



OPEN CALL
for Incoming International Mobility of Academic and Research Staff
for Teaching Activities
from Partner Institutions in the People's Republic of China
and the Western Balkans
within the framework of the NRRP Project TNE23-00059
HEALTH-CONNECT – CUP F91B24000320006
Academic Year 2025/2026

1. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

This initiative is promoted and implemented by the Ministry of University and Research - **MUR** within the framework of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan - **NRRP**, with the aim of developing and enhancing Transnational Education - **TNE** systems. It is funded by the European Union **NextGenerationEU** under **NRRP Mission 4** “Education and Research” – **Component 1** “Enhancement of education services: from early childhood education to university, from research to business” – **Investment 3.4** “Higher education and advanced skills” – **T4** “Transnational Education Initiatives” – **CUP F91B24000320006**.

The Polytechnic University of Bari implements the initiative through the publication of mobility programmes and related funding opportunities during the first semester of the Academic Year 2025/2026.

The overall objective is to establish a consortium of Italian universities aimed at transferring best practices in higher education to **East Asia and the Western Balkans**, adopting health as a **unifying theme through the “One Health” approach**, which integrates human, environmental, and animal well-being.

In this context, the project TNE23-00059 “*Health Education and Advanced Learning Through Collaboration, Opportunities, Networking, and Educational Connections in Balkans and Asian Countries – HEALTH-CONNECT*” aims to:

- strengthen transnational academic cooperation in health education between Italy, the Western Balkans and East Asia
- integrate health, environment, and sustainable development into education and research within the “One Health” framework
- develop advanced learning pathways and promote green and digital technologies through study programmes, joint degrees, and mobility schemes focused on sustainability, innovation and circular economy applied to health and well-being
- **Work Package 3 (WP3) – “Health and Inhabiting”**: analyses the relationship between health, architecture, cities and landscapes, focusing on urban well-being, inclusivity and regeneration
- **Work Package 6 (WP6) – “Health and Development”**: promotes sustainable technologies and green innovation for health and socio-economic development

All mobility activities must be completed no later than **May 20th 2026**



2. AVAILABLE POSITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This Open Call is addressed to Academic and Research Staff, both permanent and contract-based, from the following Partner Institutions:

SOUTH CHINA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY - SCUT
UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO - UOM
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA - UPT
MARIN BARLETI UNIVERSITY, TIRANA - UMB
EPOKA UNIVERSITY, TIRANA
POLIS UNIVERSITY, TIRANA

The table below specifies the number of available grants and the mobility periods for each Partner Institution:

PARTNER INSTITUTION	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	AVAILABLE POSITIONS	MOBILITY PERIOD	RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
SOUTH CHINA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (SCUT)	Academic / Research Staff	4	12 days per mobility (10 days stay + 2 travel days)	English language certification at B2 level - CEFR
UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO	Academic / Research Staff	2	7 days per mobility (5 days stay + 2 travel days)	English language certification at B2 level - CEFR
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA	Academic / Research Staff	4	7 days per mobility (5 days stay + 2 travel days)	English language certification at B2 level - CEFR
MARIN BARLETI UNIVERSITY, TIRANA	Academic / Research Staff	2	7 days per mobility (5 days stay + 2 travel days)	English language certification at B2 level - CEFR
EPOKA UNIVERSITY, TIRANA	Academic / Research Staff	2	7 days per mobility (5 days stay + 2 travel days)	English language certification at B2 level - CEFR
POLIS UNIVERSITY, TIRANA	Academic / Research Staff	3	7 days per mobility (5 days stay + 2 travel days)	English language certification at B2 level - CEFR



3. FINANCIAL COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

A mobility grant is provided for each participant under the **NRRP Project TNE23-00059 – HEALTH-CONNECT CUP F91B24000320006** to cover board costs, accommodation and travel incurred during the mobility period. More specifically, each visiting member of Academic and Research Staff will be provided with hotel accommodation on a half-board basis i.e., breakfast and dinner while travel costs i.e., round-trip airfare and airport–city transfers will be reimbursed, subject to the submission of supporting documents, **up to the maximum amount specified in the table below:**

PARTNER INSTITUTION	TRAVEL CONTRIBUTION PER STAFF MEMBER
SOUTH CHINA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY - SCUT	€ 1.750,00 maximum reimbursable amount
UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO - UOM	€ 600,00 maximum reimbursable amount
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA - UPT	€ 300,00 maximum reimbursable amount
MARIN BARLETI UNIVERSITY, TIRANA - UMB	€ 300,00 importo massimo rimborsabile
EPOKA UNIVERSITY, TIRANA	€ 300,00 importo massimo rimborsabile
POLIS UNIVERSITY, TIRANA	€ 300,00 importo massimo rimborsabile

Travel costs will be **reimbursed on the basis of eligible costs**, subject to the submission of supporting documents and up to the maximum amount specified in the table above. Any costs exceeding this amount shall be borne entirely by the staff member.

