

**Expression of interest to select up to 30 PhD students/researchers to participate in the 1st edition of the Summer School "Open Innovation Management for Sustainable Transition" promoted by Pillar Training - TTIP Program - EcosistER Project**

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## PREMISE

**EcosistER | The territorial innovation ecosystem of Emilia-Romagna** (<https://ecosister.it/>) is the project funded by the PNRR that brings together key regional actors to strengthen Emilia-Romagna's global leadership in applied research and ensure effective capacity to support sustainable, resilient, and people-centered industrial development through the implementation of green transition, in line with the objectives of the Pact for Jobs and Climate.

The EcosistER project, managed by the homonymous Foundation, is funded by the PNRR and involves 23 partners, including 6 universities, 4 research institutes, 13 public-private organizations based in Emilia-Romagna, along with ART-ER.

**EcosistER promotes research activities in 6 macro areas:**

- Materials for sustainability and ecological transition
- Production, storage, and saving of clean energy
- Green production for a sustainable economy
- Intelligent mobility, housing, and energy solutions
- Circular economy and blue economy
- Transition based on HPC and data-based technologies

EcosistER promotes the **Technology Transfer Innovation Programme** (TTIP), which aims to promote industrial research as the main driver for sustainable economic development.

In particular, within the framework of the TTIP program, actions of "training" are foreseen, promoted and developed by the Pillar Training (CUP **E93C22001100001**), with the aim of strengthening the transversal skills of PhD students and Researchers. This activity is coordinated by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia with the support of ART-ER and involves all the spokes and some affiliates.

This document aims to select PhD candidates and temporary researchers to participate in the Summer School "Open Innovation Management for Sustainable Transition," a residential training course lasting 5 days, which will take place from June 10th to 14th, 2024, at the Foresteria di Capaccio, in the Settegalli locality, Santa Sofia (FC).

*No responsibility can be attributed to ART-ER, Ecosister partners or their structures because of any delays or changes in the timing and manner of the services provided by the initiative. The changes will be determined by the organisation in such a way as to ensure that the objectives of the programme are achieved.*

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

This expression of interest concerns the participation in the first edition of the EcosistER Summer School “Open Innovation Management for a Sustainable Transition”, promoted by the Pillar Training, and aims to:

- select up to thirty (30) PhD candidates, researchers (meeting the requirements outlined in point 2) to give them the opportunity to participate in an experiential training program dedicated to acquiring skills in **Innovation Management on the themes of sustainable transition**. The aim is to enhance the knowledge of PhD candidates and researchers on the methodologies and strategies of Open Innovation management, useful for building professional profiles capable of exploiting the opportunities provided by the regional Innovation Ecosystem and dedicated to managing innovation processes and change towards sustainable transition.

## 2. RECIPIENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

Eligible for selection for the Summer School “Open Innovation Management for a Sustainable Transition” are:

1. All PhD candidates enrolled in universities in the Emilia-Romagna region and in the Piacenza locations of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and the Politecnico di Milano;
2. All temporary researchers of type A (RTD-A) with an active contract until June 30, 2024 at least, enrolled in universities in the Emilia-Romagna region and in the Piacenza locations of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and the Politecnico di Milano;
3. All temporary researchers with an active contract until June 30, 2024 at least, with the National Research Council (Emilia Romagna headquarters).

### 3. SUBJECT

The Summer School will take place **from June 10th to 14th 2024** at the Foresteria di Capaccio, Settegalli locality, Santa Sofia (FC), and will include:

- A dedicated **program**, in english language, on methodologies, strategies of Open Innovation Management applied to Sustainable Transition issues, characterized by: 1) frontal lectures; 2) group work on case studies; 3) testimonials and dialogue with companies from the regional ecosystem; 4) lectures by international experts on sustainable transition issues; 5) role-playing and simulations for the approach and resolution of real cases. The program will also include **Study visits** to entrepreneurial realities to acquire knowledge of the most innovative innovation paths dedicated to sustainable transition. Networking initiatives and animation of the participant community are also planned.

**Free meals and accommodation** will be provided for the entire duration of the course to the 30 selected participants.

The course will begin on June 10, 2024, and will conclude on June 14, 2024, and will be completely free for participants with no registration fees requested.

### 4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

To submit the application candidates will have to complete an online form "Application for doctoral candidates and researchers for the Summer School Open Innovation" accessible via the following [link](#) and by sending the following documentation via e-mail at: [train-ecosister@art-er.it](mailto:train-ecosister@art-er.it) (do not forget to state the object of the e-mail as follows: SURNAME NAME\_CANDIDACY FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL):

- **Candidate's CV (in Italian or English);**
- **Copy of a valid identification document**
- **Signed original (or digitally signed) substitute declaration of notoriety act**

Please find here [ITA](#) and [ENG](#) version of the substitute declaration of notoriety ac

**NOTE:** Applications will be collected using a **Google Form** and formalized by sending the documents requested by the expression of interest via e-mail to [train-ecosister@art-er.it](mailto:train-ecosister@art-er.it). In

order to understand the type and detail of the information requested, it is advisable to consult the facsimile of the Summer School Open Innovation application form on the ART-ER website at this [link](#) and then copy the information in the Google Form.

