

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

ORDER

for the approval of the Methodology on conducting the evaluation of university doctoral studies and of the systems of criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the evaluation

With regard to the provisions of:

- Art. 158 and 170 of Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions;
- Art. 29 of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments and additions by Law No 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions,

Considering the note of the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS) No. 10.696/06.04.2021, in which is submitted the proposal of the ARACIS Council regarding the Methodology on conducting the evaluation of university doctoral studies and of the systems of criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the evaluation,

based on the provisions of art. 13 paragraph (3) of the Government Decision No. 369/2021 regarding the organization and functioning of the Ministry of Education,

The minister of education issues the following order.

Art.1 – The Methodology on conducting the evaluation of university doctoral studies, included in Annex No.1, that is integral part of the present order, is approved.

Art.2 – The System of the criteria, standards and performance indicators for the accreditation and periodical evaluation of university doctoral study domains, included in Annex No. 2, that is integral part of the present order, is approved.

Art.3 – The System of the criteria, standards and performance indicators for the accreditation and periodical evaluation of institutions organizing doctoral study programs (IOSUD), included in

Annex No. 3, that is integral part of the present order, is approved.

Art.4 – At the date of entry into force of the present order, the Order of the minister of national education No.3.200/2020 for the approval of the Methodology on conducting the evaluation of university doctoral studies and of the systems of the criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the evaluation, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 132 of 19 February 2020, as well as any other conflicting provision is repealed.

Art. 5 – This order is published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Minister of education,
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Bucharest, 12 April 2021
No. 3.651

METHODOLOGY
on conducting the evaluation of university doctoral studies

CHAPTER I.

General provisions

ARTICLE 1

Evaluation of doctoral studies

- (1) The evaluation of university doctoral studies domains is carried out in view of the accreditation or of maintaining accreditation, procedure of quality assurance aimed to certify fulfillment of operating standards by the institutions organizing university doctoral studies, based on the provisions of art. 4 para. (2) of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (2) If a doctoral study domain is organized by several doctoral schools within the same institution organizing doctoral study programs (IOSUD), the evaluation is carried out only once at the IOSUD level.
- (3) The process of evaluation, in view of accreditation or of maintaining accreditation, as appropriate, for doctoral university studies, shall be carried out under the provisions of art. 158 para. (2) – (5) of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions, and involves the following steps:
 - a) The evaluation of the organization framework, named as IOSUD is carried out under the terms of the art. 132 para. (2) of the Law No. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions, on the basis of the provisions of art. 13 let. a) - c) of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on the Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by

the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions;

- b) evaluation of the doctoral study domains in which the university doctoral study programs are organized.

ARTICLE 2

Entities evaluating doctoral studies

- (1) The evaluation processes specified at art.1 shall be carried out by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS) or by another quality assurance agency abroad, registered in EQAR (the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education), from now on referred to as the *Agency*.
- (2) In the activities carried out in the process of evaluating university doctoral studies specified at art.1, the Agency co-opts students, typically doctoral students, and international experts.

ARTICLE 3

General aspects of doctoral studies

- (1) The university doctoral study programs are organized in doctoral schools, under the provisions of art. 158 para. (2) and (7) of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (2) The university doctoral study programs, organized in doctoral schools, are carried out under the guidance of doctoral advisors, under the provisions of art. 159 para. (1) of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (3) Doctoral schools may be organized by one university or a university consortium or by consortia and partnerships legally established

between an university or university consortium and research-development units.

- (4) Universities, as well as partnerships or consortia organizing one or several doctoral schools constitute an institution organizing doctoral study programs (IOSUD), recognized as such by the Ministry of Education, on the basis of provisional authorizing, respectively accreditation and periodic evaluation, under the provisions of art. 158 para. (2) of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (5) In the case of a IOSUD organized as consortia/partnerships, its members shall designate one of the members, mandatory an accredited higher education institution, as institutional coordinator of the external evaluation process of the IOSUD carried out by the Agency.
- (6) University doctoral studies have, under the institutional framework of IOSUD, their own specific managerial and administration of study programs and research, including at the level of doctoral schools. At the level of IOSUD operates the Council of the university doctoral studies, from now on referred to as *CSUD*, and at the level of each doctoral school the Council of the doctoral school, from now on referred to as *CSD*. These structures operate under the provisions of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions and of the Code of university doctoral studies, approved by Government Decision (GD) No. 681/2011.
- (7) The doctoral schools of the IOSUD are organized on specific disciplines or disciplinary and interdisciplinary subjects, under the provisions of art. 158 para. (7) of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (8) Faculties may make proposals to organize the doctoral school at the level of the institution organizing doctoral study programs (IOSUD)

under the provisions of art. 132 para. (4¹) of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.

