**DOCTORAL THESIS COTUTELLE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF CASTILLA-LA MANCHA AND THE UNIVERSITY/UNIVERSITIES OF [Name of the University/ies].**

**PREAMBLE**

On the one part, Dr. Jose Julián Garde López-Brea. Rector of the University of Castilla-La Mancha (hereinafter UCLM).

And on the other part, Dr. [Name and surname(s)] Rector/ President of [Name of the University] (hereinafter [Acronym]),

\*Further details to be added depending on the signatory universities.

The parties acknowledge each other's legal capacity to formalize and sign this agreement, and

**DECLARE**

That the common objective of these institutions is to promote and develop scientific and teaching cooperation, for which it is of utmost importance to favour the mobility of doctoral students from the respective institutions, and

**AGREE**

To sign this specific cotutelle agreement for the doctoral thesis of Mr./Mrs. [Name and surname(s) of the doctoral student], entitled: [Title of the thesis], complying with the legislation in force and the following

**CLAUSES**

**First:**

The doctoral student will carry out his/her doctoral thesis under the supervision and responsibility of the following professors:

* From the University of Castilla-La Mancha:
  + Dr. [Name and surname(s) of the supervisor]
  + DNI/NIE/PAS: [Document number]
  + Nationality: [Nationality].
  + Received his/her doctoral degree from [Name of the University]
  + Year of the obtained degree [Year].
  + Email: [institutional email address]
  + Member of the doctoral programme in [Doctoral programme],
  + Coordinator of the above-mentioned programme Dr./Dr. [Name and surname(s) of the coordinator]
  + The tutor at UCLM will be Dr. [Name and surname(s) of the tutor].
* From [Name of the University]
  + Dr. [Name and surname(s) of the supervisor]
  + PASSPORT Nr [document number]
  + Nationality: [Nationality].
  + Received his/her doctoral degree from [Name of the University]
  + Year of the obtained degree [Year].
  + Email: [institutional email address]

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These professors meet the legal requirements in their respective countries for undertaking their functions and commit to jointly and coordinately supervise the doctoral thesis indicated in this agreement. Their signatures may replace the ones required in the Commitment Document for Supervision (*Compromiso Documental de Supervisión* – CDS) established by the Spanish regulations.

In the event of modifications in the supervision of the thesis, the other University(ies) must be informed.

**Second:**

The doctoral student will accomplish the procedures for the access and enrolment at all the universities signing this agreement in accordance with the rules that regulate such procedures in the respective educational systems.

In the UCLM, the doctoral student must register each academic year from the admission to the thesis defence. However, the tuition fees will only be paid at the University(ies) where he/she is staying during the academic year.

**Third:**

The doctoral thesis will be carried out in alternative periods of stay in each of the universities participating in the agreement. The minimum period of stay in each of them must be six months, which may be fulfilled in a single or several periods of time.

When the doctoral student develops the tasks for the thesis preparation at the UCLM, it is required that the tuition fees are paid at least once at the UCLM.

The doctoral student must fulfill the training or research activities required by the respective doctoral programs of each of the institutions, in accordance with the applicable regulations in each of them. At the UCLM, the doctoral student will keep an individualized record of the activities he/she has undertaken, for the purpose of their annual evaluation.

The planned schedule for the development of the research work in each institution will be the following: [Planned periods of stay in each institution].

The doctoral student will be responsible for his/her health insurance coverage in case of illness and accident during his/her stay in each of the universities. Likewise, he/she will be responsible for acquiring repatriation insurance in case of illness or accident during the periods of mobility, in accordance with the regulations of each University.

**Fourth:**

The examining board for the thesis defence will be appointed by mutual agreement between the institutions signing this agreement, considering the legislation in the country and institution respectively in which the defence will take place. It will be constituted by scientific representatives of the signatory countries and, in case that the thesis is defended at the UCLM, neither the tutor nor any of the co-supervisors may be part of the examining board.

**Fifth:**

The defence of the thesis will be held at the [University of defence] only, and the corresponding examination fees or public prices will be paid at that University.

However, for the purposes of publicizing and authorization, the doctoral student must deposit the thesis at the institutions signing the agreement, in accordance with the respective regulations.

The thesis will be written in one of the languages of the countries participating in the agreement, including an abstract and conclusions in the other languages. The thesis defence may be performed in any of these languages.

Once the defence of the doctoral thesis has been successfully completed, the PhD candidate may request the issuance of the corresponding degrees in each of the universities, in accordance with the provisions of this agreement and the regulations in each of them.

In the degree issued by the UCLM, the mention "International Doctorate" may be included if the stays are performed in institutions different to those signing this agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Article 15.1 of RD 576/2023, of July 4th.

The publication, exploitation and protection of the thesis and the results of the research will be ensured by the universities signing the agreement, in accordance with the applicable procedures of each country.

**Sixth:**

The agreement will remain in force from its signature until the doctoral degree is obtained by the doctoral student. The total period of preparation and defence of the thesis may not exceed the maximum period established for doctoral studies in the respective national regulations.

In the event that a new regulation is approved in relation to the obtention and issuing of doctoral degrees that is contrary to the provisions of this agreement, this agreement shall be modified in accordance with such regulations.

As proof of conformity, the current agreement is signed in duplicate1 in the place and date indicated below.

1 If the agreement involves three or more institutions, the number of copies to be signed will be the same as the number of participant institutions.

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| For the University of Castilla-La Mancha | For [Name of the University] |
| In Ciudad Real, on the \_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_  Dr. José Julián Garde López-Brea  Rector | In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_  Dr./a: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Rector/a |
| Dr./a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Co-director of the thesis at the UCLM  Dr./a: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Tutor at UCLM (only if different from co-director) | Dr/a.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Co-director of the thesis at [Name of the University] |
| D. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Doctoral candidate | |

\* More columns will be added to incorporate additional signatures depending on the number of signatory universities.