

**Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate in  
Information Technologies for Business Intelligence – Doctoral College  
(IT4BI-DC)  
Doctoral Candidate Agreement  
2016 – 2019**

Université libre de Bruxelles, located at 50 avenue F. D. Roosevelt, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium, coordinating institution of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Programme in “Information Technologies for Business Intelligence – Doctoral College” (IT4BI-DC), hereafter referred to as “the Consortium Coordinator” or “the Coordinator”, on behalf of the consortium formed by the following universities:

- Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB),
- Aalborg Universitet (AAU),
- Technische Universität Dresden (TUD),
- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), and
- Poznan University of Technology (PUT),

and

(Surname, First Name) .....

(date and place of birth) .....

(nationality, passport number) .....

(address) .....

hereafter referred to as “the Doctoral Candidate” or “the Candidate”, agree to the following terms and conditions.

## **1. Summary of the IT4BI-DC Programme**

### **1.1 Objectives**

IT4BI-DC is a three-year Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Programme in “Information Technologies for Business Intelligence” funded by the European Commission under the Framework Partnership Agreement nr. 2013-0038. The programme is designed to provide understanding, knowledge, and skills within Business Intelligence (BI) — the use of data and information for decision-making purposes. Its main objective is to train BI researchers who truly understand and can use leading-edge BI techniques, being also capable of producing new knowledge. It will prepare the graduates for a BI career both in research and, equally important, in the ICT or services industry, or in public services. This is achieved through a strong combination of excellent researchers from the full partners, and leading associated partners from industry, academia, and public institutions.

### **1.2 Doctoral Model**

IT4BI-DC is a Joint Doctoral Programme carried out in two universities of the IT4BI-DC Consortium using a co-tutelle model. This programme is governed by the “Joint Doctoral Degree Agreement” signed by the rectors of the five universities of the Consortium in February 2013. The tuition language is English.

### **1.3 Participation Costs**

The participation costs are set to €600 per month for both EU or non-EU candidates. These costs, waived for candidates benefiting from an Erasmus Mundus fellowship or an IT4BI-DC fellowship, cover:

1. registration/teaching/training fees,
2. mobility travel costs between co-advisors,
3. one IT4BI Summer School participation and one IT4BI-DC Doctoral Colloquium participation,
4. two international conferences participation,
5. PhD defence costs,
6. a laptop, and
7. access (and basic assistance) to a cloud computing laboratory.

These costs do not include visa cost and installation support for candidates, nor medical insurance. For candidates not benefiting from an Erasmus Mundus fellowship, these costs must be covered by the two universities of the co-tutelle, or the Candidate himself.

## 1.4 Research Programme

The IT4BI-DC research programme has been established to tackle six fundamental BI challenges for the years to come: Modeling and Semantics, Information Discovery, Information Integration, Big Data Analytics, Large-Scale Processing, and Collaboration and Privacy.

A set of Joint Doctoral Topics will be offered from a European-wide coordinated list, each topic fitting within at least one of the six BI challenges. The topics will be competitively selected for their high scientific quality and for their appropriateness with the jointly designed research agenda. Each topic is jointly co-supervised by two universities of the Consortium. The associated partners will provide input for topic definition.

## 1.5 Education and Training Programme

The IT4BI-DC education and training programme offers a wide range of both core and transversal competencies with the aim to improve the career prospects of candidates and to prepare a generation of future innovative leaders and entrepreneurs. This programme comprises the following activities:

- **Research-specific courses**, providing doctoral candidates with focused state-of-the-art technical skills pertaining to their research topic.
- **Innovation and entrepreneurship courses**, complementing the scientific training of candidates with business-related aspects such as entrepreneurship, intellectual property rights, etc.
- **Methodological and communication courses**, introducing the necessary research methods and communication skills.
- **Language courses**, introducing the local language at each of the two universities of the co-tutelle.
- **Knowledge dissemination**, allowing candidates to present and confront their findings, thereby familiarizing themselves with essential practices such as peer review and public debating.
- **External cooperation**, ensuring that the Candidate participates actively in another research environment outside the two universities of the co-tutelle. This is realised typically through internships in associated partners.

