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## **DOTTORATO IN SCIENZE DELLE PUBBLICHE AMMINISTRAZIONI**

### **Verbale del collegio dei docenti del 19.9.2024**

Il Collegio dei Docenti del Corso di Dottorato in *Scienze delle Pubbliche Amministrazioni* si è riunito il giorno **19 settembre 2024 alle ore 12.30**, in modalità mista, in presenza presso l'Aula Professori del Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Giuridiche, e, da remoto, sulla piattaforma *Teams*, giusta convocazione del 13.9.2024 prot. n. 111521 e nota di integrazione del 19.9.2024 prot. n. 114280 per discutere e deliberare sul seguente o.d.g.:

**omissis**

- 4. Approvazione testo finale dell'accordo di cotutela con l'Università di Marburgo relativo alla Dott.ssa Ardizzone Approvazione istanza di autorizzazione, a partire dal 1.10.2024, del periodo all'estero della dott.ssa Ardizzone presso l'Università di Marburgo, nonché di maggiorazione di borsa.*

**omissis**

Sono presenti i Proff.: D. Novarese, R. Amagliani, F. Ciruolo, F. Martines, C. Panella.

Sono connessi da remoto i Proff. M. Messina, M. Tommasini, G. Caristi, R. Caratozzolo e F. Tigano, A. Randazzo.

Assenti giustificati i Proff.: R. Virzo, A. Romeo, G. D'Amico.

Assenti tutti gli altri.

Constatata la presenza del numero legale la Coordinatrice dà inizio alla riunione.

E' segretario verbalizzante il Prof. Francesco Martines.

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### **1. Comunicazioni della Coordinatrice.**

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**4. Approvazione testo finale dell'accordo di cotutela con l'Università di Marburgo relativo alla Dott.ssa C. Ardizzone.**

Rientra la Prof.ssa Panella.

La Coordinatrice comunica che, con mail del 9 settembre 2024, il Prof. Francesco Martines, quale *supervisor* (unitamente alla Collega Prof.ssa Prudente) della Dott.ssa Claudia Ardizzone, dottoranda del 39° ciclo, ha inviato il testo finale dell'accordo di cotutela con l'Università di Marburgo, redatto secondo le procedure previste, dall'Ufficio Dottorati (Dott.ssa Garozzo, che ha tenuto i contatti con l'Ufficio Dottorati dell'Università tedesca), chiedendo di portarlo in approvazione alla prima riunione utile del Collegio di Dottorato. Il testo dell'accordo è stato condiviso per mail con tutti i componenti del Collegio, unitamente ad altra documentazione riguardante l'odierna seduta.

L'accordo è approvato all'unanimità dei presenti.

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### **10. Varie e eventuali**

Non si registrano interventi.

Non essendoci altro da deliberare, la seduta è tolta alle ore 13.15, dopo avere approvato seduta stante il presente verbale.

Messina, 19 settembre 2024

La Coordinatrice del Dottorato

Prof.ssa Daniela Novarese

Il Segretario Verbalizzante

Prof. Francesco Martines



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## Agreement of joint thesis supervision

between

**Philipps-Universität Marburg**

and

**Università degli Studi di Messina**

THE UNDERSIGNED:

Università degli Studi di Messina (University of Messina), Piazza Pugliatti 1, 98121, Messina, Italy,  
Here in after referred to as “UNIME” (**Home Institution**),  
represented by prof Giovanna Spatari, Rector

And

Phillips-Universität Marburg (University of Marburg), Biegenstrasse 10, 35037 Marburg, Germany,  
jointly referred to as “UMR” (**Host Institution**),  
represented by Prof. Thomas Nauss, President

in which the aforementioned parties are jointly referred to as ‘the parties’,  
Considering the “Agreement between the Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities (CRUI) and the Hochschulrektorenkonferenz (HRK) for a thesis co-tutorship program for Ph.D. Programs”

Having regard for UNIME (Italy)

- the art. 4 of the Italian Law n. 210 of 03/07/1998, that provides for the Universities’ autonomy in setting up PhD courses within Universities’ governmental, educational and scientific autonomy, as modified by the Law n. 240/2010;
- the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research Regulation concerning PhD programmes, issued with D.M. n. 226/2021;
- the University of Messina Regulation concerning Research Doctorate course issued with the Rector’s Decree n. 834/2022;
- the report of Academic Boards of UNIME that approves doctoral student’s application

Having regard for UMR:

- „Hessisches Hochschulgesetz“ (HessHG) from December 14, 2021 in its most current version effective as of April 22, 2022

- Allgemeine Bestimmungen für Promotionsordnungen der Philipps-Universität Marburg of April 1st, 2020
- Promotionsordnung des Fachbereichs Rechtswissenschaften of July 2nd, 2008

**The following has been agreed:**

**ARTICLE 1– JOINT THESIS SUPERVISION**

The partner institutions hereby agree that they shall assume joint responsibility for the supervision of the doctoral student's doctoral research project. The two Institutions, animated by the will to promote the exchange of PhD students between them and to strengthen, thus, scientific and university cooperation, decide by mutual agreement, within the framework of the legislations in force in their respective countries, to use the procedure of co-supervision of thesis in favour of the Doctoral Student:

- Name and surname of the student: Claudia Ardizzone
- Born in Messina on November 25<sup>th</sup> 1995
- E-mail: claudia.ardizzone@studenti.unime.it
- Telephone number: +39 3478753790
- Master Degree: Law
- Registered as a doctoral student at the University of Messina as stated in the the Rectoral Decree n° 166178 ( ated 2023, December 29<sup>th</sup>).