**The deadline for submitting applications is set at 1:00 PM (Italian time) on May 6, 2024.**

All communications regarding this expression of interest for applications following the submission of the application will be communicated through the website [www.art-er.it](http://www.art-er.it), in the section Notices and Tenders - Contributions and Economic Benefits ((<https://www.art-er.it/bandi-e-avvisi/contributi-e-vantaggi-economici/>)) and to the address indicated in the Application Form.

ART-ER reserves the right to request additions to the application before deciding on the exclusion of an application. This request will be made to the e-mail address indicated at the time of application.

**If the email address provided by the candidate is incorrect, ART-ER is not responsible for any negative consequences resulting from a lack of or defective communications related to the process.**

By applying, participants commit to accepting without reservation all the conditions stated in this expression of interest for applications and any related integrations and/or modifications that will be published on the ART-ER website.

## 5. PROCEDURE FOR FORMAL INSTRUCTION AND EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

The instruction and evaluation of applications occur in 2 phases, preceded by a formal eligibility check.

- **Phase 1 Formal eligibility check:** formal verification of the completeness of the documentation by the Responsible of the Proceedings appointed by ART-ER, tasked with verifying the completeness and compliance of the documentation according to what is stated in point 2 of this Notice.

Applications that do not meet the requirements specified in Article 2 will be excluded.

**The Responsible of the Proceedings appointed by ART-ER, or personnel delegated by it, may request additional information before proceeding with the determination of the exclusion of an application.**

- **Phase 2 - Ranking of eligible candidacies:** the technical analysis of the documents and the elaboration of a ranking will be carried out by the Evaluation Committee of the applications appointed by ART-ER.

The ranking will be based on the following criteria, where to each of them is assigned a relative score according to the following table. For each criterion, a minimum threshold value is also provided.

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Value</b>	<b>Minimum threshold value (&gt;=)</b>
A) Clarity in defining the expected results of the research project and their environmental, social and economic impact	30	20
B) Motivation for participation to the program	30	20
C) Coherence of the research project with sustainable transition issues	20	10

In addition to these three criteria, this expression of interest also provides the following bonuses:

**20 points** if the research or doctoral scholarship is funded within the EcosistER program.



**The maximum achievable score is 100 points. The minimum threshold for inclusion in the ranking is 60 points.**

Only candidates who have achieved a score greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) the minimum threshold for each evaluation criterion (points A, B, and C) will be eligible for the ranking.

The selection process will seek to ensure, in accordance with the criteria eligibility and minimum threshold requirements, a fair gender distribution among those admitted to the program. In case of a tie in scores, priority will be given to **younger candidates**.

## **6. COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS**

The list of admitted beneficiaries will be published on the website of the implementing body ART-ER ([www.art-er.it](http://www.art-er.it)). Candidates will be notified via email of the outcome of the evaluation at the **address provided in the application form**.

In case of withdrawal of the candidacy or inability to participate in the program by one or more beneficiaries, ART-ER reserves the right to move down the ranking, even after the start of the program.

## **7. CONTROLS, REVOCATIONS, SANCTIONS**

Beneficiaries are required to provide ART-ER or other authorized entities with all information, data, and reports requested, in order to ensure the monitoring of activities related to this expression of interest for applications **for the 3 years following the closing date of this expression of interest**.

As the implementing body of the expression of interest, ART-ER may conduct all necessary checks and reserves the right to carry out random checks, even on a sample basis, to verify compliance with and maintenance of the conditions and requirements requested. If the specified conditions and requirements are not met, ART-ER reserves the right to exclude

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beneficiaries from the program.

## 8. CHANGES REGARDING BENEFICIARIES

During the period between the submission of the application and the conclusion of the program, beneficiaries are required to promptly communicate to ART-ER any changes and any other facts related to the subjective requirements that may result in the loss of any of the requirements specified by the expression of interest.

Such communications must be sent via email to the following address: [procedure@art-er.it](mailto:procedure@art-er.it).

## 9. RESPONSIBILITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Each candidate is responsible for the completeness, clarity, and truthfulness of the data and information contained in the documentation and materials prepared and/or compiled in the context of participating in the competition subject to this expression of interest.

ART-ER is therefore not responsible for the aforementioned contents, nor for any inaccuracies, omissions, or violations of others' rights. Any requests for clarification, correction, or compensation by third parties must be addressed directly by the candidate.