- (9) The Romanian Academy may set up the Doctoral school of the Romanian Academy, observing the legal provisions in force regarding authorizing, accreditation and operation as a higher education institution. The Doctoral school of the Romanian Academy may be IOSUD and may organize university doctoral study programs, in compliance with the systems of criteria, standards and performance indicators as per Annexes No. 2 and No. 3 of this order.

CHAPTER II.

The process of periodic evaluation of doctoral studies

ARTICLE 4

Periodic evaluation

- (1) Evaluation of each IOSUD shall be carried out every five years by the Agency for maintaining accreditation. For universities, the periodic evaluation of IOSUD shall be carried out in the integrated context of the institutional evaluation of the higher education institution.
- (2) The periodic external evaluation of doctoral study programs shall be carried out every five years by domains of doctoral studies by the Agency, on a contract basis.

ARTICLE 5

Successive stages/steps in the process of Doctoral Study Domains Periodic External Evaluation

- (1) In view of periodical evaluation of a doctoral study domains, IOSUD drafts an internal evaluation report and requests the Agency the evaluation of each doctoral study domain, based

on the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators, specified in Annex No. 2 of the order, drawn up the provisions of art. 10 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions.

- (2) The Agency appoints an Experts' Panel, who analyses the internal evaluation report mentioned at para. (1) and verifies, by site-visits at the applicant IOSUD, the compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators, drawn up under the provisions of art. 13 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions, and subsequently drafts its own evaluation report.
- (3) The Agency validates, in its own decision structures, the experts' report, after checking if are observed the provisions of the present methodology and those of the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the process of external evaluation, mentioned in the annex 2 of the order, drawn up the provisions of art. 10 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (4) In case the Agency having carried out the evaluation finds:
 - a) Compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education for maintaining the accreditation of the university doctoral study domain evaluated;
 - b) No compliance (non-achievement of the quality standards) with the system of

criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, mentioned in its own evaluation report, informs the Ministry of Education on this aspect, which, within 5 working days, warns the IOSUD. The warning is published on the website of the Ministry of Education.

- (5) The IOSUD, within a maximum of one year after receiving the warning mentioned at para. (4), let. b), is required to apply for a new evaluation conducted by the Quality Assurance Agency which carried out the previous evaluation. The new evaluation shall be carried out observing the stages/steps mentioned at para. (2) and (3). Otherwise, the evaluation report drafted under the provisions of para. (4) let. b) becomes final and the respective doctoral study domain goes into liquidation, without having the right to organize an admission process for new doctoral students.
- (6) If in its evaluation report, drafted under the provisions of para. (5), the Agency finds no compliance (non-achievement of the quality standards) with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, the respective doctoral study domain goes into liquidation, without having the right to organize an admission process for new doctoral students.
- (7) If in its evaluation report, drafted under the provisions of para. (5), the Agency finds compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education for maintaining the accreditation of the university doctoral study domain evaluated.
- (8) IOSUD shall bear the costs of the additional evaluation.
- (9) For a domain having lost its accreditation, under the provisions of para. (5) or (6), IOSUD may request authorizing, respectively accreditation,

when IOSUD complies to the conditions of art. 29, para. (4²) of the Emergency Ordinance no. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions, after 5 years after having lost this status, under the provisions of art. 158 of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.