**ARTICLE 2 – SUPERVISION OF THE DOCTORAL STUDENT**

In each of the institutions concerned, the doctoral student will carry out the research work under the direction and responsibility of the following thesis supervisors:

- At UNIME (Home Institution):  
Name: Prof. Francesco Martines  
Department: Scienze politiche e giuridiche  
Position: Full Professor  
Name: Prof. Valentina Prudente  
Department: Scienze politiche e giuridiche  
Position: Assistant Professor
- At UMR (Host Institution):  
Name: Prof. Florian Möslein  
Department: Faculty of Law  
Position: Full Professor

Both thesis Supervisors undertake to fully exercise, jointly with the doctoral student, the responsibilities attributed to them by the regulations in force and the academic traditions in their respective countries. They shall also undertake, in their respective establishments, to ensure the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.

The doctoral student shall follow the activities of the doctoral programs during her staying at UM and at UNIME as agreed by the two Supervisors, according with the regulations of both the PhD courses involved.

### **ARTICLE 3 – ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES AND DOCTORAL THESIS SUBJECT**

The doctoral student is registered at UNIME at the first year of the Doctoral course in “Scienze delle pubbliche amministrazioni (*Public Administration Sciences*)” XXXIX Cycle”, first year of the programme, academic year 2023/2024. The doctoral programme lasts three years starting from December 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, according to the Rectoral Decree prot. N. 166178/2023 and will end at December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The doctoral student has been admitted at the Doctoral course at the Faculty of Law of the UMR with the aim of obtaining the title of “Doktor der Rechte (Dr. iur)” on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.

The subject of the thesis submitted by the doctoral student is:

**The subject of the thesis submitted by the doctoral student is “The impact of decentralised technologies on public procurement contracts in Europe: a focus on distributed ledger technology (DLT) and blockchain innovation**

### **ARTICLE 4– ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT SERVICE FEE**

The doctoral student must be accepted into the doctoral programme at both institutions. The registration must be renewed at beginning of every academic year.

She must as specified below

Academic year 2023/2024: The student pays tuition fees at UNIME and she is exempted from tuition fees at UMR. However, she pays the “Semesterbeitrag” at UMR, if she enrolls as a doctoral student at UMR.

Academic year 2024/2025: The student will pay the “Semsterbeitrag” at UMR, if she enrolls as a doctoral student at UMR, and she is exempted of tuition fees at UNIME related to COA (Contributo Onnicomprensivo Annuale ). She pays the annual amount of Regional tax for the right to education at UNIME.

Academic year 2025/2026: The student pays tuition fees at UNIME and she is exempted from tuition fees at UMR. However, she pays the “Semesterbeitrag” at UMR, if she enrolls as a doctoral student at UMR.

Doctoral candidates at UMR have to register as such at UMR, but do not have to enroll as doctoral students at UMR. The doctoral candidate will be registered as a doctoral candidate at UMR for the duration of this agreement beginning with the date this agreement is signed, but can decide each semester whether to enroll as a doctoral student or not.

Doctoral candidates enrolled as students at UMR are required to pay the “Semesterbeitrag” which is an administrative fee (no tuition) mandatory for all students. Amount varies, about €400 per semester. <https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/life-at-umr/finance>

It is hereby declared that the doctoral candidate shall be responsible for the payment of the applicable fees, including the registration corresponding to her status (international or national).

### **ARTICLE 5 – AWARD OF THE DEGREE**

If the doctoral student has passed the joint doctoral examination successfully, she shall be separately awarded a degree by the partner institutions as follows:

- Dottore di ricerca (Ph.D) in “Scienze delle Pubbliche Amministrazioni” (UNIME)
- Doktor der Rechte (Dr. iur.) in “Rechtswissenschaften” (UMR)

### **ARTICLE 6 – INSURANCE COVER**

During her stay in the host country, the doctoral student benefits from the social security cover, in accordance with the legislation in force. During her stay at UMR, UNIME guarantees third



party liability and accident insurance within the limits established by the Italian law ( Zurich Accident Policy n. Z084787 and Allianz Civil Liability policy n. 79301441). During mobility periods abroad, the Doctoral Candidate should also have insurance covering repatriation in case of accident or illness.

#### **ARTICLE 7– RESEARCH AT PARTNER INSTITUTION**

The research work is carried out alternately in both institutions. The doctoral student should spend alternate or consecutive research periods at both partner institutions.

