**Call for Staff Mobility**

**PNRR-TNE International Mobility Programme - Health Education and Advanced Learning Through Collaboration, Opportunities, Networking, and Educational Connections in Balkans and Asian Countries**

**(Health Connect)**

**Project Proposal TNE23-00059 – CUP F91B24000320006**

A selection process is announced for the assignment of mobility grants for study, internships, and thesis research at the partner universities of the PNRR/TNE Health Connect Project (CUP F91B24000320006).

The mobility must be completed by **March 31, 2026**.

# 1 - Duration of Mobility and Eligible Activities

Mobility for teaching or training staff must last a minimum of 5 effective days and a maximum of 15 days, excluding travel days. The mobility periods must be agreed upon with the host universities.

Mobility for academic staff for research or teaching (Staff Mobility for Researching or Teaching):

- Mobility for teaching activities by faculty members of partner universities;
- Mobility for research activities by researchers and faculty members of partner universities.

Mobility for staff for training (Staff Mobility for Training and joint programs):
- Mobility aimed at professional development for teachers and staff.

This may include training events abroad (excluding conferences), periods of job shadowing/observation/training at a partner university and projects for the development of joint programs with partner Universities.

The following fields are allowed:

**WP2: Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Engineering Tools Applied to Medicine**, which includes:

1. AI, Augmented and Virtual Reality (AVR), and Big Data for Healthcare (HC) management, efficient decision-making, and Digital Health (DH)
2. AI and AVR for HC management and efficient decision-making
3. Explainable AI (xAI) for HC applications
4. Advanced Machine Learning
5. Simulation tools and materials for Emergency Medicine training
6. xAI for Biosignals and Biomedical Images
7. Smart Health Management curricula development
8. Development of entrepreneurial skills in HC management
9. Medical and nursing education, biomedical innovations, healthcare technologies, and patient care
10. AI technologies in HC, telehealth technologies, and clinical research
11. Training for citizens and public facilities on organ donation

**WP7: Socio-Cultural-Psychological Health**, which includes:

* Sustainable Tourism
* Eco-Friendly Healthcare Placements
* Anthropology
* Religious Studies
* Philosophy
* Languages

# 2 - Funding

The PNRR/TNE Health Connect international mobility project provides financial support for participants, as detailed in the attached table (Annex B):

a)  Individual support;

b)  Travel support;

c)  Teaching support, which will be based on the number of actual academic teaching hours completed at the host university and agreed upon before mobility (depending on budget availability);

d) Publications depending on budget availability.

# 3 - Application Submission

Applications must be completed on the designated application form available on the dedicated project page of the University of Salento: https://www.unisalento.it/ricerca/progetti-di-ateneo/. The following documents must be attached to the application:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. For teaching staff mobility: the "Mobility Agreement for teaching" form, duly completed and signed by the applicant and the host university. Any request for a teaching grant must be explicitly indicated in the application.
3. For research staff mobility: the "Mobility Agreement for researching" form, duly completed and signed by the applicant and the host university. Any request for a research grant must be explicitly indicated, and in such cases, a project agreed upon with the host university, intended to result in co-authored work or publications, must be attached. Publications in a scientific journal depending on budget availability.
4. For training staff mobility: the "Mobility Agreement for training" form, duly completed and signed by the applicant, the host university, and the applicant's home institution.
5. A valid ID document.
Applications, with all required documents, must be forwarded by the participant to the following mail: international@lum.it

Applications will be reviewed, and grants awarded until the financial resources are exhausted.

# 4 - Evaluation of Applications and Participant Selection

Applications will be evaluated by the Erasmus Commission. The replacement of the resigning member will follow the procedures in force in the individual universities and will be formalised by a director's decree.

The selection will comply with the following criteria:

a) Scientific Curriculum (maximum 55 points);

b) Clarity of the teaching programme and objectives, relevance to the project aims, duration of the mobility in relation to the maximum duration (maximum 35 points);
c) Previous experience abroad and/or in the territory chosen for the mobility (maximum 10 points).

Applications with a total score of less than 40 points will not be funded.

For teaching mobility, the Commission could determine the teaching grants, considering the number of teaching academic hours to be completed at the host university.

For research mobility, the Commission will evaluate the project intended to result in co-authored work or publications and could award the research grant based on the projected scientific impact of the work/publication.

The list of selected candidates for each destination will be published on the dedicated project page of LUM University: <https://lum.it/TNE_HealthConnect>

Selected candidates and eligible candidates will also be notified by email.

# 5 - Financial Contributions and Payment Procedures

An advance payment will be made to the participant within 30 calendar days after the financial agreement is signed by both parties. This pre-financing will represent 70% of the total grant amount.
For the disbursement of Teaching support, it is necessary to submit official certificates of the actual teaching academic hours completed at the host university.

For the disbursement of Research grants, a scientific report describing the completed project and providing specific details about the publication of results must be submitted.

The financial support provided by the PNRR/TNE Health Connect international mobility project is compatible with other grants provided by regional authorities or other entities, as long as these funds do not originate from European sources, in compliance with the ban on double funding.

# 6 - Obligations of Grant Recipients

**6.1. Before Departure**

Visa Requirement (if applicable): The partner universities will inform incoming grant recipients about visa procedures. Italian universities will issue all selected candidates a statement indicating the amount of the PNRR/TNE grant. The host universities will issue an acceptance letter

**6.2. Upon Return**

Upon returning from mobility, participants must send the following documents to: international@lum.it

- Attendance Certificate issued by the host university, indicating the start and end dates of mobility. For teaching mobility, the certificate must also indicate the teaching academic hours completed;
- Copies of travel documents (e.g., train, plane tickets) and boarding passes if applicable;

- Final Report (Survey) describing the research, teaching, or training activities carried

out during mobility.

All documentation and information related to PNRR/TNE mobility will be available at the dedicated project page of the University of Salento: https://www.unisalento.it/ricerca/progetti- di-ateneo/

# 7 - Insurance

The partner universities of the Health Connect project offer insurance coverage for accidents and third-party liability at the study/work site for all participants.

Participants are responsible for ensuring adequate health insurance coverage during their stay abroad, under the regulations of the host country.

# 8 - 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 Italian universities, the guidelines of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) will be followed. The PNRR/TNE Health Connect Commission reserves the right to exclude applications to countries or regions deemed unsafe due to political crises, armed conflicts, or humanitarian crises.