**ART-ER, the ECOSISTER foundation, ECOSISTER spokes, affiliated partners of ECOSISTER, and any external parties** involved in the course of the program undertake to maintain confidentiality and not to disclose to third parties, nor to use directly or indirectly, except for reasons strictly related to the organization and implementation of the initiative, the information related to entrepreneurial projects provided by participants in the application form as well as information and data related to entrepreneurial projects that they become aware of during the organization and implementation of the program.

ART-ER will make a commitment to confidentiality to the members of the Evaluation Committee, to external suppliers for the basic and on demand services provided by the Summer School.



## 10. PRIVACY, PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA AND TRANSPARENCY

Pursuant to Arts. 13 and 14 of European Regulation n. 679/2016, ART-ER S cons P.A informs you that your personal data, acquired during the organization of project activities, will be processed according to the principles of correctness, lawfulness, transparency and protection of confidentiality, in full compliance with current legislation on the protection of personal data

### Data Controller and Data Processor

The Data Controller of the personal data referred to in this information is ART-ER S cons P.A, with registered office in Bologna Via Gobetti n. 101, info@art-er.it . The Data Protection Officer of ART-ER S. cons. p. a. is LEPIDA scpa can be contacted at the following email address: dpo team@lepida.it.

### Legal basis of processing and purpose of processing

The processing of personal data is carried out, pursuant to and for the purposes of art.6 c.1 lett. a) Reg.UE 2016/679, with the consent of the interested party. Personal data collected through the GOOGLE platform will be processed in order to select up to thirty (30) PhD students and researchers to give them the opportunity to participate in an experiential course dedicated to the acquisition of skills on Innovation Management on sustainable transition issues within the project AWARD CONTRACT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND INNOVATION PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES (TTIP) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE «ECOSYSTEM FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION» PROJECT IN EMILIA-ROMAGNA CUP: E93C22001100001 The provision of personal data is optional. The data subject may revoke, at any time, the consent given, however, the revocation of consent will not affect the lawfulness of the processing previously carried out.

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### Processing methods and recipients of personal data

ART-ER cons. P.A., in accordance with the provisions of art. 32 Reg.UE 2016/679 has adopted

appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security and confidentiality of personal data processed.

Personal data may be communicated, exclusively for the purposes indicated in this statement, to third parties or professionals, designated as Data Processors pursuant to and for the purposes of art. 28 Reg.UE 2016/679 or as authorised to the Processing, which the Data Controller uses for the collection and processing of activities related to the Project.

The list of Data Processors is available upon request sent to the Data Controller. Personal data will not be transferred to third countries (non-EU).

### **Retention period**

Personal data will be stored for the time necessary to pursue the purposes underlying the processing itself.

### **Rights of data subjects**

In accordance with the provisions of art. 15 ss of Reg. EU 2016/679, at any time may exercise against ART-ER S. cons. p. a. your rights to: access personal data and obtain a copy of it [right of access]; obtain the rectification of your data, if they are incorrect, or the integration of your data, if they are incomplete [right of rectification]; obtain the cancellation of your data in the cases provided for by art. 17 Reg.Ue 2016/679 [right of cancellation]; obtain the limitation of processing in the cases provided for by art. 18 Reg. EU 2016/679; [right of limitation]; object, at any time, for reasons related to your particular situation, to the processing of personal data concerning you carried out pursuant to art. 6 c.1 lett. e) and f) Reg.UE 2016/679 [right of opposition]; receive in structured format, commonly used and readable by automatic device, the personal data concerning you and request the transmission, by ART-ER to another Data Controller [Right to data portability].

To exercise your rights, please contact:

- the Data Controller: ART-ER S. cons. p. a. - with registered office c/o CNR - Bologna Research Area Via P. Gobetti, 101 - 40129 Bologna, email [privacy@art-er.it](mailto:privacy@art-er.it) or contact the DPO of ART-ER S. cons. p. a. to the following email address [dpo-team@lepida.it](mailto:dpo-team@lepida.it).

Please note that before you can provide or modify any information, you may need to verify the identity of the data subject.

### **Right to complain**

Finally, we remind you that, if you believe that the processing of data is in breach of the provisions of Reg. EU 2016/679, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Authority, pursuant to art. 77 Reg.UE 2016/679, that is to refer the competent courts pursuant to art. 79 Reg.UE 2016/679.

## **11. RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEEDINGS**

The head of the proceedings is Dr. Nicolò Pranzini as head of the Unit “Skills for Innovation” of ART-ER S. Cons.p.a.

## **12. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

The information and the forms related to this expression of interest are available on the website of the operator [www.art-er.it](http://www.art-er.it).

For any information write to [train-ecosister@art-er.it](mailto:train-ecosister@art-er.it)

## **13. UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS TO THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Any updates or changes to the expression of interest and the modules will be published website of the operator [www.art-er.it](http://www.art-er.it)



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