

**COOPERATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF A CORUÑA (Spain) AND**  
**THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA (Armenia)**  
**FOR THE JOINT SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL THESES**

In Yerevan and in A Coruña, \_\_\_\_\_ of October, 2016

**THE AUTHORISING OFFICERS**

Dr Julio Ernesto Abalde Alonso, Rector of the University of A Coruña, hereafter referred to as UDC, in accordance with the powers held by him under Article 36 of the Statutes and Regulations of UDC, ratified by Decree-Law 101/2004 (13 May) of the *Xunta de Galicia*.

And Prof. / Dr. Vostanik Marukhyan, Rector of the National Polytechnic University of Armenia, in representation of that university and in accordance with the powers held by him/her under statutes (13.11.2014, № 1290-n).

**HEREBY STATE**

That the institutions represented by them wish to develop collaborative study programmes and research exchanges for PhD students.

In representation of their respective institutions, they consent to this agreement in accordance with the following

**ARTICLES**

**Article 1**

The object of this agreement is to establish the bases of cooperation to allow doctoral students from the University of A Coruña and the National Polytechnic University of Armenia to carry out their doctoral studies under the joint supervision of the co-signatory universities.

**Article 2**

The University of A Coruña and the National Polytechnic University of Armenia will ratify an individual agreement for each candidate who wishes to carry out his/her doctoral studies under the joint supervision of the co-signatory universities.

**Article 3**

Joint supervision of doctoral theses will be governed by the policies and regulations of each institution and by the joint supervision agreements established for each candidate.

**Article 4**

Each candidate must be approved for joint supervision by the University of A Coruña and the National Polytechnic University of Armenia.

**Article 5**

The doctoral theses defended in accordance with the provisions of this agreement will be recognised by all co-signatories in accordance with the policies and regulations of each institution.

**Article 6**

The conditions of deposit, use, reproduction or publication of the results of the research, as well as the copyright and intellectual property rights of the author, will be regulated by the policies and procedures in place in each country.

**Article 7**

The financial activity of cooperation is conducted by each part according to the policy acting in the organization.

**Article 8**

This agreement will come into effect on the date it is signed by the parties and will remain in effect for a period of 5 years. Prior to the termination of that period, the parties may make an official commitment in writing to extend the agreement for additional periods of 5 years.

The agreement may be dissolved by mutual accord of the signatories, or on the request of one of the parties to the agreement, to be made in writing six months prior to the date of effect. The dissolution at any time of the present agreement will not affect theses initiated while the agreement was in force.

The contract consist of two equivalent copies –each part should have one copy.

**For the UNIVERSITY OF A CORUÑA****Julio Ernesto Abalde Alonso**  
**Rector**A Coruña, 27/10/2016**For the NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC  
UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA****Vostanik Marukhyan**  
**Rector**Yerevan, 27/10/2016