The procedures for reporting and payment, as well as all other conditions of participation, will be specified in the Mobility Contract signed between the staff member and the **Polytechnic University of Bari – Italy** at the start of the mobility period.

To request reimbursement of travel costs, selected Academic and Research Staff must submit the following documentation by the end of the mobility period to: tne-arcod@poliba.it

- copy of the purchased airfare
- copies of all eligible costs i.e., taxis

Any costs exceeding the maximum amount specified **shall remain entirely at the expense of the staff member**. Each selected member of Academic and Research Staff participating in the mobility programme **shall also be solely responsible for covering the following costs:**

- **travel and health insurance** valid for the entire mobility period
- any additional costs, including fees for sports activities or other optional services



4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Academic and Research Staff from Partner Institutions shall express their interest in participating in the mobility for teaching and academic activities by completing the application form attached to this **OPEN CALL Annex A – Mobility Application Form** also attaching a **short CV** to the application and submitting both documents by email to tne-arcod@poliba.it no later than **April 19th 2026 at 12:00 (CEST/UTC+1)**.

Should the number of applications exceed the number of available positions for each Partner Institution, admission shall be subject to the availability of funds and the consistency of the proposed activity programme with the objectives of the project.

5. OBLIGATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS

Prior to arrival - the staff member shall agree with the **host Partner Institution** on the mobility programme and dates which shall be formalised in the **Staff Mobility Contract**.

Upon arrival - the staff member **shall sign** the Mobility Contract with the **Polytechnic University of Bari – Italy**.

At the end of the mobility period - please note that the disbursement of financial contributions is strictly subject to the submission of the following documentation:

- certificate of completion of the planned activities, indicating the start and end dates of the mobility period, signed by the scientific coordinator of the host Partner Institution
- report on the activities carried out, demonstrating their consistency with the objectives of the programme (Work Package 3 – Health and Inhabiting and Work Package 6 – Health and Development)

The report may include:

- slides, presentations and visual teaching materials
- documentation of field activities
- outputs of intensive activities (workshops, practical sessions, etc.)
- any other material related to the activities carried out

The above documentation must be submitted at the end of the mobility period to the following address:
tne-arcod@poliba.it

NOTE – All mobility activities must be completed no later than May 20th 2026



6. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OFFICER

Pursuant to Law No. 241/1990, Rosanna Devito is the administrative officer of the ArCoD Department:

Administrative Procedure Officer	email
Rosanna Devito	rosanna.devito@poliba.it

7. PROJECT COORDINATION

For **logistical** information, please contact:

Project Coordinators	email
Viviana Colombini	tne-arcod@poliba.it
Gabriele Ciavarella	tne-arcod@poliba.it

8. PUBLICATION AND OFFICIAL NOTICE

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10. PRIVACY POLICY

In accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation EU 2016/679, known as GDPR and related national legislation, all data provided by applicants will be processed solely for the purposes of managing the application, selection and mobility procedures. The Personal Data Controller is the Politecnico di Bari, Via Amendola 126/b – 70126 Bari (BA), Italy. Applicants maintain all rights granted under Articles 12–22 of the GDPR, including the right to:

- access their data
- request rectification or erasure
- object to or request restriction of processing

Detailed information on how personal data is processed, including the contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO), is available on the University's official website poliba.it in the relevant "**Protezione dei dati personali**" Personal Data Protection section.



**ANNEX A – APPLICATION FORM FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH STAFF MOBILITY
NRRP Project TNE23-00059 – HEALTH-CONNECT CUP F91B24000320006
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026**

1. APPLICANT PERSONAL DATA

Family Name(s): First Name(s):
Italian Tax Code (if applicable):
Date of Birth: Place of Birth:
Nationality: Gender:
Home Address:
City: Country:
Primary Email Address:
Mobile Phone Number + Country Code:
Passport Number: Issued by: Date of issue:
Mobile Phone Number + Country Code:

2. HOME INSTITUTION and ACADEMIC STATUS

Home University: Department/Campus Site:

Current Academic Position (please select the appropriate option):

- Full Professor Researcher Adjunct Lecturer
 Associate Professor

3. PROPOSED MOBILITY DETAILS

Proposed Start Date DD/MM/YYYY

Proposed End Date DD/MM/YYYY

Brief description of the planned activities:

4. ACCEPTANCE and SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby declare that the information provided in this form is accurate and correct. I understand that failure to submit all required documents or to meet the eligibility criteria will result in my exclusion from the selection process.

Date:

Applicant Signature