

**Public notice for the pre-selection of experts with proven professional qualifications for the constitution of the Standing Independent Evaluation Committee (SIEC), pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 276, letter e) of Law No. 160 of 27 December 2019, for the evaluation of applications for access to the National Facilities implemented at the Human Technopole Foundation (HT)**

**THE MINISTRY OF UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH**  
**in agreement with**  
**THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**HAVING REGARD TO** Law No 241 of 7 August 1990, and subsequent amendments and additions thereto, entitled "Rules governing administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents;

**HAVING REGARD TO** Decree No 445 of the President of the Republic of 28 December 2000, entitled 'Consolidated text of the legislative and regulatory provisions on the subject of administrative documentation;

**HAVING REGARD TO** Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, on the "Personal Data Protection Code", as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, on "Provisions for the adaptation of national legislation to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC";

**HAVING REGARD TO** Legislative Decree No 82 of 7 March 2005 on the "Digital Administration Code", as amended and supplemented;

**HAVING REGARD TO** Legislative Decree No. 198 of 11 April 2006, bearing the "Code of Equal Opportunities between Men and Women", as amended by Legislative Decree No. 5 of 25 January 2010, implementing Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council;

**HAVING REGARD TO** Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016, entitled "State budget for the financial year 2017 and multi-year budget for the three-year period 2017-2019", and in particular to Article 1, paragraph 116, concerning the establishment of the Human Technopole Foundation;

**HAVING REGARD TO** Law No. 160 of 27 December 2019 entitled "State budget for the financial year 2020 and multi-year budget for the three-year period 2020-2022", and in particular to Article 1, paragraph 276 (e), concerning the establishment at the Human Technopole Foundation of a standing independent Committee for the evaluation of research projects referred to in paragraph d), for access to high-technology impact infrastructure facilities in the sectors identified by Article 1, paragraph 116, of Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the Prime Ministry Decree of 27 March 2018, by which the statute of the Human Technopole Foundation was approved.

**HAVING REGARD TO** the "Convenzione" adopted pursuant to and for the purposes of the aforementioned Law No. 160, Article 1, paragraph 276, of 27 December 2019, between the Ministry of Universities and Research, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Human Technopole

Foundation, dated 30 December 2020, and in particular Article 7, concerning the Standing Independent Evaluation Committee

## **DETERMINE**

### **Article 1 (Expression of interest. Object of the assignment)**

1. This Notice announces the procedure for the collection of expressions of interest to be part of the Standing Independent Evaluation Committee (hereinafter referred to as SIEC) referred to in Article 1, paragraph 276, letter e), of Law No. 160 of 27 December 2019, by experts with the scientific and professional skills required to perform the tasks assigned to them by the aforesaid Law 160/2019 and by the “Convenzione” signed between the Supervising Ministries and the Human Technopole Foundation (hereinafter referred to as HT).
2. The members of the SIEC, in the number of 8 (eight), shall be appointed by the Supervisory Board of the HT Foundation from a shortlist of profiles indicated by the Ministries of University and Research and of Health among the expressions of interest received through the procedure mentioned in paragraph 1, according to the modalities defined by Article 7 of the aforesaid “Convenzione”.

### **Article 2 (Professional Profiles)**

1. The profiles to which the selection is addressed concern highly qualified active scientists with no affiliations, roles or appointments with the HT Foundation, Italian Universities, *Istituti di Ricerca e Cura a Carattere Scientifico* (IRCCS) and Italian public research institutions, with proven scientific and professional skills related to the National Facilities that the governing bodies of the same Foundation have determined to implement, i.e. Genomics, Structural Biology, Genomic Engineering, Light Microscopy and Data Handling and Analysis.
2. Annex 1, which constitutes an integral part of this notice, lists, for each of the National Facilities referred to in paragraph 3, titles, and further requirements, as well as the skills and professional specialisation needed to carry out the assignment.