## 1.6 Type of Diploma Awarded

At the end of the IT4BI-DC programme,

- provided that the Doctoral Candidate meets the academic requirements of two universities of the co-tutelle allowing the Candidate to enter the doctoral procedure and to defend his/her doctorate, and
- after a successful defence of the Doctoral Thesis,

the Doctoral Candidate will be awarded a joint doctoral degree delivered by the two universities of the cotutelle. For countries where a local law requires it, the co-tutelle agreement will be accompanied by a separate document defining the content of the doctoral degree diploma. The diploma is awarded by the academic authorities empowered to do so, on the basis of the conclusions of the appointed Thesis Assessment Board.

A joint Europass Diploma Supplement will also be produced. It includes an overall description of the IT4BI-DC programme, a detailed description of the education and training programme followed by the Candidate, the information on the universities where the studies were conducted and the education system in the respective countries, and the associated partner institutions where the research/internships were done.

In addition, the Consortium will issue a joint IT4BI-DC certificate and a Europass Mobility certificate signed by all full partners.

## 2. Administrative Terms

### 2.1 Doctoral Candidate Registration

The Doctoral Candidate is registered:

1. At the University of .....  
hereafter referred to as “the Home University”, for a doctoral/Ph.D. degree in .....  
on (registration date) .....
2. At the University of .....  
hereafter referred to as “the Host University”, for a doctoral/Ph.D. degree in .....  
on (registration date) .....

### 2.2 Doctoral Thesis

The Doctoral Thesis will be realised on the following Joint Doctoral Topic proposed by the Home and Host Universities

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The Doctoral Thesis will be written in English and will contain a summary in English and in the local languages of the Home and Host Universities. The Doctoral Thesis defence (viva voce examination) will be held in English.

### 2.3 Thesis Supervision

In each of the Home and Host Universities, the Doctoral Candidate carries out his/her work under the supervision and responsibility of a thesis advisor. The co-advisors undertake to fully supervise the Doctoral Candidate, and to ensure that this function is carried out within the conditions that apply in the respective institutions. They will collaborate regularly over the progress of the Doctoral Candidate’s research work.

The Candidate’s doctoral studies will be pursued under the joint supervision of:

- Prof. .... at the Home University, and
- Prof. .... at the Host University

### 2.4 Candidate Progress Committee

To ensure a uniform evaluation across the IT4BI-DC programme, each candidate will be assigned a Candidate Progress Committee (CPC) whose composition is based on the chosen Joint Doctoral Topic. In addition to the co-advisors from the Home and Host Universities, the CPC will also include:

- Prof. ...., from (university), acting as committee chair.
- ....., external rapporteur from the industrial sector or associated partner;
- ..... (Possibly other members according to the topic)

The CPC may include additional members to comply with the local regulations in both universities. The coadvisors guard the Candidate’s portfolio and ensures that the process, milestones, and intermediate

evaluations are met. The chair of the CPC oversees this and also acts as a referee in case of a dispute among the co-advisors and the Candidate.

## 2.5 Doctoral Candidate Enrolment

Throughout his/her doctoral studies, the Doctoral Candidate will be formally registered at the Home and Host Universities. If the Doctoral Candidate has complied with the enrolment requirements — including registration fees — at the Home University, he/she is exempted from the payment of any registration fees of the Host University<sup>1</sup>. Further, the Doctoral Candidate must have social security coverage and any insurance required by the relevant national legislation in force at the Home University. This coverage must also apply to the periods the Candidate will spend visiting the Host University and associated partners.

- The enrolment of the Doctoral Candidate in the IT4BI-DC programme takes effect on . . . . .
- The estimated duration of the research work is fixed at three years.
- The Doctoral Thesis submission is foreseen during the academic year . . . . .
- An extension of the enrolment period may be requested for exceptional reasons, upon favourable approval from the Candidate Progress Committee. The request for extension should be submitted at least 6 months before the end of the three-year period.

