

## CALL FOR STUDENTS MOBILITY

### PNRR/TNE Project - Economics Network between Latin America and Italy (EcoNet LATAM) CUP D61I24000080006

#### THE DIRECTOR

**HAVING REGARD TO** the Statute of the Università degli Studi della Basilicata - D.R. no. 88 of 12/04/2012 (published in the G.U.R.I. no. 105 of 7/05/2012 and its modification with D.R. no. 469 of 09/10/2023 published in the G.U.R.I. - general serie no. 249 of 24/10/2023);

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

**GIVEN THAT**, on 3 October 2023, the Ministry of University and Research (hereinafter 'MUR'), Directorate-General for Internationalisation and Communication, adopted Directorial Decree No. 167 concerning '*Notice for the granting of funding for transnational educational initiatives- TNE*' (hereinafter 'Notice'), as provided by sub-measure T4 "Transnational Initiatives in the field of education", Investment 3.4 "University education and advanced skills" of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 "Education and Research" – Component 1 "Enhancement of the provision of education services: from early childhood education to university".

**GIVEN** the PNRR/TNE project proposal "*Economics Network between Latin America and Italy*" – EcoNet LATAM promoted by Scuola IMT Alti Studi Lucca, in which the Università degli Studi della Basilicata is a partner;

**GIVEN THAT** by Directorial Decree No. 188 of 26 June 2024, the MUR approved the provisional ranking of projects eligible for funding from the funds referred to in D.D. prot. No. 167 of 3 October 2023;

**GIVEN THAT** by Directorial Decree no. 255 of 25 July 2024, the MUR approved the final ranking of eligible and fundable projects after the restructuring of the budget to be drawn from the funds referred to in D.D. prot. no. 167 of 3 October 2023;

**GIVEN THAT** the EcoNet LATAM Project Proposal, with 18.8 points, was found to be eligible and fundable for the sum of € 207,604.61 (hereinafter the 'Project'), of which €60,336.23 € is allocated to the Università degli Studi della Basilicata;

**CONSIDERING THAT**, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Notice, the Parties declared that, if the Project Proposal were to be funded, they would establish a partnership by entering into an agreement pursuant to Article 15 of Law 7 August 1990 no. 241, which regulates the possibility for public administrations to enter into agreements with each other to govern the performance of activities of common interest in collaboration, or a collaboration agreement between entities of different legal nature;

**CONSIDERING THAT** this partnership agreement was signed by all the Parties when the Project Proposal was submitted and constitutes a necessary requirement;

**CONSIDERING THAT** on 31 October 2024, the Rector of the "Scuola IMT Alti Studi Lucca" signed the deed of obligation with the Ministry of University and Research, and therefore the Parties are required to implement the Project;

**CONSIDERING THAT** Article 5, paragraph 2a of the Notice provides for international mobility initiatives for students ("*Individual Mobility in Higher Education – TNE Study*");

**CONSIDERING THAT** Article 7, paragraph 2c of the Notice provides for the coverage of expenses related to study and research activities through scholarships for incoming and outgoing students involved in the implementation of the project, including travel, board, and lodging expenses in the host country;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the *Guidelines for Financial Reporting Intended for Implementing Bodies of PNRR Italy Interventions, for which the Ministry of University and Research is the managing authority – Section 6.2.3 “Training and Research Activities”*;

**CONSIDERING THAT** the objective of the PNRR/TNE EcoNet LATAM project is to promote the internationalization of the PhD programs of the partnership, by strengthening existing relationships with a network of institutions in Latin America;

**CONSIDERING** the availability of funds in the cost account UPB:Viccaro24EcoNet of the Project PNRR no. TNE23-00091 (EcoNet LATAM Project) - CUP D61I24000080006;

## ENACTS

### Art. 1 – Object

1. A selection process is announced for the awarding of mobility grants for study and research activities at the partner universities of the PNRR/TNE Project “*Economics Network between Latin America and Italy*” – EcoNet LATAM - CUP D61I24000080006, as listed in Annex A. The mobility must be completed by February 28, 2026.
2. The mobility opportunities must adhere to the following criterion: students from the Università degli Studi della Basilicata (hereafter University of Basilicata) can only carry out mobility at a foreign university, while students from the foreign partners must carry out mobility at the University of Basilicata.