### **Article 3 (Target and participation requirements)**

1. Those who intend to participate in the procedure may submit an expression of interest for only one of the professional profiles listed in the above mentioned Attachment 1.
2. Target of this notice include scientists with outstanding reputation in the fields of population and functional genomics (human, animal, microbial and plant genomics, with experience in related technologies), transcriptomics, structural biology, cancer biology and evolution, light microscopy and image analysis, computational biology, epidemiology, epigenomics, omics or single cell omics, who can demonstrate (a) phd achievement and a proven track record of leading research teams on large-scale international projects in the above fields; (b) no less than 5 (five) years of experience in the use and/or management of high-tech research infrastructures; (c) receipt of funding on a competitive basis for research in international contexts (such as, but not limited to, ERC, EMBO, Wellcome, CRUK etc. ).
3. In order to take part in the procedure set forth in this notice, under penalty of exclusion, candidates must not find themselves in situations of incompatibility and conflict of interest with the position for which they are applying, in relation to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 1, and to other provisions of the law or disciplines of the sector.

4. Candidates must also be in possession of: a) the qualification and any further requirements connected with at least one of the National Facilities identified as per Annex 1; b) the skills and professional specialisation connected with at least one of the National Facilities identified as per Annex 1.

5. All the requirements referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 must be possessed on the date of expiry of the deadline for submitting the expression of interest and must persist at the time of the establishment of the SIEC.

#### **Article 4 (Submission of Expressions of Interest)**

1. The expression of interest, to be submitted by indicating to which of the identified National Facilities one's competences pertain, shall be drawn up, under penalty of exclusion, by using the scheme in Annex 2 of this Notice.

2. In the application, to be completed in English under penalty of exclusion, the applicant must declare under its own responsibility, pursuant to and in accordance with the procedures provided for by Presidential Decree no. 445 and subsequent amendments and additions: a) the National Facility (one or more) to which his/her competencies pertain (indicating the number, code and heading of the Facility itself); b) postgraduate qualifications and specialisations pertaining to the subject matter of the selection; c) the competencies and professional specialisations related to at least one of the approved National Facilities (professional experiences must be declared only if documentable, also for the purposes of subsequent checks) d) that they are not in any situation, even potential, of conflict of interest in relation to the position for which they are applying; e) that they have read the public notice in its entirety and accept without reservation all the conditions contained therein, as well as the regulatory and legal provisions referred to therein; f) authorisation to process personal data pursuant to Legislative Decree no. lgs. no. 196/2003 and EU Regulation no. 2016/679 and subsequent amendments and additions.

3. Also under penalty of exclusion, the expression of interest must: a) be signed with a handwritten or digital signature; b) be accompanied by a curriculum vitae, not exceeding 6 (six) pages in length, which must set out in detail the professional experience and the relative duration, the publications in the subject matter of the experience, as well as all the elements useful for the evaluation of the specific skills in relation to the National Facility (one or more) to which they relate. The curriculum vitae must be drawn up, under penalty of exclusion, in English, duly dated and signed and bearing the following declaration at the bottom:

"The undersigned, aware that - pursuant to Article 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 - mendacious declarations, falsity in acts and the use of false documents are punishable under the Italian criminal code and special laws, declares that the information provided is true. The undersigned, with regard to the processing of personal data, expresses consent to the processing of such data for the purposes and in the manner set forth in Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, on Provisions for the adaptation of national legislation to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)" c) be accompanied by a copy of a valid identity document (for applications from abroad) d) be accompanied by a specific illustrative report, not exceeding 3 (three) pages in length, highlighting the specific skills, consistent with at least one of the National Platforms, acquired in the context of the work experience indicated in the curriculum vitae.

4. The application for admission to the procedure must be completed and sent electronically no later than 18:00 p.m. (CET) of 2 September 2023, using only the appropriate computer application and following the guidelines indicated on the page (<http://www.gea.mur.gov.it>)

5. Candidates must enter all the data required for the expression of interest and attach the documents exclusively in pdf format. No other form of submission of the application or documentation is allowed for participation in the procedure.

