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**INIZIATIVE EDUCATIVE TRANSANZIONALI – TNE D.D. n. 167 del 03/10/2023**  
**Project TNE23-00067 WAGON2AFRICA**  
**CUP E17G24000420006**

**“Progetto WAGON2AFRICA**  
**WATER enerGY fOOD Nexus 2 Africa”**

Notice of Expression of Interest for Participation, with the allocation of a specific financial contribution (“TNE Scholarship”), in the International Mobility Program TNE-WAGON2AFRICA – OUTGOING STUDENTS, aimed at funding the mobility of PhD candidates from Luiss Guido Carli University to associated foreign institutions, using resources from the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Transnational Educational Initiatives (TNE), as provided by sub-measure T4 “Transnational Initiatives in Education,” investment 3.4 “University Teaching and Advanced Skills” of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 “Education and Research” – Component 1 “Strengthening the provision of education services: from nursery schools to universities.”

**WHEREAS** the National Recovery and Resilience Plan was officially presented to the European Commission on April 30, 2021, pursuant to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/241 and approved by the ECOFIN Council Decision of July 13, 2021;

**WHEREAS** on October 3, 2023, the Ministry of Universities and Research (hereinafter “MUR”), Directorate General for Internationalization and Communication, adopted Director’s Decree No. 167 concerning the “Notice for the granting of funding for transnational educational initiatives” (hereinafter “Notice”);

**WHEREAS** the Notice defined the “specific guidelines for the selection and funding of at least 10 transnational educational initiatives (TNE), provided under sub-measure T4 ‘Transnational Initiatives in Education,’ Investment 3.4 ‘University Teaching and Advanced Skills’ of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 ‘Education and Research’ – Component 1 ‘Strengthening the provision of education services: from nursery schools to universities’”;

**WHEREAS** with the intention to participate, Politecnico di Torino developed a project proposal entitled “WAGON2AFRICA – WATER enerGY fOOD Nexus 2 Africa” and submitted it to MUR (TNE23-00067), jointly with the following institutions:

- Luiss Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli
- Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro
- Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna
- Università degli Studi di Firenze
- Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II
- Università degli Studi di Palermo
- Università degli Studi di Sassari
- Università di Foggia
- Università di Torino

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Article 4 of the Notice, the Parties declared that, should the Project Proposal be funded, they would establish a partnership through the signing of an agreement under Article 15 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, which regulates the possibility for public administrations to enter into agreements to govern the joint performance of activities of common interest, or a collaboration agreement between entities of different legal nature.

**WHEREAS** Director's Decree No. 225 of July 25, 2024, by which the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR) approved the final ranking of proposals admitted to funding, from which the Project TNE23-00067, led by Politecnico di Torino as the Lead Institution and Luiss – Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (hereinafter "Luiss" or "Luiss Guido Carli") as a partner, together with the other universities listed above, is financed;

**WHEREAS** Director's Decree No. 264 of August 8, 2024, by which the project proposal with identification code TNE23-00067 submitted by the Lead Institution Politecnico di Torino was admitted to funding;

**WHEREAS** the Obligation Act of November 4, 2024, related to the Granting Decree of Project Code TNE23-00067, by which Politecnico di Torino (Lead Institution of the project) declares to expressly and fully accept all the terms, obligations, and conditions provided, and further declares to commit to carrying out what is indicated in Director's Decree No. 167 of October 3, 2023, and Director's Decree No. 264 of August 8, 2024, granting the funding within the times and methods indicated;

**WHEREAS** the international cooperation agreements signed with foreign universities, partners of the Project;

**CONSIDERING** that the objective of the TNE WAGON2AFRICA Project is both to establish new relationships and to consolidate and strengthen existing international partnerships in the geographical regions of East Sub-Saharan Africa, as well as to enable Luiss PhD candidates to undertake a period abroad for study or for training and research at Higher Education Institutions associated with the Project.

### **Luiss PhD & Education Funding Office**

**INVITES** PhD candidates who meet the requirements set out in Article 1 to express their interest in undertaking a mobility period at Universities and foreign Institutions that have joined the TNE WAGON2AFRICA project, to carry out research and study activities on Water, Energy, and Food topics in the Eastern Sub-Saharan Africa area. The list of foreign Institutions where mobility can take place is provided in Annex 1 to this Expression of Interest.