### Art. 2 – Eligible Candidates

1. This call is open to students who are regularly enrolled for the academic year 2024/2025 in the PhD program in Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences at the University of Basilicata and in a second (master program) or third-cycle degree program (PhD/doctoral program) at one of the partner universities listed in Annex A.
2. Candidates must meet each partner university's academic and language requirements, as outlined in Article 5 of this selection notice and Annex A.

### Art. 3 – Duration of Mobility and allowed activities

1. The mobility period will have a duration of **3 months** (excluding travel time) and must be completed by **28/02/2026**, as outlined in Article 1 - paragraph 1 of this selection notice.
2. As part of the PNRR/TNE EcoNet LATAM Project, the activities to be carried out at the partner institution may include:
  - a. (for all students) attending courses and workshops;
  - b. (for master students) thesis research activities related to the candidate's field of study, in accordance with the approved research plan;
  - c. (for PhD students) doctoral research activities related to the candidate's field of study, in accordance with the approved research plan.
3. The mobility period may only begin after the selection process has been completed and the student has signed the Learning Agreement, which must be approved by the relevant academic structures.

## Art. 4 - Application Submission

1. Eligible candidates who wish to apply must submit their application using the specific Google Form, available at the following link <https://forms.gle/9c2jspWdNBEKjflw7>, or on the dedicated project webpage <https://sites.google.com/unibas.it/econetlatam-tne/mobility-program/students-mobility>. All required documents listed in Section 2 below must be attached to the application.
2. **Required Documents** (for both outgoing and incoming students). All applicants must upload the following documents:
  - a. Plan of study and research activities to be carried out abroad;
  - b. Curriculum vitae (CV);
  - c. Motivation letter;
  - d. A certificate of language proficiency (which may also be a self-declaration), either in the host country's language or in English, depending on the requirements specified in Annex A;
  - e. An acceptance letter from a supervisor at the host university;
  - f. A valid ID document (passport or national ID).
3. Applications may be submitted starting from the publication date of this call and no later than 23:59 on 03/08/2025.
4. For any information regarding this call, please contact [econetlatam.tne@unibas.it](mailto:econetlatam.tne@unibas.it).

## Art. 5 – Evaluation of Applications and Participant Selection

1. All applications will be evaluated by a selection committee composed of three Professors from the University of Basilicata. The committee will be officially appointed by a specific decree issued by the competent department.
2. The Committee will check the eligibility of applications and rank the candidates based on the following criteria (Maximum Score: 100 points):
  - a. Up to 30 points – Curriculum Vitae
  - b. Up to 30 points – Relevance of proposed activities abroad;
  - c. Up to 40 points – Additional evaluation at the discretion of the Committee, including:
    - Previous study/research experience abroad
    - Motivation letter
    - Knowledge of the host country's language and/or another working language

The points for each of the four subcategories in the 40-point section will be assigned based on qualitative assessment by the Committee.

