement to official representatives designated, respectively, by the Presidents of the EuroTech universities.

Should the EuroTech universities be unable to resolve any conflicts by mutual agreement, they may take legal action. The jurisdictional venue will be in the town of the defendant and the applicable law will be the law of the country in which the town is situated, excluding international law.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the EuroTech universities concerning joint supervision of doctoral candidates in EuroTech, and supersedes any prior agreements, oral or written.