

Urban Center Startup Call

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A. ACTION, SUBJECTS, RESOURCES, RISORSE

A.1 OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

The overall project for the realisation of an Urban Center of enterprises is conceived as an opportunity to consolidate one of the most innovative areas of local industry with the objective of both stimulating the creation of new businesses and making the synergy between scientific research and the entrepreneurial sphere increasingly effective, providing opportunities for continuity of the qualified training and the employment of young resources in the territory.

The Municipality of Trieste, within the framework of Axis IV of the ROP ERDF 2014-2020, has created an Urban Center of enterprises - located in Corso Cavour 2/2 - to support the development of entrepreneurial activities in the BioHighTech (understood as biotechnology, biomedical and bioinformatics in line with the "Smart Health" area of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region's Intelligent Specialisation Strategy - S3) and HighTech sectors, structured on three floors, dedicated, in particular on the second floor, to hosting enterprises, startups, and spin-offs.

The building is equipped with ICT infrastructures and applications and is intended to be a meeting place, point of exchange, and confrontation between the business world, the world of research, and an urban showcase for scientific and economic development. It has a broadband connection, and local cabling equipped with a Wi-Fi access system, which is also broadband and is necessary to guarantee the full functionality of web activities in all spaces of the facility.

This call is aimed at the occupation of the spaces by companies, such as startups and spin offs, which are available on the second floor of the facility.

A.2 REGULATORY REFERENCES

EU legislation:

- Regulation EU 1301/2013
- Regulation EU 1303/2013
- Regulation EU, EURATOM 1046/2018
- Regulation CE, 1893/2006

State Aid Legislation:

- Regulation EU 1407/2013

National Legislation:

- Law 241/1990 "Law on Administrative Procedure" as amended and supplemented

Regional Legislation:

- Regional Law 7 of March 20 2000 "Consolidated text of rules on administrative procedure and right of access" as amended and supplemented

A.3 DEFINITIONS

"Startup" is defined as a company that has been established for no more than 60 months at the time the application is submitted. A company whose shares are majority-owned by other companies, a company that results from the transformation of a pre-existing company or from the merger or demerger of pre-existing companies, as well as a company that has

been established through the contribution of a company or business unit by a pre-existing company (Regional Presidential Decree 114/2021) is not considered a startup;

"Female enterprise" is defined as a business in which the majority of the shares are owned by women, i.e. the cooperative business in which the majority of the partners are women and the sole proprietorship in which the owner is a woman as well as, in the case of a partnership composed of two partners, the limited partnership in which the general partner is a woman and the general partnership in which the female partner is also the legal representative of the company (Regional Presidential Decree 12/2011);

"Youth enterprise" is defined as a business in which the majority of the shares are in the ownership of young people, or a cooperative business in which the majority of the partners are young people, the sole proprietorship whose owner is a young person, as well as, in the case of the partnership composed of two partners (in which at least one of the partners is a young person), the limited partnership whose general partner is a young person and the general partnership whose young partner is also the legal representative of the company. A young person is defined as a natural person, not more than thirty-five years of age (Regional Presidential Decree 55/2015);

"Youth startup" is defined as a startup company established as a corporation in which, at the time of submitting the application, the majority of the shares are owned by young people, a startup company is established as a partnership consisting of two partners of whom, at the time of submitting the application, at least one is young and in which, in the case of a limited partnership and the case of a general partnership a legal representative is a young person, the startup company set up as a cooperative where, at the time the application is submitted, the majority of the partners are young people and the startup company set up as a sole proprietorship where, at the time the application is submitted, an owner is a young person. A young person is defined as a natural person who is under 40 years of age (Regional Presidential Decree 114/2021);

"Innovative startup": a business that possesses the characteristics outlined in Article 25 paragraph 2 of Decree-Law Number 179 of October 18, 2012 (Further Urgent Measures for the Growth of the Country), converted, with amendments, by Italian Law Number 221 of December 17, 2012. An innovative startup is a joint-stock company, also established in cooperative form, which meets the following objective requirements:

- a) it is a new company or has been established for no more than 5 years¹;
- b) is resident in Italy, or another country of the European Economic Area but with a production site or branch in Italy;
- c) has an annual turnover of less than 5 million euros;
- d) is not listed on a regulated market or multilateral trading platform;
- e) does not and has not distributed profits;

¹ Pursuant to Article 38, paragraph 5 of Italian Decree-Law Number 34/2020 - Urgent measures concerning health, support for work and the economy, as well as social policies related to the epidemiological emergency caused by COVID-19 - converted with amendments by Italian Law Number 77/2020 "The term of residence in the special section of the companies' register of innovative start-ups referred to in Article 25 of the aforementioned Italian Decree-Law Number 179 of 2012, is extended by 12 months. Any terms provided for the forfeiture of access to public incentives and for their revocation shall be extended by 12 months. For the purposes of this paragraph, the extension of the permanence in the special section of the register of companies is not relevant for the purposes of the enjoyment of the tax and contribution benefits provided for by the legislation in force".