3. At the end of the evaluation process, a merit ranking will be drawn up based on the total scores obtained by each candidate. The available PNRR/TNE mobility grants listed in Annex A will be assigned, in order of ranking, to the candidates deemed eligible by the Selection Committee, giving priority to those belonging to linguistic, religious, or cultural minorities. Efforts will also be made to ensure gender balance, admitting – where possible – an equal number of male and female candidates. Any remaining positions will be reassigned following the order of the general ranking. In the event of a tie in scores, priority will be given to the younger candidate.
4. Candidates deemed eligible but not awarded a PNRR/TNE mobility grant will be placed on a reserve list. In the event of a withdrawal by a grant winner, these candidates may participate in the mobility program.
5. The list of selected candidates for each destination will be published on the website of the University of Basilicata, under the section "Transparent Administration" – "Calls for Applications" [https://unibas.etrasparenza.it/pagina639\\_bandi-di-concorso.html](https://unibas.etrasparenza.it/pagina639_bandi-di-concorso.html), as well as on the dedicated PNRR/TNE EcoNet LATAM project webpage (<https://sites.google.com/unibas.it/econetlatam-tne/home>) and on dedicated TNE projects page of the Internationalization Service (<https://internazionale.unibas.it/site/home/bandi-e-iniziativa-pnrrtne.html>).

## Art. 6 – Notification of Selection Results and Acceptance Procedures

1. Once the evaluation process is completed, students (incoming and outgoing) will be contacted by email at the address provided in their application and will be asked to confirm or decline the assigned position.
2. Acceptance must be confirmed within 5 days of receiving the notification. If no confirmation is received within the deadline and according to the required procedures, the candidate will be considered as having formally withdrawn, with no further communication. The assigned position will then be offered to the next eligible candidate on the ranking list.
3. This candidate will be contacted via:
  - a. their institutional email address (name.surname@unibas.it) for outgoing students, or
  - b. the email address provided in the application for incoming students.
4. Due to time constraints, replacements will be made promptly. Substitute candidates must confirm acceptance within 1 working day of receiving the notification email.
5. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the planned mobility period is compatible with the application and evaluation calendar defined in this call. Mobility may not begin until the Grant Agreement has been signed.
6. The final ranking list will be published on the dedicated websites (see Art. 5 - paragraph 5).

## Art. 7 – Obligations of grantees

After completing the online application, exchange students will receive an invitation letter from the host university, essential for the visa application.

2. **Before Departure** - grantee must prepare and complete the following steps:
  - a. Learning Agreement: PNRR/TNE mobility grantee must prepare a Learning Agreement outlining the educational activities to be completed abroad, which must be approved by the relevant parties;
  - b. Study Visa Application: Non-EU students are required to apply for a Study Visa. Partner universities will provide information to incoming grantees regarding the visa application process. It is reminded that, for the purpose of obtaining the visa, it is necessary to obtain private health insurance coverage. The University of Basilicata, as the Implementing Entity of the PNRR/TNE project EcoNet LATAM, will issue a declaration specifying the amount of the PNRR/TNE grant, while host universities will provide an official Invitation and Acceptance Letter.
  - c. Grant Agreement: grantees must sign a Grant Agreement with the University of Basilicata, which is responsible for disbursing the financial support;
3. **Upon Return** - at the end of the mobility period at the host university, grantees must send the following documents to [econetlatam.tne@unibas.it](mailto:econetlatam.tne@unibas.it) :
  - a. Transcript of Records (or an equivalent document/certification for research activities), issued by the host university, detailing the results achieved, in accordance with the Learning Agreement, provided by the host University;
  - b. Certificate of Stay, duly signed and issued by the host university, confirming the fulfilment of the planned activities and specifying the exact dates of stay (dd/mm/yyyy - dd/mm/yyyy);
  - c. Copy of travel documents and boarding passes;
  - d. Final version of the Learning Agreement, updated and signed, reflecting the actual activities carried out;
  - e. Post-Mobility Evaluation Questionnaire.