#### **Article 1 – Eligibility Requirements and Admissible Activities**

The following Luiss students may apply to this call for expressions of interest:

- are enrolled in a PhD program at Luiss Guido Carli;
- maintain their enrollment status until the completion of the mobility period;  
The status indicated at the time of application must be maintained throughout the entire period abroad: PhD students awarded a TNE scholarship cannot obtain their degree during the mobility period, under penalty of forfeiture of the mobility and reimbursement of the TNE scholarship received;
- comply with the requirements of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No. 241/2021 regarding resource additionality (compliance with the obligation of absence of double funding).  
Therefore, the TNE scholarship is not compatible with other mobility grants funded by EU resources for the same period, and it is the student's responsibility to declare whether they receive other funding during the mobility in order to verify any incompatibilities.

The TNE scholarship is awarded exclusively to carry out a period of mobility abroad for study, training, or research activities.

The participant must indicate the host institution and the purpose of the mobility: whether for study or for training and research, define the activities to be carried out, the period, the objectives, and the expected results.

#### **Article 2 – Period and Duration of Mobility**

The activities eligible for funding must be completed by March 20, 2026. All expenses related to mobility must be incurred by that date.

The mandatory minimum duration for mobility periods funded by the Project is 2 months, and the maximum is 3 months, during which study and/or research activities must be carried out.

PhD candidates awarded the TNE scholarship must accept the mobility and the TNE scholarship (via the letter included in Annex 4) within 7 days from the date of receipt of the assignment notification from the PhD & Education Funding Office and must depart no later than January 15, 2026. Explicit refusal or failure to accept within the 7-day deadline will be considered as a waiver of both the mobility and the related TNE scholarship and may allow the PhD & Education Funding Office to reassign the financial contribution based on the order of receipt of eligible expressions of interest.

Funding is granted exclusively for mobility periods that meet the minimum duration requirement. It is possible to request a modification of the mobility period, provided it is not less than two months.

Any extensions may be requested subject to agreement with the host institution and approval by the project's scientific coordinator. Such extensions may benefit from additional financial support, depending on the availability of residual funds. In any case, all mobility periods, including extensions, must be completed by March 20, 2026, under penalty of forfeiture of the financial contribution.

### **Article 3 – Destination Countries and Host Institutions**

The destination countries and host institutions are listed in Annex 1 to this call for expressions of interest, which forms an integral part thereof. The indicated countries are those for which agreements have been signed with the Wagon2Africa consortium. Once the student has obtained confirmation of acceptance from the institution, an addendum must be signed between Luiss and the African university involved in order to regulate the mobility flow.

### **Article 4 – Application Procedure and Deadlines**

The expression of interest addressed to the PhD & Education Funding Office must be sent to [dottorati@luiss.it](mailto:dottorati@luiss.it) with a copy to [educationfunding@luiss.it](mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it), and must include the subject line: **“TNE WAGON2AFRICA – OUTGOING PhD STUDENTS”**.

The expression of interest must be sent from the candidate's institutional email address.

Each candidate may submit only one expression of interest.

**The deadline for submitting the expression of interest is November 28, 2025, at 4:00 PM.**

The expression of interest must be completed in English in all its parts, as indicated in the application form attached to this call for expressions of interest (Annex 2 – Application Form).

The application must include the following mandatory documentation:

- Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum;
- Copy of a valid identity document;
- Certification or attestation of language skills;
- Learning Agreement (mobility agreement) completed with all required data, including the description of the work plan. The Agreement must be signed by the candidate and the Coordinator of the PhD program to which the candidate is enrolled at Luiss. The signature of the host institution may be added after the application deadline but must be obtained before departure.

The Learning Agreement must be completed using the forms attached to this call for expressions of interest (Annex 3).

**No other forms of application submission are allowed. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.**

### **Article 5 – Procedure for Awarding the Mobility Grant**

The PhD & Education Funding Office, following the above-mentioned expression of interest, will identify 2 PhD candidates through a **rolling application procedure**, who have submitted an expression of interest deemed admissible based on the provisions of this Notice.

The expressions of interest will be received by the PhD & Education Funding Office, which will verify the existence of the requirements for the allocation of the financial contribution and the consistency of the proposals with the activities eligible under the project.