According with the Supervisors the duration of the period for joint research thesis at UMR will be 12 months starting from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and at UNIME will be 4 months starting from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The periods for Joint research thesis will start after the student has completed an initial 6-month period starting from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at UMR to work on her thesis research under the supervision of the professors mentioned in art. 2, as provided by the Italian Ministry Decree of University and Research (D.M.118 /2023).

To sum up, the periods for a total duration of the doctorate programme of 36 months are as follow:

UNIME: December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (starting date) to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 UNIME (9 month)

UMR: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 (6 months - Italian Ministry Decree 118/2023)

UNIME: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 (5 months)

UMR: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 (12 months – Joint research thesis/cotutelle)

UNIME: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 UNIME (4 months - Joint research thesis/ cotutelle)

#### **ARTICLE 8 – ADMISSION AT THE ONLY FINAL EXAMINATION AND THESIS DEFENCE COMMITTEE**

The partners agree that the deadline for the submission of the final thesis will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

According to Italian rules, to obtain the admission at the single final examination, the thesis will be evaluated by two external reviewers (professors). If the evaluation of the reviewers is positive and they don't ask for modifications of the thesis, the final examination could be taken until March 2027. If the evaluation of the reviewers is positive, but they ask for modifications of the thesis, the final examination could be postponed until six months.

The only Thesis Defense Committee shall be comprised of a maximum of six members, including the thesis supervisors. During the exam/defense session the supervisors can present the candidate to the Thesis Defense Committee members and don't evaluate the candidate during the defense session. However, Prof. Möslein is required to give an evaluation of the candidate's defense to UMR. The Thesis Defense Committee is made up of a balanced number of members appointed by the two institutions and includes at least two members external to both universities. At least two thirds of the members of the Thesis Defense Committee must be university professors or researchers.

According to German rules, to obtain the admission at the single final examination, the thesis must also be evaluated by the supervisor of the host institution (Prof. Möslein). The evaluations by the two external reviewers provided by Italian regulations as well as the evaluation by the supervisor of the host institution (Prof. Möslein) must be in English.

**ARTICLE 9– DOCTORAL THESIS DEFENSE(PUBLIC DISCUSSION)**

The thesis will lead to a single defense in English. The only report of the Examination Board will be in English. The institution organizing the defense, undertakes to issue the title of Doctor and to transmit a copy of the complete defense file to the partner institution which undertakes, in turn, to issue the title of Doctor as provided by art 5.

**ARTICLE 10 – LANGUAGE OF THESIS**

The doctoral thesis will be drawn up and defended in English, whereas the written and oral summary will be in Italian or English. An abstract of the doctoral thesis shall be supplied in English, in German and in Italian.

**ARTICLE 11 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Intellectual property ownership will be based on the principle of inventor owns in accordance with the respective policies of each of the partner institutions.

Therefore, the protection of the research results arising from the doctoral research project, as well as any matter related to filing them, making them accessible, their publication and exploitation shall be discussed and agreed by the partner institutions and be in accordance with the national and institutional regulations in force.

The doctoral student undertakes to comply with the regulations in force in both countries regarding methods of presentation, intellectual property rights and reproduction of the doctoral thesis and in particular, to fulfill the obligations established by the MUR (Italian Ministry for University and Research) as financing body of the assigned scholarship (Ministerial Decree 118 /2023).

**ARTICLE 12 –PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

The processing of personal data related to this call is carried out by the University in accordance with the European General Regulation No. 679/2016 for the protection of personal data and the Code regarding the protection of personal data, Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions.

**ARTICLE 13 – DEPOSIT COPY AND PUBLICATION OF THE PHD THESIS**

Details regarding the deposit copy, authorial information and printing the doctoral thesis are set out in the applicable regulations of each higher education institution.

The publication of the doctoral thesis is guaranteed by both higher education institutions in accordance with their applicable regulations.

**ARTICLE 14 – COMMENCEMENT AND VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT**

The present agreement shall take as and from the date of its execution by the authorized representative of each contracting Institution and expires at the end of final examination procedure.

**ARTICLE 15 – VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT AND SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES**

The stipulations of this agreement may not conflict with the provisions of the regulations at of the two Institutions. Disputes must be resolved amicably through friendly bilateral consultations.

Modifications to this agreement shall be effective only if they are in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the contracting parties.

**Signatures** Drawn up in three original copies

**For Philipps-Universität Marburg**

*President:* Prof. Dr. Thomas Nauss date:

*Dean of the Faculty of Law:* Prof. Dr. Markus Roth date:

*Thesis Supervisor:* Prof. Dr. Florian Möslein date:

**For the “Università degli Studi di Messina”**

*Rector:* Prof.ssa Giovanna Spatari date:

*PhD Programme Coordinator:* Prof.ssa Daniela Novarese date:

*Thesis Supervisors:* date:  
Prof. Francesco Martines

Prof.ssa Valentina Prudente

**For acceptance**

*The doctoral student* date:  
Claudia Ardizzone