## Art. 8 – Financial Contributions and Payment Procedures

1. The University of Basilicata, within the funding limits established by the PNRR/TNE project EcoNet LATAM and as specified by the project's guidelines (Art 5 paragraph 2a and Art. 7 paragraph 2c of the Director's Decree of the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) No. 167 dated 03/10/2023), offers mobility grants for study and research to cover all mobility-related expenses, including travel, board, and lodging expenses in the host country.
2. The allocated amount, hereinafter referred to as a "scholarship", is composed as follows:
  - **Travel support:** a fixed amount of **€ 1,500** per person to cover flight ticket expenses;
  - **Individual support:** a lump sum of **€ 1,500** per month to cover board and lodging, local transportation, and daily expenses during the stay abroad.
3. The total amount of the scholarship (**€ 6,000**) will be transferred to the student upon confirmed arrival at the host university and after providing valid proof of round-trip flight ticket purchase.
4. PNRR/TNE mobility costs cannot be reimbursed twice using the same public financial sources, even if the nature of the expenses appears to differ. If the selected candidate receives additional funding from other sources, the compatibility of such sources will be evaluated by the Scientific Coordinator of the PNRR/TNE EcoNet LATAM project, **Prof. Mauro Viccaro**.
5. The above amount is to be considered gross of deductions according to law.
6. The allowed financial support is calculated based on the days of mobility indicated by the students in the Learning Agreement. The calculation is done by the Responsible Person for TNE, **prof. Mauro Viccaro** and the system used for this purpose considers the time-frame of 30 days (commercial year of 360 days) regardless of the effective duration of the month. In cases of partial months, the scholarship amount will be calculated based on the actual number of days spent abroad, as certified by the host University. In case of abandonment, withdrawal, or revocation, the student must return the entire amount granted.

At least 3 to 5 working days before the planned departure, the student must send an email with the documents listed in the Art. 7 "Upon Return" to [econetlatam.tne@unibas.it](mailto:econetlatam.tne@unibas.it).

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to calculate the effective duration of the mobility period, only the Transcript of Records or equivalent document and the Certificate of stay will be considered valid. If these documents show a different date than the one in the Grant Agreement, the scholarship will be recalculated as to assess a different contribution or the partial restitution of the scholarship from the student to the University of Basilicata. If the effective period appears to exceed the agreed period, there will be no additional financial contribution allowed to the student.

## Art. 9 – Insurance

1. The partner universities of the PNRR/TNE EcoNet LATAM project offer insurance coverage for accidents and third-party liability at the study/work site for all participants.
2. Participants are responsible for ensuring adequate health insurance coverage during their stay abroad, under the regulations of the host country. It is essential for all participants, whether from EU or non-EU countries, to verify the specific health insurance requirements for entry and stay in the host country. Students should contact the relevant Embassy or Consulate of the host country in their home country to obtain accurate information regarding visa and insurance obligations. Depending on the duration and type of the mobility period, students may be required to obtain additional private health insurance coverage or register with the national public health system upon arrival.

## Art. 10 – Reimbursement of the Financial Contribution

1. The student must return the full amount of the awarded grant in the following cases:
  - a. Withdrawal from the mobility program;
  - b. Stay at the host institution for less than the mandatory minimum period of 60 days (full reimbursement required). Exceptions may be granted for early returns due to serious reasons, subject to evaluation;
  - c. Failure to complete any educational and/or research activities abroad, as outlined in the Learning Agreement.
2. A partial reimbursement of the received funds is required if the mobility period is shortened compared to the duration stated in the individual Grant Agreement. The refund amount will be proportional to the number of uncompleted days, provided that the minimum 60-day period has been respected (see also Art. 8).

## Art. 11 – Safety Conditions

All mobility is subject to an assessment of the security conditions in the destination countries, based on local and national provisions.

For students departing from the University of Basilicata, the guidelines of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) will be followed. For more information on this matter, it is recommended to consult your local Health Protection Agency (ASP) or visit the Ministry of Health website: <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/tema/assistenza-sanitaria-paesi-extra-ue/> and the interactive guide: <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/tema/assistenza-sanitaria-paesi-extra-ue/se-parto-perguida-interattiva/?tema=Assistenza+sanitaria+paesi+extra+UE>. Students are also advised to check the ViaggiareSicuri portal (<https://www.viaggiare Sicuri.it>) for any updates and/or safety information regarding the host country. Finally, it is recommended to download the “Viaggiare Sicuri” app and register your trip with geolocation enabled. Registration can also be done through the portal [www.dovesiamonelmundo.it](http://www.dovesiamonelmundo.it).

