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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 TEACHERS, aimed at funding the mobility of Faculty 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.”

**HAVING REGARD TO** 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;

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

**HAVING REGARD TO** 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’”;

**HAVING REGARD TO** 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

**HAVING REGARD 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.

**HAVING REGARD TO** 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;

**HAVING REGARD TO** 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;

**HAVING REGARD TO** 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;

**HAVING REGARD TO** 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 teacher to undertake a period abroad for study or for training and research at Higher Education Institutions associated with the Project.

**HAVING REGARD TO** Ministerial Decree (Directorial Decree) of the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR) No. 341/2025, which allows for the extension of the duration of projects with the aim of ensuring the full achievement of their objectives, pursuing the public interest, and optimizing the use of financial resources by maximizing the effectiveness and medium- to long-term sustainability of the funded initiatives;

**CONSIDERING** that the lead institution of the project, Politecnico di Torino, has duly submitted a request for extension to the MUR, in accordance with the provisions set out in the above-mentioned Directorial Decree No. 341/2025;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR) Decree No. 44 of 02/03/2026, which approves the request to extend the deadlines of the WAGON2Africa project, granting an extension for the implementation of activities until 31/05/2026.

### **Luiss Education Funding Office**

**INVITES** the members of the Luiss Faculty referred to in Article 1 to express their interest in undertaking a mobility period at foreign universities and institutions participating in the TNE WAGON2AFRICA project, in order to carry out teaching and research activities on Water, Energy, and Food topics in the Eastern Sub-Saharan Africa region. The list of foreign institutions where mobility can take place is provided in Annex 1 to this call for expressions of interest.

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

Luiss faculty members eligible to apply for this call for expressions of interest must:

- Be current members of the Luiss faculty working at the University. This refers to staff holding an active teaching contract with Luiss. Eligible positions include, but are not limited to:
  - o Full Professor – Professore Ordinario/Professoressa Ordinaria
  - o Fixed-term Full Professor – Professore Straordinario/Professoressa Straordinaria a tempo determinato (ART. 1, CO.12 -l. 230/2005)
  - o Associate Professor – Professore Associato/Professoressa Associata
  - o Associate Professor (Research)

- Senior Assistant professor – Ricercatore/Ricercatrice a tempo determinato, “lett. B” (RTDB)
  - Junior Assistant Professor – Ricercatore/Ricercatrice a tempo determinato “lett. A” (RTDA)
  - Assistant Professor (Research)
  - Tenure-track Assistant Professor – Ricercatore/Ricercatrice Tenure Track (RTT)
  - Lecturer
  - Senior Lecturer
  - Docente a contratto – Adjunct Professor
  - Assegnista di Ricerca – Research Fellow
  - Assistenti alla Didattica /Teaching Assistant (TA)
- Maintain this status until the completion of the mobility period; the position indicated at the time of application must be held throughout the entire mobility abroad.
  - Comply with the requirements set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No. 241/2021 regarding resource additionality (ensuring no double funding).  
Therefore, the TNE grant is **NOT** compatible with other mobility grants funded **by EU resources** for the same period. It is the applicant’s responsibility to declare any other funding received during the mobility to verify potential incompatibilities.

The TNE grant is awarded exclusively for carrying out an agreed mobility period abroad with the host institution, formalized through a Staff Teaching Mobility Agreement (STA) specifying the activities to be undertaken, the duration, objectives, and expected outcomes.

The Mobility Agreement must comply with the following guidelines:

- Clearly indicate the number of teaching and/or research hours, the title of the course and/or seminars, and/or training activities;
- Objectives and learning outcomes must be clear and realistic, and the program must be appropriate to achieve these goals.

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

Eligible activities must be completed by May 31, 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 consecutive days of activity, and the maximum is 5 consecutive days of activity. A maximum of 2 additional travel days is allowed: one day before the start of mobility and one day after its end, for travel to and from Italy (country of origin). Teaching activities must include a minimum of 8 hours of lectures.

Faculty members awarded the TNE grant must accept the mobility and the TNE grant (via the letter provided in Annex 4) within 7 days from the date of receipt of the award notification from the PhD & Education Funding Office. Explicit refusal or failure to accept within the 7-day deadline will be considered a withdrawal from the mobility and the related TNE grant and may allow the Education Funding Office to reassign the financial contribution based on the order of receipt of eligible expressions of interest.