ARTICLE 6

Successive stages/steps in the process of IOSUD Periodic External Evaluation

- (1) In view of periodical evaluation, IOSUD drafts an internal evaluation report and requests the Agency the external evaluation based on the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators, specified in Annex No. 3 of the order, drawn up the provisions of art. 10 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (2) The Agency appoints an Experts' Panel, who analyses the internal evaluation report mentioned at para. (1) and verifies, by site-visits at the applicant IOSUD, the compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators, drawn up under the provisions of art. 13 let. a) – c) and e), of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions, and subsequently drafts its own evaluation report.
- (3) The Agency validates, in its own decision structures, the experts' report, by checking if are observed the provisions of the present methodology and those of the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the process of external evaluation, mentioned in Annex No. 3 of the order, drawn up according to the provisions of art. 10 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (4) In case the Agency having carried out the evaluation finds:
 - a) Compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 3 of the present order, makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education for maintaining the accreditation of the IOSUD evaluated;
 - b) No compliance (non-achievement of the quality standards) with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 3 of the present order, mentioned in its own evaluation report, informs the Ministry of Education on this aspect, which, within 5 working days, warns the IOSUD. The warning is published on the website of the Ministry of Education.
- (5) The IOSUD, within a maximum of two years after receiving the warning mentioned at para. (4), let. b), is required to apply for a new evaluation conducted by the Quality Assurance Agency which carried out the previous evaluation. The new evaluation shall be carried out observing the stages/steps mentioned at para. (2) and (3). Otherwise, the evaluation report drafted under the provisions of para. (4) let. b) becomes final and the respective IOSUD goes into liquidation, without having the right to organize an admission process for new doctoral students.

- (6) If in its evaluation report, drafted under the provisions of para. (5), the Agency finds no compliance (non-achievement of the quality standards) with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 3 of the present order, the respective IOSUD goes into liquidation, without having the right to organize an admission process for new doctoral students.
- (7) If in its evaluation report, drafted under the provisions of para. (5), the Agency finds compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 3 of the present order, makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education for maintaining the accreditation of the IOSUD evaluated.
- (8) IOSUD shall bear the costs of the additional evaluation.
- (9) For a IOSUD having lost its accreditation, under the provisions of para. (5) or (6), the higher education institution may request resuming the process of accreditation, after 5 years after having lost this status, under the provisions of art. 158 of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (10) For universities, the evaluation of IOSUD represents a chapter in the institutional evaluation and shall be carried out in an integrated context, according to the criteria included in Annex No.3 of the present order.

CHAPTER III.

Evaluation for accreditation

ARTICLE 7

Evaluation aiming to set-up a new doctoral study domain, already registered in the Nomenclature of the university studies domains and specializations/study programs, within an IOSUD

- (1) In order to set-up a new doctoral study domain, already registered in the Nomenclature of the university studies domains and specializations/study programs, within an IOSUD, the evaluation process is initiated upon request addressed to the Agency by the interested institution, based on an internal evaluation report.
- (2) The evaluation mentioned at para. (1) may be requested:
 - a) Directly for accreditation, in case the requesting IOSUD fulfills the conditions mentioned in art. 29 para. (4²) of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions;
 - b) for provisional authorizing to operate, in case the requesting IOSUD does not fulfil the conditions mentioned in art. 29 para. (4²) of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (3) The provisions of art. 5 para. (2) and (3) apply as the case.
- (4) The newly set-up university doctoral study domain may be included:
 - a) In an existing doctoral school;

- b) In a new doctoral school, set-up based on the provisional authorizing to operate or accreditation of the university doctoral study domain.
- (5) In case the Agency having carried out the evaluation finds, in the external evaluation report, compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education, as the case, for awarding the accreditation or the provisional authorizing to operate of the university doctoral study domain evaluated.

ARTICLE 8

Evaluation aiming at setting-up a new doctoral study domain, that is not registered in the Nomenclature of the university studies domains and specializations/study programs, within an IOSUD

- (1) Prior to setting-up a new doctoral study domain, not registered in the Nomenclature of the university studies domains and specializations/study programs, the interested IOSUD shall apply and obtain approval for the inclusion and registration of the qualification related to the respective domain in the National Register of Qualifications in Higher Education (*RNCIS*), managed by the National Authority for Qualifications (*ANC*).
- (2) Following the registration in the Nomenclature of the university studies domains and specializations/study programs, the provisions of art. 7 apply accordingly.