The PNRR/TNE EcoNet LATAM Commission reserves the right to exclude applications to countries or regions deemed unsafe due to political crises, armed conflicts, or humanitarian crises.

## Art. 12 - Personal Data Processing and Confidentiality

Regarding the processing of personal data submitted by applicants in connection with the PNRR/TNE EcoNet LATAM project, The provision of personal data is mandatory in order to participate in the program, as it is essential for the management of the entire mobility procedure.

In accordance with Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) and Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, the personal data provided will be processed in compliance with applicable legislation and confidentiality obligations. Processing will be carried out in line with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, and transparency, using both paper and electronic tools.

The University of Basilicata ensures the confidentiality of all information and will use the data solely for purposes related to and necessary for participation in the program.

Further information regarding the processing of personal data in the context of international mobility is available on the University's official website under the “Protezione Dati Personali – Privacy” (<https://portale.unibas.it/site/home/riferimenti/protezione-dati/articolo6554.html>).

Participants may exercise the rights set out in Articles 15–22 of the GDPR (including access, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, and objection) by contacting the University of Basilicata.

**Data Controller:**

University of Basilicata, Via Nazario Sauro 85, 85100 Potenza, Italy

Email: [rpd@unibas.it](mailto:rpd@unibas.it)

If the data subject's request is not satisfactorily addressed, they may assert their rights by filing a complaint either with the Italian Data Protection Authority (Garante per la Protezione dei Dati Personali) or through the competent Judicial Authority. Please note that initiating legal action excludes the possibility of filing a complaint with the Authority at a later stage.

**Art. 13 – Person in charge of the procedure**

In accordance with Law no. 241/90 and subsequent amendments and additions and the University Regulations on administrative procedures, the person in charge of the procedure is Dott. Luigi Vergura.

**Art. 14 – Publication**

This call for applications will be published on the University's online Notice Board (<https://service.unibas.it/albo/albo.html>) and under the section "Transparent Administration" – "Calls for Applications" ([https://unibas.etrasparenza.it/pagina639\\_bandi-di-concorso.html](https://unibas.etrasparenza.it/pagina639_bandi-di-concorso.html)), as well as on the dedicated PNRR/TNE EcoNet LATAM project webpage (<https://sites.google.com/unibas.it/econetlatam-tne/home>) and on dedicated TNE projects page of the Internationalization Service (<https://internazionale.unibas.it/site/home/bandi-e-iniziative-pnrrtne.html>).

**Art. 15 - Information and Communication**

For further information and any communication, students must write to the email address [econetlatam.tne@unibas.it](mailto:econetlatam.tne@unibas.it). Requests sent to other email addresses will not be accepted or processed.

Students are required to use exclusively the email address provided during the application process or their institutional email address. Consequently, any communication sent from email addresses other than those specified above will not be accepted.

Potenza, protocol date

THE DIRECTOR

Prof. Giovanni Carlo Di Renzo

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### APPENDIX A – LIST OF EcoNet LATAM PROJECT' PARTNER UNIVERITIES

Partner universities	Country	Web Page	Total number of available grants	Language requirement
Università degli Studi della Basilicata - UNIBAS	Italy	<a href="https://www.unibas.it">https://www.unibas.it</a>	2	Italian (B2) and/or English (B2)
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú - PUCP	Perù	<a href="https://www.pucp.edu.pe">https://www.pucp.edu.pe</a>	2	Spanish (B2) and/or English (B2)
Universidad San Sebastian - USS	Cile	<a href="https://www.uss.cl">https://www.uss.cl</a>		Spanish (B2) and/or English (B2)