## 2.6 Type of Enrolment

1. The Doctoral Candidate will receive an Erasmus Mundus fellowship from the European Commission or a fellowship from the IT4BI-DC Consortium funded by external sources and his/her participation costs for the whole programme and social security contribution is covered by the fellowship\*.
2. The Doctoral Candidate will enrol in the IT4BI-DC programme on an externally-funded or a self-funded basis and must pay the IT4BI-DC participation costs to the Coordinator. Further, the Candidate is responsible of taking care of any social security contribution and any insurance required by the relevant national legislation of the Home University\*.

\* Either option 1 or 2 is applicable (remove the invalid option).

## 2.7 Contract and Salary

**The statements in this section are effective only for a Doctoral Candidate receiving an Erasmus Mundus fellowship.**

The Doctoral Candidate receiving an Erasmus Mundus fellowship will receive a single, three-year employment contract issued by his/her Home University. The employment contract will provide by default social security coverage, holiday rights, parental leave rights, pension provision, healthcare insurance, and accident coverage at work. The contract guarantees that the Doctoral Candidate becomes a full member of the university with the same rights as regular staff with the same position. This concerns, among others, working conditions, professional environment, access to the university resources, and participation (also by election) to various decision-making bodies.

During the whole period of enrolment in the IT4BI-DC programme, the Doctoral Candidate must not receive any scholarship or subvention by the European Commission within the framework of other Community programmes.

In the case of enrolment termination (withdrawal for personal reasons, exclusion from the programme because of insufficient academic results or fraudulent act, etc.), the Doctoral Candidate shall reimburse the amount received that exceed his/her actual insofar incurred expenditure. The IT4BI-DC Coordination Office will set the amount to be reimbursed according to the number of months he/she attended and a copy of his/her return ticket.

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<sup>1</sup> For ULB, national regulations impose that to be able to deliver a diploma it is necessary to pay full registration fees for at least one year and to pay administrative fees for the other years. In order to comply with the above rule, the consortium will provide the funds for the registration of candidates having ULB as Host University.

## 2.8 Contribution to Travel and Installation

The statements in this section are effective only for a Doctoral Candidate receiving an Erasmus Mundus fellowship.

The Doctoral Candidate receiving a Partner Country Erasmus Mundus fellowship will receive €7,500 as fixed contribution to the travel, installation, and any other types of costs. The Doctoral Candidate receiving a Programme Country Erasmus Mundus fellowship will receive €3,000 as fixed contribution to the travel, installation, and any other types of costs if there is mobility foreseen to third-country associated partners.

This amount will be paid by the Home University, in several instalments, according to the Candidate needs as well as Erasmus Mundus and national regulations.

## 3 Doctoral Candidate's Commitment

### 3.1 Eligibility Requirements

The Doctoral Candidate declares that he/she meets the following minimum eligibility requirements needed to join the IT4BI-DC programme.

1. He/she has been awarded the **equivalent of 300 ECTS from his/her Bachelor and Master's degrees** (of which, at least 60 of those ECTS must correspond to the Master's degree) with a major in computer science from an accredited university that must be listed in the World Higher Education Database (WHED)<sup>2</sup> or be included in the following university rankings: (a) The Times Higher Education World University Rankings,<sup>3</sup> (b) Academic Ranking of World Universities,<sup>4</sup> or (c) QS World University Rankings.<sup>5</sup>
2. He/she must be able to demonstrate proficiency in English by means of
  - (a) An internationally recognised test equivalent to level C1 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).<sup>6</sup> The Consortium will rely on how certification bodies evaluate their own equivalence against this framework, e.g., Cambridge English First A, IELTS (academic) 7.0, TOEFL (paper based) 590, TOEFL (computer based) 243, TOEFL (internet based) 110, etc.
  - (b) A document issued by the university awarding his/her Bachelor or Master's degree certifying that its tuition language was English.