## Article 6 – Mobility Funding

The beneficiary of the TNE Scholarship will receive a mobility grant covering travel and accommodation costs abroad, allocated as follows:

1. Travel contribution (round trip): **€ 1,188.00** – a fixed lump sum for the round-trip route calculated based on the distance between Luiss and the destination university, determined using the Erasmus+ Distance Calculator. The travel contribution is fixed and independent of the duration of the mobility. To claim the travel expense contribution, the beneficiary must submit all travel documentation (tickets, boarding passes, etc.), together with proof of payment traceability. Traceable payment systems are those that guarantee verification and identification of the payer, thus enabling effective fiscal controls.
2. Individual support: a unit contribution of **€ 700.00** for each month of mobility. The actual amount of the individual support component will be recalculated at the end of the mobility based on the actual number of days of physical mobility.

If the number of days actually certified by the host institution entitles the student to a scholarship amount lower than the advance payment, the student will be required to return the difference due within the deadlines communicated by the PhD & Education Funding Office.

The entire mobility grant will be paid in two installments:

- First installment: equal to 80% of the amount due based on the funded mobility period; payment will be made within 30 days of receipt of travel expense documentation and the Certificate of Arrival at the host institution.
- Second installment (balance): payment procedures for the balance, calculated on the actual mobility dates, will be initiated within 30 days of receipt of the Statement by Host Institution confirming the end of activities.

The scholarship will be governed by a specific Grant Agreement signed between the beneficiary and Luiss.

## Article 7 – Obligations of Candidates Awarded the Grant

Recipients of the TNE scholarship are required to complete the Declaration of Acceptance (Annex 4) or submit a waiver request within 7 days from the date of receipt of the award notification and send it to [dottorati@luiss.it](mailto:dottorati@luiss.it), with a copy to [educationfunding@luiss.it](mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it). Failure to comply with the acceptance requirement will result in the recipient being considered as having officially waived the scholarship, and the Office will proceed to redistribute any contributions that become available to PhD candidates next in the ranking.

Winners are reminded that the final decision regarding admission to the host institution rests in any case with the host universities. It is the student's responsibility to promptly obtain information on the administrative requirements and related deadlines set by the associated host institutions, under penalty of the risk of not being accepted by them.

### Before Departure

Prior to departure, mobility grant recipients must sign and submit:

- Mobility Agreement / Learning Agreement, signed by all parties involved
- Financial Agreement (Grant Agreement) with Luiss

### During Mobility

Upon arrival at the host institution, the student must send, from their institutional email address, the Certificate of Arrival, signed and stamped by the host institution, to [dottorati@luiss.it](mailto:dottorati@luiss.it) and [educationfunding@luiss.it](mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it), which is necessary to receive the pre-financing payment.

### At the End of Mobility

At the conclusion of the mobility period, students are required to submit the following documents:

- Certificate issued by the host institution indicating the start and end dates of the mobility period, duly signed by an authorized representative of the host institution
- Copy of boarding passes (outbound and return)
- Report on the activities carried out

Failure to submit travel expense documentation and the Certificate of Arrival at the start of the mobility period, and the Statement by Host Institution at the end of the activity by the deadline, or submission of incomplete documents, will result in the cancellation of the mobility and the non-payment of the remaining grant amount.

The TNE Scholarship **IS NOT** compatible with other mobility scholarships funded by **EU funds** for the same period, and it is the student's responsibility to declare whether they receive other funding during the mobility so that any incompatibilities can be verified.

#### **Article 8 – Entry into the Foreign Country and Insurance**

It is the participant's responsibility to gather, well in advance, information on safety conditions and regulations in force in the destination country by visiting the website <https://www.viaggiaresecuri.it> and to obtain the documents that will allow entry and stay in the destination country.

The accident and civil liability insurance that the student automatically benefits from upon enrollment at Luiss is extended, under the same conditions, for the entire period of stay abroad at the host institution, during the performance of institutional activities.

Each beneficiary must personally arrange health coverage. Private health insurance is mandatory. For more information on this matter, it is recommended to consult the website of the Ministry of Health: <http://www.salute.gov.it>.