6. Applications and their annexes received after the deadline will not be taken into consideration. The Administration shall not be held responsible for any delays and/or misunderstandings, whatever the cause, or in any case attributable to the actions of third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure, in relation to applications and/or documents received after the aforementioned deadline.

7. Candidates may apply for only one "Facility Code", under penalty of exclusion from all expressions of interest.

#### **Article 5 (Procedure and Evaluation Criteria)**

1. The Ministries of University and Research and of Health, once the deadline for submitting the application has expired, shall verify that the applications have been received by the deadline and in accordance with the procedures set out in art. 4 of this Notice.

2. Within 15 (fifteen) days from the expiry of the deadline for the submission of the expression of interest, the Ministers of University and Research and of Health shall, in agreement with each other, pre-select a number of candidates, having the necessary scientific and professional skills to perform the tasks assigned to the SIEC with particular regard to the typology of the National Facility, corresponding to a short list equal to at least 2 (two) times the number of the members of the same Commission.

3. Without prejudice to the fulfilment of the requirements set forth in Article 3 of this notice, participation in evaluation committees for the granting of research funding at an international level (such as, but not limited to, ERC, EMBO, Wellcome, CRUK, etc.) or participation - past or current - in the activities of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) or of high-tech research infrastructures, will be a preferential qualification for the selection of candidates. In selecting the profiles, Ministers will take into account the appropriate balance between genders and between different career stages, as well as the presence of experts from both academia and applied research in industry.

4. The present notice does not constitute nor configure a competition procedure, but only a means to acquire expressions of interest.

5. At the end of the pre-selection procedure, the Ministers of University and Research and of Health shall transmit the results to the Supervisory Board of the Human Technopole Foundation which, within a further 15 (fifteen) days, shall choose the members of the SIEC, taking care that each gender is represented by no less than 2/5 (two-fifths).

#### **Article 6 (Award, duration and remuneration)**

1. The appointment shall start from the date of the resolution of appointment by the Supervisory Board of HT Foundation and shall last four years. The members of the SIEC may be renewed only once for a duration of 2 (two) years.

2. The SIEC members shall be paid a fee equal to that envisaged for the evaluators of the European Union Framework Programme projects, as regards both the hourly commitment and the expenses actually incurred and documented.

## **Art. 7 Procedure Managers**

The Procedure Managers are

- Mauro Bertelletti, Ministry of the University and Research, Directorate General for Research, Office VII Director, e-mail [digric.ufficio7@mur.gov.it](mailto:digric.ufficio7@mur.gov.it);
- Valentina Falletti, Ministry of Health, Directorate General for the Supervision of Institutions and Health Care Safety, Office 2 Director, e-mail [v.falletti@sanita.it](mailto:v.falletti@sanita.it).

## **Article 8 (Processing of personal data)**

1. The data controllers of personal data are the Ministry of University and Research and the Ministry of Health. The data processor, identified pursuant to art. 28 Reg (EU) no. 679 /2016 for the sole purposes of managing this procedure, is Invitalia s.p.a..With reference to the provisions of Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003 and the European Regulation on the protection of personal data no. 679/2016, the data contained in the applications received shall be processed solely for the purpose of managing this procedure.

## **Art. 9 (Information and publicity)**

1. This notice is published on the institutional portals of the Ministry of University and Research (<https://www.mur.gov.it>) and the Ministry of Health (<https://www.salute.gov.it>), as well as on the website of the HT Foundation (<https://humantechnopole.it>), in Italian and English. Appropriate publicity shall be given to the procedure through all useful channels, in addition to the official channels of the Ministries of University and Research and of Health and the HT Foundation, including the European EURAXESS portal, in Italian and English.

2. Any requests for clarification may be made by interested parties, exclusively through the appropriate section of the platform until the fifth day prior to the deadline for sending the expression of interest, specifying in the subject line "SIEC/HT Expert Selection Notice".

### *Attachments*

- Annex 1) Professional profiles;
- Annex 2) Expression of interest