### 3.2 Participation in the Programme

The Doctoral Candidate hereby commits him-/herself to duly take part in the IT4BI-DC programme, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the present agreement. Embarking on any vocational occupation with a regular salary during the whole duration of the programme has to comply with the relevant regulations of the employer.

### 3.3 Intellectual Property

Intellectual property generated by the Doctoral Candidate belongs to the Home University, but the Host University shall be granted a royalty free, fully paid-up, transferable, perpetual, worldwide, non-retractable and non-exclusive license with a right to sub-license to use the intellectual property for non-commercial purposes, including research collaborations with third parties. The Doctoral Candidate hereby agrees that intellectual property generated under this agreement belongs to the Home University. The Doctoral Candidate is to be compensated according to the rules of the Home University. Furthermore, the Doctoral Candidate agrees to respect the regulations in force in the Home and Host Universities concerning the registration and

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.whed.net/home.php>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.arwu.org/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings>

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/CADRE\\_EN.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/CADRE_EN.asp)

the reproduction of doctoral theses. Following the “European Charter for Researchers and The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers”, the Doctoral Candidate agrees that

- the results of his/her doctoral work are disseminated to the broadest possible research and business communities by means of publications, presentations, and possibly patents,
- his/her Doctoral Thesis’ title and abstract will be posted on the IT4BI-DC portal,
- once the thesis has been defended and passed, the Home and Host Universities may store and protect the Doctoral Thesis, either as a hard or as a digital copy, following their respective procedures,
- the complete text of the Doctoral Thesis may be included in the corresponding database and the Home and Host Universities would request its preservation by legal deposit,
- the Doctoral Thesis is made available to the research community by making it available in the libraries of the Home and Host Universities,
- based on an additional signed agreement by the Doctoral Candidate, his/her Doctoral Thesis and other publications may be displayed at the IT4BI-DC portal. The agreement will not be deemed as a copyright transfer.

### **3.4 Confidentiality**

The Doctoral Candidate undertakes to keep secret any confidential data or information that may be provided or disclosed to him/her orally, in writing, in graphic form, or by any other means by the co-advisors or any other member of the research teams to which he/she belongs; not to disclose, communicate, transfer, or divulge such data or information to any third party; and to use any information obtained solely for the purpose of completing his/her Doctoral Thesis.

The Doctoral Candidate undertakes not to disclose any information concerning the research project in which he/she is participating that is identified as confidential without first obtaining the written authorization of the co-advisors. The Doctoral Candidate agrees to sign any non-disclosure agreements as required by the co-advisors, research project supervisor, or tutor.

Undertakings regarding confidentiality and secrecy shall continue in force and remain binding even after the administrative and/or employment relationship between the Doctoral Candidate and the Home University has ended.

## **4 Doctoral Candidate’s Obligations**

The Doctoral Candidate shall inform the Consortium Coordinator on any academic or administrative problem that could arise, and shall comply with the following requirements.

### **4.1 Expected Performance**

The Doctoral Candidate will leverage all his/her knowledge skills to effectively conduct the research towards the obtainment of his/her Doctoral Degree.

### **4.2 Programme Attendance**

The Doctoral Candidate confirms that he/she will attend the doctoral programme detailed as follows.

- The Doctoral Candidate, with the help of his/her co-advisors, will produce a Doctoral Project Plan (DPP) within the two months after his/her enrolment in the programme. This document will specify the Doctoral Thesis topic, define the education and training programme that will be followed by the Candidate, and establish the mobility scheme between the Home and Host Universities.
- The Candidate and the local co-advisor (i.e., the co-advisor of the University in which the Candidate is currently located) will meet (face to face if possible) at least once every month. Each of these working meetings should produce minutes drafted by the Candidate stating: (1) what was done since the last meeting, (2) what will be done before the next meeting, (3) what is slowing down or blocking the project, and (4) what was discovered that would be of interest, or needs to be discussed.