ARTICLE 9

Evaluation for accrediting university study domains provisionally authorized to operate

- (1) IOSUD have the obligation to be evaluated in order to accredit the university study domains, provisionally authorized to operate, according to

the present article, no later than one year after having awarded the first title of doctor of a graduate of the respective domain;

- (2) The IOSUD in which university study domains provisionally authorized to operate are organized, drafts, in view of their accreditation, an internal evaluation report based on the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators, specified in Annex No. 2 of the order, drawn up according to the provisions of art. 10 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions and requests the Agency the external evaluation.
- (3) The provisions of art. 5 para. (2) and (3) apply as the case.
- (4) In case the Agency having carried out the evaluation finds:
 - a) Compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education for accreditation of the university doctoral study domain evaluated;
 - b) No compliance (non-achievement of the quality standards) with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, mentioned in its own evaluation report, informs the Ministry of Education on this aspect, which, within 5 working days, warns the IOSUD. The warning is published on the website of the Ministry of Education.
- (5) The IOSUD, within a maximum of one year after receiving the warning mentioned at para. (4), let. b), is required to apply for a new evaluation conducted by the Quality Assurance Agency which carried out the previous evaluation. The new evaluation shall be carried out observing the stages/steps mentioned at para. (2) and (3).

Otherwise, the evaluation report drafted under the provisions of para. (4) let. b) becomes final and the respective doctoral study domain goes into liquidation, without having the right to organize an admission process for new doctoral students.

- (6) If in its evaluation report, drafted under the provisions of para. (5), the Agency finds no compliance (non-achievement of the quality standards) with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, the respective university doctoral study domain goes into liquidation, without having the right to organize an admission process for new doctoral students.
- (7) If in its evaluation report, drafted under the provisions of para. (5), the Agency finds compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education for the accreditation of the university doctoral study domain evaluated.
- (8) IOSUD shall bear the costs of the additional evaluation.
- (9) For a domain having lost its provisional authorization, under the provisions of para. (5) or (6), the IOSUD may request the provisional authorizing to operate, after 5 years after having lost this status, under the provisions of art. 158 of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.

ARTICLE 10

Evaluation of a doctoral study domain for obtaining the recognition of the status of IOSUD

- (1) In order to obtain the recognition by the Ministry of Education of having the status of IOSUD, any university or consortium may request the Agency the evaluation in view of accreditation of a university doctoral study domain, registered in

the Nomenclature of the university studies domains and specializations/study programs, according to art. 7.

- (2) For the evaluation mentioned at para. (1), the university applying for it has the obligation to draft an internal evaluation file and must fulfill, cumulative, the following conditions:
 - a) to have individual tenure working contracts with at least 3 doctoral advisors who have the right to coordinate doctoral thesis in the respective domain;
 - b) to comply with the conditions of art. 29 para. (4²) of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions;
 - c) to give evidence of having institutional capacity, educational effectiveness and existence of management of quality assurance for the university study domain and for the IOSUD, according to systems of criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the evaluation mentioned in Annexes No. 2 and No. 3 to the order.
- (3) The provisions of art. 5 para. (2) and (3) apply as the case.
- (4) The new university study domain shall be included into a new doctoral school, that is set-up by accreditation of the respective domain.
- (5) In case the Agency having carried out the evaluation finds compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annexes No. 2 and No. 3 of the present order, makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education for the accreditation of the university doctoral study domain evaluated and for the provisional authorizing to operate for the IOSUD.
- (6) Following accreditation of at least one university doctoral study domain, the university is granted the status of IOSUD provisionally authorized to operate.

(7) The Ministry of Education recognizes, by order of the minister, the status of IOSUD provisionally authorized to operate of the requesting university mentioned at para. (4).

ARTICLE 11

Evaluation for accrediting an IOSUD provisionally authorized to operate

- (1) IOSUD provisionally authorized to operate has the obligation to be evaluated in order to become accredited no later than one year after having awarded the first title of doctor.
- (2) The IOSUD, drafts, in view of accreditation, an internal evaluation report based on the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators, specified in Annex No. 3 of the order, drawn up the provisions of art. 10 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions, and requests the external evaluation by the Agency.
- (3) The provisions of art. 6 para. (2) and (3) apply as the case.
- (4) In case the Agency having carried out the evaluation finds:
 - a) Compliance with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No.3 of the present order, it makes a proposal to the Ministry of Education for accreditation of the IOSUD evaluated;
 - b) No compliance (non-achievement of the quality standards) with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 3 of the present order, related to accreditation, it makes a proposal of denying accreditation (non-accreditation) to the Ministry of Education and of warning of the IOSUD.