#### **Article 9 – Processing of Personal Data**

Data will be processed in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 exclusively for administrative purposes related to this call for expressions of interest. Luiss, as Data Controller, collects and processes identification data (name, surname, place and date of birth, nationality, tax code), contact details (residential address, email, telephone), information relating to the study path, knowledge of foreign languages, and any certifications held by the data subject, for the purpose of managing the application for participation in the selection procedure and related obligations (the legal basis for processing lies in the fulfillment of pre-contractual obligations between the parties).

Processing takes place within the European Economic Area, using paper and electronic methods, and applying the security measures required by law.

Information is processed by Luiss administrative and teaching staff and by any third parties assisting Luiss in the selection and application management process.

The data subject may exercise the rights set out in Articles 15–22 of EU Regulation 2016/679 at any time by contacting the Data Controller: Luiss Guido Carli, Viale Pola 12, 00198 Rome, [privacy@luiss.it](mailto:privacy@luiss.it).

The contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be found on the Controller's website at [www.luiss.it/contatti](http://www.luiss.it/contatti).

#### **Article 10 – Safeguard Provisions**

For any matters not covered by this call for expressions of interest, reference shall be made to the University regulations. The submission of the application for participation in the selection process through the online procedure referred to in Article 4 implies the candidate's acceptance of the rules contained in this call for expressions of interest and in the University's Academic Regulations.

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**Annex 1: Destination countries and host institutions**

Candidates interested in contacting the institutions listed below may send an email to: [dottorati@luiss.it](mailto:dottorati@luiss.it), with [educationfunding@luiss.it](mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it) in copy, to receive support.

| Country    | Institution                                            |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Kenya      | Strathmore University                                  |
|            | Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology    |
|            | Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology |
| Malawi     | Malawi University of Science and Technology            |
| Mozambique | Universidade Eduardo Mondlane                          |
| Rwanda     | Rwanda Polytechnic                                     |
| Zambia     | University of Zambia                                   |
| Zimbabwe   | University of Zimbabwe                                 |
|            | Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University                       |

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**Annex 2: APPLICATION FORM**

The Undersigned:

| PERSONAL DATA                    |  |               |  |                                |  |       |  |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-------|--|
| Surname                          |  |               |  |                                |  |       |  |
| Name                             |  |               |  |                                |  |       |  |
| Place of Birth                   |  | Date of birth |  | City                           |  | Prov. |  |
| Nationality                      |  |               |  |                                |  |       |  |
| Tax Code                         |  |               |  |                                |  |       |  |
| Address                          |  |               |  |                                |  |       |  |
| Street                           |  |               |  |                                |  | n.    |  |
| Zip code                         |  | City          |  |                                |  | Prov. |  |
| Institutional email              |  |               |  | PEC or secondary email address |  |       |  |
| Phone nr                         |  | Mobile        |  |                                |  |       |  |
| PhD Programme<br>(Year of study) |  |               |  |                                |  |       |  |

**APPLIES FOR**

The allocation of a funded mobility within the TNE-Wagon2Africa Project for the purpose of study and/or research, expressing the following preferences with regard to the destinations listed in Annex 1 (maximum 3 preferences):

| Country | University |
|---------|------------|
| 1.      |            |
| 2.      |            |
| 3.      |            |

To this end, the undersigned

DECLARES

- ✓ To be enrolled as PhD candidate to the PhD programme in \_\_\_\_\_ at Luiss University at the time of application and until the end of the mobility abroad in compliance with article 1 of this mobility call.
- ✓ To be compliant with Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No. 241/2021 on resource additionality and absence of double funding.
- ✓ To meet the language requirement as per Art. 4 of the call. Please, specify: Language and LEVEL (CEFR).

Attached the following documents:

|                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Copy of a valid ID/Passport;      |
| 2. Curriculum Vitae et studiorum;    |
| 3. Learning agreement;               |
| 4. Language Certification/Statement. |

The undersigned declares awareness of the criminal liability under Art. 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 for false statements (Arts. 483, 485, 486 of the Penal Code), under personal responsibility.