- The Doctoral Candidate will participate in the periodic monitoring meetings planned before moving between the two Universities of the co-tutelle. These teleconference (e.g., skype) meetings involve the Candidate and both co-advisors. Minutes of these meetings will be drafted by the Candidate and reviewed by the local co-advisor.
- The Doctoral Candidate will comply with the three following milestones:
  - M1: at the end of the first year, he/she will produce a Thesis Proposal Report (extension of the Doctoral Project Plan);
  - M2: at the end of the second year, he/she will produce a Research Progress Report, including a description of the main issues, early research results, and plan for the remaining work; and
  - M3: at the end of the third year, he/she will submit the Doctoral Thesis.

All these documents will be included in the Candidate's portfolio that will serve for evaluation purposes.

### 4.3 Monitoring and Evaluation

The evaluation of the Doctoral Candidate will be as follows.

- The Candidate's progress is monitored continuously. If it is not satisfactory, a three-month "get back on track" procedure may be instantiated. In this procedure, the Home and Host supervisors prepare a detailed plan of action in order to ensure that the Candidate's performance becomes satisfactory after a 3-month period. Subsequently, the IT4BI-DC Steering Committee will, after consulting the CPC, decide whether the progress has been re-established. If the PhD student does not accept this procedure or is unable to recover lost ground, he/she will be withdrawn from the joint programme. This decision does not necessarily entail any consequence with respect to the participation of the Candidate in local Doctorate programmes of the Home and Host Universities.
- The Doctoral Project Plan (DPP) will be evaluated by the Candidate Progress Committee (CPC) and approved according to local regulations, if any. If the report is not considered satisfactory, the Candidate will be required to resubmit a new version within the next month. This second version will be prepared taking into account the feedback provided by the CPC. If it is still not satisfactory, a three-month "get back on track" procedure may be instantiated.
- The Thesis Proposal Report and the Research Progress Report will be evaluated by the CPC and approved according to local regulations, if any. If the result of one of these reports is not considered satisfactory, the Candidate will be required to resubmit a new version within the next three months. This second version will be prepared taking into account the feedback provided by the CPC. If it is still not satisfactory, a three-month "get back on track" procedure may be instantiated.
- The candidate will comply with the doctoral procedures, including Doctoral Thesis submission and defence, of both the Home and the Host Universities. Nevertheless, the Doctoral Thesis defence will be held in a single session either at the Home or the Host University, in front of a Thesis Assessment Board and in conformity with the regulations in force at both Universities. In particular, the Thesis Assessment Board will include (1) at least one member appointed by each of the Home and Host Universities, (2) the chair of the CPC, and (3) at least one member external to the Consortium. In addition, the Doctoral Candidate will also present his/her work at a public seminar to be hosted by the other University. As from the unique thesis defence and on the basis of a favourable report from the Thesis Assessment Board, the Home and Host Universities commit to award a joint doctoral degree to the successful candidate. If the Board considers that the Doctoral Thesis is not satisfactory, the relevant procedures in the Home and Host Universities will be applied with respect to thesis resubmission and new defence.
- Part of the contents of the Doctoral Thesis must have been accepted for publication as full paper in at least two peer-reviewed international events and in one journal indexed in Web of Science or in Scopus. This ensures that the Candidate will be independently evaluated in an international context. This will also improve the visibility and attractiveness of European higher education.

### 4.4 Teaching Activities

The Doctoral Candidate, during his/her stay at the Home and Host Universities, will take an active part in various teaching assistant activities, including supervising undergraduate and graduate student projects, delivering laboratory exercises, and performing various teaching assistant duties. The amount of teaching will follow each university regulations, but teaching will only be a minor task compared to research.

## **4.5 Behaviour and Ethics**

The Doctoral Candidate will comply with the national law of visiting countries and regulations in force in visiting institutions, including studying rules, security rules, and responsibilities. He/she shall commit no fraudulent act, such as cheating, falsification, or plagiarism. Failing to obey these rules may result in excluding the Doctoral Candidate from the IT4BI-DC programme.