- (5) In the case mentioned at para. (4) let. b), IOSUD has the obligation to draft and submit a new accreditation file not later than 2 years after having been informed of the decision of non-accreditation; the sanction of failing to comply with this requirement is going into liquidation.
- (6) In case the Agency having carried out the evaluation mentioned at para. (2) finds, in the process of evaluation carried out according to para. (5), no compliance (non-achievement of the quality standards) with the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators mentioned in Annex No. 3 of the present order, related to accreditation, makes a proposal of denying accreditation (non-accreditation) of the IOSUD evaluated, to the Ministry of Education and going into liquidation, without having the right to organize an admission process for new doctoral students, according to the provisions of art. 170, para. (1), let. c) of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (7) The status of IOSUD is cancelled for the IOSUD that has not met the conditions for accreditation under the provisions of the present article, in case of having been sanctioned mentioned at para. (5) or following the procedure mentioned at para. (6). In this situation, the institution may submit a new file for provisional authorizing to operate not earlier than 5 years from having lost this status, following resumption of the evaluation process according to art. 10.

ARTICLE 14

Specific aspects of the process of external evaluation according to the present methodology

- (1) For the first process of external evaluation of university doctoral studies, organized according to the present methodology, each IOSUD shall initiate the external evaluation process of all university study domains and of IOSUD, by submitting internal evaluation reports to ARACIS or another quality assurance agency abroad, registered in EQAR (the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education), no later than 45 days from the publication by ARACIS of the Guide for evaluating university doctoral studies.
- (2) Under the conditions of para. (1), the periodical external evaluation of the university doctoral study domains and of IOSUD shall be carried out in parallel and concomitantly.
- (3) For universities subject to the process of institutional evaluation to be finalized before 31 December 2021, the process of university study domains and IOSUD shall also be carried out concomitantly.
- (4) In case the process of the evaluation of the IOSUD cannot be synchronized until 31 December 2021 with the institutional evaluation, the periodical evaluation process mentioned at para. (2) shall be scheduled separately, in one single evaluation process.
- (5) The university doctoral study domains, accredited at the date of entry into force of the present methodology, included in higher education institutions where accredited master study domains in the same domain are not functioning, may maintain their accreditation status, following the external evaluation process performed by ARACIS or by another quality assurance agency abroad, registered in EQAR (the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education), if they comply with the system of criteria, standards and performance

CHAPTER IV.

Transitional and final provisions

ARTICLE 12

The process of evaluation according to provisions of art. IV of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 22/2021 regarding amendments and additions of the Law of National Education No. 1/2011 and of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on the Quality Assurance of Education

- (1) All IOSUD already operating at the moment of entry into force of the present methodology carry out the process of evaluation, before 31 December 2021, distinct from the institutional evaluation.
- (2) The universities organizing doctoral university studies entering the periodical institutional evaluation process in the period mentioned at para. (1) are carrying out the two evaluation processes concomitantly.

ARTICLE 13

Application of the methodology

- (1) To put this methodology into operation, no later than 15 days from its entry into force, ARACIS shall elaborate the Guide for evaluating university doctoral studies.
- (2) The Guide for evaluating university doctoral studies shall specify the indicators related to the processes of provisional authorizing to operate of IOSUD, respectively of university doctoral study domains.

indicators mentioned in Annex No. 2 of the present order, drafted in accordance with art. 10 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments by the Law No. 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions.

- (6) All the internal evaluation reports, for doctoral schools as well as for university doctoral study domains, drafted and submitted according to the Order of the minister of education and research No. 3200/2020 for the approval of the Methodology on conducting the evaluation of university doctoral studies and of the systems of

criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the evaluation, remain valid and shall be considered for the evaluation process. The internal evaluation reports of doctoral schools shall be used in the periodical evaluation process of IOSUD.

- (7) The internal evaluation reports of IOSUD, respectively of university doctoral study domains, specified in the present methodology, shall be drafted by each IOSUD in Romanian as well as in English, and the Annexes to these reports shall be drafted in Romanian or in English.