**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 - Eligible Candidates

Students enrolled in first, second, or third-cycle degree programs at partner universities of the PNRR/TNE project are eligible to participate in this selection notice.

Candidates must meet each partner university's academic and language requirements, as outlined in Article 5 of this selection notice.

Each partner university limits access to a particular level of study (first, second, or third cycle); therefore, only applications that align with the level of study required by the host university will be considered.

# 2 - Duration of Mobility and Allowed Activities

The mobility period for students must have a minimum duration of 2 months (60 days) and a maximum of 6 months, excluding travel time. The duration of mobility for the study will depend on the academic calendars of the partner universities.
Permitted activities during the mobility abroad include:

-  Attending courses, workshops and/or academic activities;

-  Research aimed at thesis preparation;

- Traineeship/Internships.

Students must attend at least one of the didactical activities foreseen in the Learning Agreement (LA). If a student fails to participate at 90% of all the courses listed in the LA, they will be required to return the financial contribution received.
Applicants must provide proof of attendance: classes, the laboratory or internship and a report of the research activity. If the certificate of attendance and the report is not provided, the participant will be required to return the financial contribution received.

Students can choose between two scientific fields, corresponding to two Work Packages (WPs):

**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

# 3 - Host Universities

Applicants may choose up to four destinations from the partner universities listed in Appendix A (“Bilateral Agreements”).
It is specified that the destination chosen from the table present in the Appendix A is subject to the existence of an agreement between LUM University (or Project Partner University) and the Foreign associate members (non-beneficiaries) of the Partnership.

# 4 - Application Submission

Applications must be submitted using the specific Application Form available on the dedicated project page of LUM University: <https://lum.it/TNE_HealthConnect>

The following documentation must be attached to the application:

1. Self-certification or documentation proving enrollment at home university and completed exams
2. Self-certification of a bachelor’s or master’s degree, including the final grade (for candidates enrolled in a master's degree or PhD program);
3. Curriculum vitae;
4. Motivation letter;
5. A language proficiency certificate in either the host country’s language or English, depending on the language of instruction for the courses to be taken (vehicular language/ English B1 (depending on the language of instruction));
6. A valid ID document.

Applications, along with the required documentation, must be submitted to the student’s home university. After a pre-selection process outlined in Article 5, the home university will forward the selected applications to following mail: international@lum.it by the following deadlines:

For study mobility:

- August 30, 2025

- October 17, 2025

For internship, laboratory activities, and thesis research mobility:

- August, 2025

- October 17, 2025

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

# 5 - Evaluation of Applications and Participant Selection

LUM University will evaluate the applications submitted by the students, through the appointment of 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 related to mobility for study will respect the following criteria:
(a) Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum and Examination grade point average (40 points);
(b) Relevance of the Learning Agreement with the project aims (35 points);
(c) Knowledge of the language of the destination country and/or other vehicular language (10 points); (d) Previous study experience abroad and/or on the territory chosen for mobility (10 points);
(f) Letters of recommendation (5 points)

In both cases, no applications will be funded if their total score is less than 40 points.
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.

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.

# 6 - Acceptance Procedures at the Host University

The names of the selected candidates will be forwarded to the host university, which will provide final confirmation of acceptance. Candidates will be informed by the host university of the procedures for enrollment.

Selected candidates must submit the required documents to the host university following its instructions.

If the selected candidates do not comply with these procedures, the home university will not be held responsible for any rejection by the host institution.

The host university reserves the right to reject candidates who do not meet the required criteria or fail to submit the necessary documentation.

# 7 - Obligations of Grant Recipients

**7.1. Before Departure**

- Learning Agreement: PNRR/TNE mobility grant recipients must prepare a Learning Agreement outlining the educational activities to be completed abroad, which must be approved by the relevant parties;
- Mobility Agreement: Grant recipients must sign a mobility agreement with the Italian university responsible for disbursing the financial support (mobility grant).

- Study Visa Application: The partner universities will inform incoming grant recipients about the visa application process. Italian universities will issue a declaration stating the amount of the PNRR/TNE grant. The host universities will issue an acceptance letter.

**7.2. During Mobility**

- Arrival Certificate: Upon arrival at the host university, recipients must report to the relevant office to record their arrival date on the Certificate of Stay, indicating the official start date of the mobility period.

- Amendments to the Learning Agreement: If changes to the Learning Agreement are necessary during the mobility, the recipient must complete the "During the Mobility" section, have it signed by the host university, and send the document (including the "Before the Mobility" section) to their home university’s relevant office.

**7.3. Upon Return**

At the end of the mobility period at the host university, grant recipients must send the following documents to international@lum.it :

- Certificate of Stay: Attesting to the start and end dates of the mobility;

- Copy of travel documents or boarding passes;

- Final version of the Learning Agreement.

- Report of the research activity

- Transcript of records

**7.4. Transcript of Records (TOR)**

At the end of the mobility period, the host universities will issue a Transcript of Records (TOR) listing the courses attended, the exams taken, the grades received, and the number of credits earned. This certification will be sent to the student and his/her home university.

For students conducting thesis research or internships during their mobility, a report from the supervisor at the host university certifying the work completed will serve as the attendance certificate.

# 8 - Financial Contributions and Payment Procedures

**8.1. Financial Support**

The PNRR/TNE Health Connect international mobility project provides financial support for the following, as outlined in the attached table (Appendix B):

1. Individual support;
2. Travel support;

**8.2. Payment Methods**

1. An advance payment will be made to the participant within 20 calendar days after the financial agreement is signed by both parties. This pre-financing will represent 70% of the total grant amount.

2. The remaining balance will be paid after the end of the mobility, upon submission of the final documentation listed in Article 7.3.

3. Any merit-based grant will be paid after the receipt of the Transcript of Records-TOR (see Article 7.4). The merit-based support for PhD students will be provided upon submission of the essay for publication.

If the actual duration of the mobility period exceeds the maximum limits set in Article 2, the extra period will not be considered part of the funded mobility and will be recorded as zero grant (without financial support).

**8.3. Repayment of Grants**

If the mobility period is shorter than the minimum limits set in Article 2, the participant will be required to repay the entire grant that was advanced. If the amount of the advance payment exceeds the total grant calculated based on the actual mobility period, the difference will need to be repaid. The participant will receive an email with repayment instructions.

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Applicants must provide proof of attendance: classes, the laboratory or internship and a report of the research activity. If the certificate of attendance and the report is not provided, the participant will be required to return the financial contribution received.

**8.4. Other Contributions**

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.

# 9 - Recognition of Educational Activities Undertaken During Mobility

At the end of the mobility period, the partner universities guarantee full recognition of the academic activities completed abroad and certified by the host university through the Transcript of Records- TOR. Recognition of study periods will be carried out in accordance with the internal regulations of each university.

# 10 - 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.

# 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 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.