## **5 Doctoral Candidate's Rights**

The Doctoral Candidate will benefit from the IT4BI-DC programme a service offer in accordance to what has been announced in promotional documents and by the IT4BI-DC Consortium, having the following rights.

### **5.1 Equality**

The Doctoral Candidate enrolled in the IT4BI-DC programme is entitled to

- be treated and served in the same way as local students regardless his/her gender, age, ethnic, national or social origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, language, disability, political opinion, and social or economic condition,
- be considered as an equal partner in the IT4BI-DC programme,
- appeal to the Coordination Office against any act he/she would consider as discriminatory.

### **5.2 Administrative and Academic Issues**

The Doctoral Candidate has the right to

- be informed on the doctoral programme in a transparent manner, and therefore to be provided with all relevant and exhaustive information, particularly regarding admission requirements and criteria, prerequisites, content of the research, education and training programme, learning outcomes, and degrees awarded,
- benefit from an appropriate counselling, both before and during the programme, and
- have access to adequate services and means of support in order to complete the programme.

### **5.3 Programme Participation and Involvement**

The Doctoral Candidate has the right to

- take an active part in the running of the IT4BI-DC programme by being eligible to participate in decisionmaking bodies and the programme evaluation procedure,
- organise him-/herself with other candidates in legally recognised entities, in particular in an IT4BI Association, and
- be represented in various decision-making bodies at the Home and Host Universities.

### **5.4 Assistance**

In terms of assisting the Doctoral Candidate during the whole programme, the IT4BI-DC Consortium will guarantee the following:

- The Doctoral Candidate will get assistance from the International Relations Office and from the Local Administrative Manager of the Home and Host Universities.
- The co-advisors in the Home and Host Universities will guide the Doctoral Candidate towards a successful completion of the doctoral programme. Moreover, assisted by the Doctoral Candidate, they will



define the Doctoral Candidate's personal education programme and career prospect, which will have to be formally approved by the CPC.

## 5.5 Privacy and Data Protection

The Doctoral Candidate has the right to privacy and to the protection of individual information. In this respect, the IT4BI-DC Consortium commits itself to obey all judicial aspects of the directive 45/2001 of the European Parliament on “the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data [. . .] and on the free movement of such data.”<sup>7</sup> Moreover, the Doctoral Candidate has the right to freely publish his/her research achievements under the rules laid down by the “Vancouver Group”<sup>8</sup> and under copyright protection.

## 6 IT4BI-DC Consortium Commitment

On behalf of the IT4BI-DC Consortium, the Consortium Coordinator hereby commits himself to provide the Doctoral Candidate with a doctoral programme of excellence and a high-level service offer, in accordance to what has been announced in promotional documents, particularly regarding issues such as the research, education and training programme, supervision and evaluation, and degrees awarded.

### 6.1 Doctoral Thesis

The Doctoral Thesis will be realised on one of the Joint Doctoral Topics proposed by the two Universities of the co-tutelle. An outline of the thesis' topic and research agenda will be detailed in the Doctoral Project Plan.

### 6.2 Mobility Scheme

The IT4BI-DC programme supports mobility in the following dimensions: (1) between countries and universities, (2) between public and private sectors, and (3) between research and business-oriented institutions.

The research activity will be carried out in the Home and Host Universities, during alternate successive mobility periods, and may also include internships in associated partners of the Consortium. The Doctoral Candidate and the two co-advisors will come to an agreement on the specific mobility scheme taking into account the research needs and the particular circumstances of the Doctoral Candidate. The mobility scheme will be detailed in the Doctoral Project Plan. The time spent in the Host University will comply with local regulations of the Home and Host Universities and in any case will be no less than one academic semester.

### 6.3 Education and Training Programme

The Doctoral Candidate will follow a personalised education and training programme that builds on the Candidate's previous background and future career prospects, allowing them to tailor their own research activity and educational path, complementing core scientific competences with innovation-related and transferable ones.