Date

Signature of the applicant

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The undersigned also declares to have read the privacy notice pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) and gives consent for the processing of personal data contained in this application and its attachments by authorized personnel using manual, IT, and telematic tools, for the purposes of managing this procedure and in accordance with current data protection regulations

Date

Signature of the applicant

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**Annex 3 LEARNING AGREEMENT**

|                |                                                                     |       |  |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|
| Family name    |                                                                     |       |  |
| Given name     |                                                                     |       |  |
| Nationality    |                                                                     |       |  |
| Level enrolled | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral or equivalent third cycle (EQF 8) |       |  |
| E-mail         |                                                                     | Phone |  |

**Sending Institution**

|                                           |                                                                                                                                            |          |                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|
| Name                                      |                                                                                                                                            |          |                                            |
| Address                                   |                                                                                                                                            |          |                                            |
| Country                                   |                                                                                                                                            |          |                                            |
| Department/Unit                           |                                                                                                                                            |          |                                            |
| Responsible person <sup>1</sup> :         |                                                                                                                                            |          |                                            |
| Name                                      |                                                                                                                                            | Position |                                            |
| E-mail                                    |                                                                                                                                            | Phone    |                                            |
| Contact for administration <sup>2</sup> : |                                                                                                                                            |          |                                            |
| Office                                    | PhD & Education Funding                                                                                                                    |          |                                            |
| Name                                      | Leonardo Risorto                                                                                                                           | Position | Head of Academics, PhD & Education Funding |
| E-mail                                    | <a href="mailto:dottorati@luiss.it">dottorati@luiss.it</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it">educationfunding@luiss.it</a> ; | Phone    | 0685225443/5997                            |

**Receiving Institution**

|                             |  |          |  |
|-----------------------------|--|----------|--|
| Name                        |  |          |  |
| Address                     |  |          |  |
| Country                     |  |          |  |
| Department/Unit             |  |          |  |
| Responsible person:         |  |          |  |
| Name                        |  | Position |  |
| E-mail                      |  | Phone    |  |
| Contact for administration: |  |          |  |
| Office                      |  |          |  |
| Name                        |  | Position |  |
| E-mail                      |  | Phone    |  |

<sup>1</sup> The person who can authorize the mobility activity: the PhD Coordinator

<sup>2</sup> The person in administration office in charge of the PhD & Education Funding office

<sup>3</sup> The person in the receiving Department/Unit who will host the mobility activity



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**Planned period of activity**

|                            |  |                |  |
|----------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| First day of activity      |  |                |  |
| Last day of activity       |  |                |  |
| Duration: number of months |  | and extra days |  |

*Fill in the dates and duration of the activity not including travel days, i.e. the date of arrival at the receiving university, the date of departure from it and the corresponding duration. Duration of activity must be between 2 and 6 months. Activity must be continuous and suspension periods are not allowed. Weekends and other festivities will be counted for the activity duration.*

**Proposed mobility activity**

*Description of planned study / research activities with reference to the goals of the TNE project*

By signing<sup>1</sup> this document, the three parties approve the proposed Learning Agreement.

**The student**

Name:

Signature:

Date:

**The sending institution**

Name of the responsible person<sup>2</sup>:

Signature:

Date:

**The receiving institution**

Name of the responsible person<sup>2</sup>:

Signature:

Date:

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<sup>1</sup> The agreement must be signed by the three parties: 1. Student, 2. Sending institution, 3. Receiving Institution. Circulating papers with original signatures is not compulsory. Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted, depending on the national legislation.

<sup>2</sup> Responsible person detailed on page 1



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**Annex 4: DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF PHD MOBILITY**

The undersigned ..... born in..... province ..... on...../...../.....  
email:.....  
enrolled in the PhD program in .....  
at Luiss Guido Carli University, admitted to the selection for the allocation of mobility grants reserved for Luiss Guido Carli PhD students for study/research activities abroad for the academic year 2025/2026.

DECLARES

- To meet the requirements indicated at the time of submission of the expression of interest
- **To accept the TNE-WAGON2AFRICA mobility** for the period agreed with the host institution ....., to be carried out no later than March 20, 2026;
- To commit to signing the declaration of acceptance and sending it, no later than 7 days following the publication date of the ranking, to the following email address: [dottorati@luiss.it](mailto:dottorati@luiss.it) and cc to [educationfunding@luiss.it](mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it), with the subject line: **“TNE-WAGON2AFRICA – OUTGOING PHD STUDENTS”**;
- To commit to benefiting from the mobility grant only if the mobility period does not overlap, even partially, with the use of another EU-funded grant (compliance with the obligation of absence of double funding).

Place and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_