

COTUTELLE AGREEMENT THESIS INTERNATIONAL

Between

THE UNIVERSITY of Tuscia

Represented by its Rector Prof. Stefano Ubertini

Address : Via Santa Maria in Gradi n.4, 01100 Viterbo, ITALY

And

THE UNIVERSITY of Sfax

Represented by its president, Professor Mr. Abdelwahed MOKNI

Address: Airport road km 0.5 BP 1169. 3029 Sfax, Tunisia

Faculty of Economics and Management of Sfax represented by its Dean Mr. Younes BOUJELBENE

Address: Airport road km 4, 5- BP 1088-3018 Sfax

Having regard to The Ministerial Decree n. 226 of December 14th 2021 containing the rules on the modalities of accreditation of universities and Ph.D. courses and the principles for the implementation of Ph.D. courses in the accredited universities and particularly art. 8, paragraph 2, concerning the possibility of different selection procedures with references to places reserved to graduates from foreign universities;

Having regard to the General University Regulations in matter of Ph.D.

Having regard to the regulations governing the doctorate at the University of Sfax (Tunisia) and in particular decree n° 93-1823 of September 6, 1993, setting the conditions for obtaining national diplomas sanctioning doctoral studies as amended and supplemented by decree n° 97-1801 of September 3, 1997, and decree n° 1665 of August 4, 2003.

Having regard to Decree No. 7 dated 04/01/2013 governing doctoral studies within the LMD framework in Tunisia.

Having regard to circular n°13 dated 04/04/2013 fixing "the duration of studies, additional courses and the validation of achievements for the national doctoral degree" from the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

The two parties, driven by the desire to promote exchanges of doctoral students between them and thus to strengthen scientific and university cooperation between Tunisia and Italy, decide by mutual agreement, within the framework of the legislation in force in their respective countries, to use the joint supervision procedure concerning:



Miss Mariam EL BAYAR

Thesis title: Behavioural study of connectedness and portfolio optimization among fintech, green bonds and commodities during crises.

Address in country of origin: Remla 3070 Kerkennah

TITLE I: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

SECTION 1: REGISTRATION

Miss Mariam EL BAYAR is enrolled in both institutions.

Miss Mariam EL BAYAR is registered for the preparation of a thesis, under joint supervision, from the 2022/2023 academic year and for a period of 3 years.

She will pay her registration fees according to the following schedule:

- The year 2022/2023, she will pay the registration fees at the University of Sfax. The University of Tuscia agrees to exempt her from the payment of the registration fees. She will pay just state taxes amounting to 156 euros. This amount might slightly change according to change in tax regulation.

- The year 2023/2024, she will pay the registration fees at the University of Sfax. The University of Tuscia agrees to exempt her from the payment of the registration fees. She will pay just state taxes amounting to 156 euros. This amount might slightly change according to change in tax regulation.

- The year 2024/2025, she will pay the registration fees at the University of Sfax. The University of Tuscia agrees to exempt her from the payment of the registration fees. She will pay just state taxes amounting to 156 euros. This amount might slightly change according to change in tax regulation.

The work period is divided between the two establishments.

The cotutelle agreement can be extended by one year renewable beyond three years in the event of re-registration, in the form of an addendum.

SECTION 2: SOCIAL SECURITY

During her stay in the host country, the doctoral student benefits from insurance policy, in accordance with the legislation in force.

-The doctoral student will possibly benefit from a work-study grant of 2000 euros each year during the first three years of the doctorate.

-The doctoral student will also benefit from a ministry grant of 3000 dinars each year.



TITLE II: PEDAGOGICAL MODALITIES

SECTION 3: THESIS PREPARATION

The thesis supervisors are:

- **Professor Mouna BOUJELBENE** For the University of Sfax.
- **Professor Giuseppe Galloppo** for the University of Tuscia.

They undertake to fully exercise the function of thesis director for the doctoral student. For the Italian thesis director, this function is taken into account in the evaluation of applications for the doctoral and research supervision bonus.

SECTION 4: DEFENSE CONDITIONS

- **The Jury:** The composition of the defense jury obeys the regulations in force in the country where the defense takes place (University of Tuscia.). In any case, the jury must include the two thesis supervisors.

- **The thesis:** The thesis prepared in joint supervision written in the language English, and completed by a summary written in English.

- **The graduation:** The two Universities undertake, on the report of a single defence, to issue, each as far as it is concerned, the doctoral degree in management sciences: finance option, from the University of Sfax and the doctoral degree in Economia, Management e Metodi Quantitativi (Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods) from the University of Tuscia.

SECTION 5:

The procedures for filing, reporting and reproduction of the thesis as well as the authorization to defend it comply with the regulations in force in the country where the defense takes place. The defense will take place at the University of Tuscia.

SECTION 6:

The protection of the thesis subject as well as the publication, use and protection of the research results resulting from the work of the doctoral student in the two establishments are subject to the regulations in force and ensured in accordance with the procedures specific to each country involved in the joint supervision.

The provisions relating to the protection of intellectual property rights may be the subject of a specific appendix, if necessary.

SECTION 7:

The conclusion of this agreement was previously authorized by the supervisory authority (the president of the Tunisian University concerned) on the date of..... 14 JUIII 2023 under the number..... E - - - 3 5 and by (possibly the competent authorities to be specified in the partner country).

SECTION 8:

Concerned about the interest of doctoral students and the development of cooperation between (them or them) and between their respective countries, the (higher education and research establishments or university (ies)) indicated above undertake to respect the above



provisions and to do all that is necessary for the application of this agreement under the best conditions.

In the event of a dispute, the parties to this agreement undertake to seek any amicable solution before deciding to resolve it.

SECTION 9:

In the event that the cotutelle scheme should be denounced by one of the parties concerned, the latter must notify their home institution in writing, indicating the reasons for the decision.

The home institution must inform the host institution and the university concerned (in Tunisia or in the partner country) within one month.

Done at 14 JUILLET 2023 on



Done at.....on.....

The President of the University of

The Rector of the University of Tuscia

Prof. Abdelwahed MOKNI

Prof. Stefano Ubertini

Signature

Président of Sfax University

Signature

Pr. Abdelwahed MOKNI

The Dean of the Faculty of Sciences
Economics and Management of Sfax
Mr. Younes BOUJELBENE



The Director of the Doctoral School of
The FSEG-Sfax (EGI)
Ms. Lamia HADRICH BELGUTH

The Director of the Doctoral School of
the University of Tuscia
Prof. Alessandro Sorrentino

Signature



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The Thesis Director of
the University of Sfax
Prof. Mouna Boujelbene

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The PhD student : **Mariam EL BAYAR**

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