This programme must be approved from both co-advisors, will be detailed in the Doctoral Project Plan, and must be in conformity with the regulations in force within both Home and Host universities.

## 7 IT4BI-DC Consortium Obligations

The IT4BI-DC Consortium is obliged to provide the Doctoral Candidate the following:

- help in his/her undertaken administrative procedures, visa application (if necessary), finding accommodation, by means of the Local Administrative Managers,
- comprehensive information on the IT4BI-DC programme,

<sup>7</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2001:008:0001:0022:en:PDF>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.icmje.org/>

- comprehensive information on legal and administrative issues in the countries where the Doctoral Candidate will conduct his/her doctoral programme,
- feedback from evaluating the work of the Doctoral Candidate and guidance for further research,
- all the required resources for conducting the research by the Doctoral Candidate (such as office space, library access, network infrastructure, etc.),
- actively and efficiently supervising the Doctoral Candidate in his/her research,
- counselling the Doctoral Candidate on his/her career development,
- supporting the Doctoral Candidate with all available means towards successful development of his/her career.

## 8 Effectiveness of the Agreement

The present agreement will take effect upon signature by the Consortium Coordinator, the Doctoral Candidate, and the duly authorised representatives of both the Home and Host Universities. It will be valid until the end of the academic year during which the Doctoral Thesis is presented. The present agreement can be terminated on a motivated basis:

- by mutual consent of the Consortium and the Candidate,
- by the Doctoral Candidate, in writing, giving a summary of the reasons for his/her decision,
- by the Consortium following a breach of contract by the Candidate, and in particular if
  - the Doctoral Candidate has been admitted in the IT4BI-DC programme on the basis of false information,
  - the Doctoral Candidate does not comply with the obligations mentioned in Section 4, or
  - the Doctoral Candidate received a negative evaluation from his/her Candidate Progress Committee and after a three-month “get back on track” procedure was instantiated.

## 9 Termination and Resolution of Claims

The IT4BI-DC Consortium bears no responsibility for accidents, illnesses, injuries, losses or damages to persons or goods resulting from or related to the activities planned in the present agreement.

Without prejudice to the general consequences laid down in national laws applicable in the present agreement, the Consortium Coordinator reserves the right to cease the effects of the present agreement, without recourse to any juridical procedure apart from adequate communication to the Doctoral Candidate, provided that the terms in Section 4.3 above have been respected. In case of failing agreement by both parts, the courts of the country of the Home University are the only competent authorities to resolve any legal dispute between the Consortium and the Doctoral Candidate emerging from this agreement. The present agreement will be governed by the Law of the country of the Home University

All parties declare they have read and accept the conditions hereby defined. Each party receives one copy of this Doctoral Candidate Agreement.

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## Signatures

Date and Place

Date and Place

Doctoral Candidate

Consortium Coordinator

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For Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

Date and Place

Advisor from the  
Brussels School of Engineering

Date and Place

Date and Place

Dean of the  
Brussels School of Engineering

Rector of the  
Université libre de Bruxelles

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For Aalborg Universitet (AAU)

Date and Place

Date and Place

Advisor from the School of  
Engineering and Science

Head of the Doctoral School of  
Engineering and Science

Date and Place

Date and Place

Head of the  
Computer Science Department

Director of the Faculty of  
Engineering and Science

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For Technische Universität Dresden (TUD):

Date and Place

Date and Place

Advisor from the  
Fakultät Informatik

Head of the Doctorate Committee  
Fakultät Informatik



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For Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)

Date and Place

Date and Place

Advisor from the Facultat  
d'Informàtica de Barcelona

Vice-rector for Research  
(on behalf of the rector, pursuant to  
Resolution no. 140/2012 of 30 January)

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For Poznan University of Technology (PUT)

Date and Place

Advisor from the  
Faculty of Computing

Date and Place

Date and Place

Dean of the  
Faculty of Computing

Rector of the  
Poznan University of Technology