

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXAMINING BOARD FOR THE ADMISSION
COMPETITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH DOCTORATE IN
"ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION" –
42nd CYCLE – ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027**

MINUTES NO. 1 – EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCHEDULE

On September 29th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., following the formal notice sent on September 25th, 2026, the Examining Board for the admission competition to the International PhD Program in "Economics and Management of Sustainability and Innovation" (42nd Cycle, Academic Year 2026/2027) convened remotely.

Present Members:

- Prof. Elbano De Nuccio
- Prof. Lucio Laureti
- Prof. Arcangelo Marrone
- Prof. Nicola Raimo
- Prof. Angeloantonio Russo

The Examining Board formally appoints Prof. Angeloantonio Russo as Chairman and Prof. Nicola Raimo as Recording Secretary.

1. Establishment of Evaluation Criteria

The Examining Board reads the Call for Applications and establishes the criteria to evaluate the candidates' qualifications and research projects. In accordance with Article 6 of the Call for Applications, the Board sets the following detailed evaluation criteria regarding the assessment of the curriculum vitae, qualifications, reference letters, research projects, written exam, and oral exam:



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1.1 Curriculum Vitae, Qualifications, and Reference Letters

- **Maximum Score:** 10/100 points (as established by the Call for Applications)
- **Scope:** Assessment of publications, degree awards, master's degrees relevant to the subject of this PhD program, and reference letters.

1.2 Research Project

- **Maximum Score:** 30/100 points (as established by the Call for Applications)
- **Evaluation Criteria:**
 - **Clarity and Research Aptitude:** Are the objectives of the proposed project clearly explained? Are the research questions aligned with the methodology? Is the proposed timeline realistic and consistent with the objectives? Does the research project address both theoretical and empirical issues? Are these aspects coherent? Is the expected theoretical contribution clearly outlined? Are the research methods adequately described?
 - **Fit with the PhD Program:** The Board will assess whether the research project aligns well with the main topics of the PhD program in Economics and Management of Sustainability and Innovation.

1.3 Written Exam

- **Maximum Score:** 30/100 points (as established by the Call for Applications)
- **Evaluation Criteria:**
 - The candidate's ability to critically analyze the topics raised in the essay and propose relevant, insightful scientific research ideas.
 - The clarity of the arguments presented, as well as the candidate's capacity to draft an essay presenting innovative research ideas.
 - Proficiency in written English.

1.4 Oral Exam

- **Maximum Score:** 30/100 points (as established by the Call for Applications)

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● **Evaluation Criteria:**

- The candidate's ability to present their curriculum vitae.
- The clarity with which the candidate defends the ideas presented in their research project.
- The candidate's ability to identify potential future research avenues that align well with the core themes of the PhD program.
- The candidate's ability to present and defend innovative research ideas in fluent and correct English.

Where applicable, the Board will apply internationally recognized academic standards to conduct the above evaluations.

2. Examination Structure and Score Breakdown

The Chairman reminds the members of the Board that the admission examination consists of:

1. The evaluation of qualifications and research projects;
2. A written exam (an essay written by the candidate on a topic chosen from at least three options provided by the Examining Board);
3. An oral exam.

Furthermore, pursuant to Article 6 of the Call for Applications, the Board confirms the following structure:

Evaluation Component	Maximum Points
a) Qualifications and Submitted Documentation	10 / 100
b) Research Project	30 / 100
c) Written Examination	30 / 100
d) Oral Examination	30 / 100
Total Maximum Score	100 / 100

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- **Overall Passing Grade:** To be admitted to the PhD program, a candidate must achieve an overall score between **50/100** (minimum pass mark) and **100/100** (maximum score).
- **Oral Exam Eligibility Threshold:** The Board sets the threshold for admission to the oral exam at a minimum cumulative score of **42/100**, calculated from the combined evaluations of points a), b), and c).

3. Declarations and Conflict of Interest Check

Each member of the Examining Board formally declares that no conflicts of interest or conditions of incompatibility exist among them, pursuant to Articles 51 and 52 of the Italian Code of Civil Procedure.

4. Examination Schedule

Having received formal approval from the President of LUM University, Prof. Giuseppe Degennaro, the Board sets the schedule for the examinations as follows:

- **Written Exam:** Scheduled for **October 8th, 2026**, at LUM University (Rettorato Building). Candidates are requested to arrive at **2:30 p.m.** Exam will start at **3:00 p.m.**
- **Oral Exam:** Scheduled for **October 26th, 2026**, at LUM University (Rettorato Building). Candidates admitted to the oral exam are requested to arrive at **10:00 a.m.**
- **Remote Oral Exam for International Candidates:** Non-Italian candidates who formally requested a remote interview within the deadline set by the Call for Applications (Art. 5) will be interviewed online. If admitted, these candidates must send an email to the PhD Office (dottorati@lum.it) to confirm their availability. Individual online meeting links will then be scheduled and communicated by the Examining Board.





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5. Publication and Adjournment

Minutes No. 1 and the evaluation results for the qualifications and research projects of each candidate will be posted at the PhD Administrative Office (Rettorato Building) and published on the official LUM University website.

At 11:00 a.m., the Chairman adjourns the meeting and calls the next meeting for **October 2nd, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.**, to proceed with the evaluation of qualifications and research projects.

These Minutes are drawn up, read, and approved immediately. The Chairman signs these Minutes, to which the signed attendance declarations of the other Board members are attached.

September 29th, 2026

Signatures:

- Prof. Angeloantonio Russo (Chairman)
- Prof. Elbano De Nuccio
- Prof. Arcangelo Marrone
- Prof. Lucio Laureti
- Prof. Nicola Raimo (Secretary)

DECLARATION OF ATTENDANCE

The undersigned, Prof. Elbano de Nuccio, hereby declares that on September 29th, 2026, he/she attended the meeting of the Examining Board for admission to the International PhD Program in “Economics and Management of Sustainability and Innovation” (42nd Cycle).

Furthermore, the undersigned confirms that the Minutes accurately reflect the discussions held during the meeting and that all members, together with the Chairman, have agreed upon their contents.

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Signature: 

Prof. Elbano de Nuccio



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DECLARATION OF ATTENDANCE

The undersigned, Prof. LUCIO LAURETI, hereby declares that on September 29th, 2026, he/she attended the meeting of the Examining Board for admission to the International PhD Program in "Economics and Management of Sustainability and Innovation" (42nd Cycle).

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Signature: _____

Prof. LUCIO LAURETI

DECLARATION OF ATTENDANCE

The undersigned, Prof. ARCANGELO MARRONE, hereby declares that on September 29th, 2026, he/she attended the meeting of the Examining Board for admission to the International PhD Program in “Economics and Management of Sustainability and Innovation” (42nd Cycle).

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Signature: ARCANGELO MARRONE

Prof. *Arcangelo Marrone*

DECLARATION OF ATTENDANCE

The undersigned, Prof. Nicola Raimo, hereby declares that on September 29th, 2026, he attended the meeting of the Examining Board for admission to the International PhD Program in “Economics and Management of Sustainability and Innovation” (42nd Cycle).

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Prof. Nicola Raimo

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