AGREEMENT

On JOINT-SUPERVISION of Doctoral candidates in EuroTech

Between

Eindhoven University of Technology (hereafter referred to as “TU/e”)
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Represented by its president, Jan Mengelers and its Graduate School Dean Jan Fransoo

and

Technical University of Munich (hereafter referred to as “TUM”)
Arcisstraße 21, D-80333 Munich, Germany
Represented by its president, Wolfgang A. Herrmann and its Graduate Dean Hans Joachim Bungartz

and

Technical University of Denmark (hereafter referred to as “DTU”)
Anker Engelunds Vej 1, Building 101A, 2800 Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark
Represented by its president, Anders O. Bjarklev and Its Senior Vice President and Dean
Martin P. Bendse

and

Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (hereafter referred to as “EPFL”)
Bâtiment CE – 3.316, Station 1, CH-1015 Lausanne, Switzerland
Represented by its president, Prof. Patrick Aebischer and its Vice Provost for Research, Prof.
Andreas Mortensen

hereinafter collectively referred as “the EuroTech universities”

It is hereby agreed

1. Scope and objectives
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 PhD candidates;
- Enhancing the doctoral experience.
2. Organisation of Jointly Supervised Eurotech Doctorate
Each doctoral candidate will have a "Home University" and one or more "Host university/universities". Each doctoral candidate will have a supervisor at the Home University and a co-supervisor at the Host University/universities who will jointly define the individual supervision/programme. Both universities will recognize each other’s doctoral qualification programme elements whenever possible.

This programme is conceived for doctoral candidates who spend at least 6 months in total at their Host University.

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/universities 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(s). 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 universities.

The Supervisors will monitor at least once a year the research and training activities of the doctoral candidate carried out at both the Home University and at the Host university/universities according to the procedures in force at the Home University. The criteria for the evaluation will account for:

- 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 doctoral degree will be awarded by the Home Institution following the local rules and regulations for the thesis dissertation and degree award.

The examiners of the doctoral thesis will be designated by the Home Institution 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/universities, will describe the activities carried out at the Host university/universities.
6. Duration
The duration of this agreement is five (5) years: from 8.11.2016 to 7.11.2021. It 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 will be completed within the frame of the present agreement.

7. Final provisions
In the case of a question on implementation of this Agreement, such a question will be first referred 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.
Signatures of the four EuroTech Universities

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