#### **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.

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

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

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 20 March 2026, at 4:00 P.M.**

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;
- Staff Teaching Mobility 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 Head of the Department to which the candidate belongs. The signature of the host institution may be added after the application deadline but must be obtained before departure.

The Mobility 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 Education Funding Office, following the above-mentioned expression of interest, will identify 5 teachers 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 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 **€ 190** for each day 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.

The mobility grant will be disbursed in a single instalment at the end of the mobility period, subject to the submission of the certificate issued by the host institution, indicating the start and end dates of the completed mobility period, duly signed by an authorised representative of the host institution.

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 [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 the 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 teacher'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, signed by all parties involved
- Financial Agreement (Grant Agreement) with Luiss

## **At the conclusion of Mobility**

At the conclusion of the mobility period, teachers 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 teacher'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.viaggiare Sicuri.it> and to obtain the documents that will allow entry and stay in the destination country. The accident and civil liability insurance that the teacher 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**

Teachers interested in contacting the institutions listed below may send an email to: [educationfunding@luiss.it](mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it) 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**

**1. Personal Data of Applicant**

- Last name: \_\_\_\_\_
- First name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Gender:  M  F
- Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_
- Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_
- State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Current address (only if different): \_\_\_\_\_
- Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_
- State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Tax code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of collaboration with Luiss:**

- Full Professor
- Fixed-term Full Professor
- Associate Professor
- Associate Professor (Research)
- Senior Assistant Professor – RTDB
- Junior Assistant Professor – RTDA
- Assistant Professor (Research)
- Tenure-track Assistant Professor – RTT
- Lecturer
- Senior Lecturer
- Adjunct Professor
- Research Fellow
- Teaching Assistant

Department/School: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Mobility Data**

- Proposed dates of mobility (excluding travel days): \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of teaching days: \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of teaching hours: \_\_\_\_\_
- Host university name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of contact person at host institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject area:**

- Economics
- Political Science
- Business and Administration



Law

**Level:**

- Bachelor
- Master
- Doctoral

The Undersigned:

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 a member of the Faculty 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.

Attached the following documents:

1. Copy of a valid ID/Passport;
2. Curriculum Vitae;
3. Mobility agreement;

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 n. 3 Staff Mobility Agreement for Teaching**

**The Staff teaching member**

Last name		First name	
Seniority <sup>(1)</sup>		Nationality	
Gender [M/F/Undefined]			
E-mail			
Please tick one of the following options	Staff mobility for training	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff mobility for Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Planned period of activity**

First day of activity	
Last day of activity	
Duration (number of days)	

Please 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. Activity must be continuous and suspension periods are not allowed

**The Sending Organisation**

Name	Luiss Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (Luiss University)		
Faculty/Department (if applicable)			
Address	Viale Pola n. 12 CAP 00198, Rome	Country/ Country code	Italy (ITA)
Administrative Contact person, name and position	Leonardo Risorto, Head of Academics, PhD & Education Funding	Contact person e-mail / phone	<a href="mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it">educationfunding@luiss.it</a> +39 0685225443

**The Receiving Organisation**

Name			
Faculty/Department (if applicable)			
Address		Country/ Country code	
Administrative Contact person, name and position		Contact person e-mail / phone	

**(1) Seniority:** Junior (approx. < 10 years of experience), Intermediate (approx. > 10 and < 20 years of experience) or Senior (approx. > 20 years of experience).



### ***PROPOSED MOBILITY PROGRAMME***

Language of training/teaching: .....

**Considering that the general goal of the TNE program is to promote cooperation among universities aimed at fostering their internationalization and at transferring interdisciplinary and intercultural knowledge through transnational educational programs, describe the objectives of the activity in relation to the specific goals of the TNE project**

### ***ADDED VALUE OF THE MOBILITY:***

**Content of the training/teaching programme:**



**Expected outcomes and impact:**

**COMMITMENT OF THE THREE PARTIES**

**The Candidate**

Name:

Signature:

Date:

**The sending institution**

Name of the responsible person:

Stamp and Signature:

Date:

**The receiving institution**

Name of the responsible person:

Stamp and Signature:

Date:



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

The undersigned ..... born in..... province ..... on...../...../.....  
email:.....

admitted to the selection for the allocation of mobility grants reserved for Luiss Guido Carli Teachers for 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 May 31, 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 email address [educationfunding@luiss.it](mailto:educationfunding@luiss.it), with the subject line: **“TNE-WAGON2AFRICA - OUTGOING TEACHERS”**;
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_