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Operating procedures for the identification of Supervisors and Co-Supervisors

(ref. art. 12 of Regulations on doctoral programmes at Politecnico di Torino)

- 1. The Academic Board provides each doctoral candidate with a research topic and an Academic Supervisor who supervises his/her doctoral education. In case of doctoral programmes organized in agreement with a company or a research institution, it is possible to identify one or more Co-supervisors, chosen from among highly qualified professionals and experts in the subject matter. The Co-supervisors can be individuals who do not pertain to Politecnico nor to the partner institutions; they participate to the supervision of the research activities conducted by the doctoral candidate.*
- 2. The Supervisor, assisted by any Co-supervisors, has to guide and assist the doctoral candidate in the composition of his/her study plan. The Supervisor is the candidate's focal point within the Academic Board and is responsible for the research activities and progress of the doctoral candidate as well as for his/her compliance with the ethical principles of the international scientific community and the Code of Ethical Conduct of the University. The Supervisor submits to the Academic Board a report and an evaluation which constitute the basis for admitting the doctoral candidate to the following year of the programme or to oral defence.*
- 3. Supervisors and Co-supervisors who do not pertain to the Academic Board can be invited to participate to meetings about matters that involve them, without the right to vote.*
- 4. Doctoral candidates are expected to stay in contact with their Supervisors, share with them the choice of the most suitable activities for their research project, update and discuss the progress of research in view of the final draft of the thesis.*
- 5. The Supervisor can be replaced only under exceptional circumstances that must be justified by a formal and documented request submitted to the Academic Board. 13*
- 6. The Supervisor is required to immediately report any critical situations that might arise to the Coordinator who will inform the Academic Board. The Academic Board is entitled to decide on the forfeiture of the doctoral candidate from the programme even during the year.*

Identification of Supervisors and Co-Supervisors

For Doctoral programmes in which Politecnico di Torino is the administrative headquarters, the main supervisor is a professor of Politecnico or a professor of an highly-qualified research institutions that runs a doctoral programme in agreement with Politecnico. Researchers pertaining to these accredited organizations as first researchers or research directors can supervise doctoral candidates.

The Supervisor is responsible towards the Academic Board for the research activities and progress of the doctoral candidate; s/he shall also usefully inform the doctoral candidates about the university procedures to manage candidates' career.

The Academic Board can identify a maximum of two Co-supervisors when additional supervision from highly qualified professionals and experts in the subject matter is required.

The Co-supervisor is a faculty member, also not pertaining to Politecnico di Torino; s/he can also be a researcher in a public or private institutions provided that s/he holds a doctoral degree.