- f) has as its exclusive or main corporate purpose the development, production, and marketing of a product or service with high technological value;
- g) is not the result of a merger, demerger, or transfer of a company branch;

Finally, a startup is innovative if it meets at least 1 of the following 3 subjective requirements:

1. incurs R&D and innovation expenditure of at least 15 per cent of the higher turnover and cost of production;
2. employs highly qualified personnel (at least 1/3 Ph.D., Ph.D. students or researchers, or at least 2/3 with master's degrees);
3. is the owner, custodian, or licensee of at least one patent or holder of registered software;

"Single enterprise" is defined in Article 2 paragraph 2 of Regulation EU Number 1407/2013 as all companies between which there are at least one of the following relationships:

- a. a company holds a majority of the voting rights of the shareholders or members of another company;
- b. a company has the right to appoint and dismiss the majority of the members of the administrative, management, or supervisory board of another company;
- c. a company has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another company under a contract concluded with the latter or under a clause in the latter's status;
- d. a company that is a shareholder or partner of another company controls alone, under an agreement entered into with other shareholders or partners of the other company, a majority of the voting rights of the shareholders or partners of the latter company;

"Spin off": a new economic unit with the same characteristics as innovative startups, consisting of a number of individuals from academic research, research institutions, or an existing enterprise dedicated to the commercial exploitation of inventions, know-how, and skills acquired in the above-mentioned research areas and distinguished by its degree of innovativeness;

"Academic and/or university spin-offs": an economic unit set up on the initiative of the university or university staff, under Italian Ministerial Decree 168/2011 (Regulation concerning the definition of criteria for the participation of university professors and researchers in companies with the characteristics of university spin-offs or startups in implementation of the provisions of Article 6, paragraph 9, of Italian Law Number 240 of 30 December 2010) and the specific regulations issued by individual universities, aimed at the economic utilisation of university research results. 240) and the specific regulations issued by individual universities, aimed at the economic utilisation of the results of university research Academic spin-offs are defined as companies in which the university does not participate as a partner, and university spin-offs as companies in which the university participates as a partner;

"Spin offs created within the IRCSS": under Italian Legislative Decree 288/2003 "Reorganisation of the discipline of the Institutes of hospitalisation and care of a scientific nature, under Article 42, paragraph 1, of Italian Law Number 3 of January 16, 2003", Article 8, paragraph 5 provides that ... "in order to transfer the results of research in the industrial

sphere and any case safeguarding the public purpose of the research, the institutions and bodies governed by this legislative decree may enter into agreements and conventions, set up and/or participate in associations, partnerships or joint-stock companies, with public and private entities whose qualification and suitability is ascertained ..”;

“Urban Center Manager”: the temporary joint venture entrusted with the Urban Center animation and management services as per contract Rep./Racc no.105987 (Prot. No. 24/1-2/2020), identified through the open procedure as per DET. DIR. N.1256/2020 of June 22 2020 (CIG8234228BE5);

A.4 BENEFICIARIES

Companies that meet the following requirements at the time of submission are eligible to apply for this notice:

- a) MPMLs as defined by EU Reg. 651/2014 established as startups or spin offs with a majority shareholding of natural persons
- b) operating in the BioHighTech and HighTech sectors, as defined by the ISTAT ATECO 2007 codes indicated in Annex 1, registered in the Register of Companies, and registered with these codes in the Chamber of Commerce.

or

- b-bis) foreign company operating in the BioHighTech and HighTech sectors with a NACE code (Regulation CE, 1893/2006), as defined by the ISTAT ATECO 2007 codes indicated in Annex 1, that commits to opening a secondary headquarter in Italy, following the rules of this call.

The following are not admitted:

- i) entities whose corporate structure is composed of shareholders holding a single or total shareholding of more than 35% in the case of holdings in Investment Funds, VCs, Incubators, Business Angels, or companies already present on the market.

Notwithstanding the limit set out in the previous point, the following are also not admitted:

- ii) subjects whose corporate structure is made up of partners holding a single or total shareholding of more than 20% in the case of participation held by the subjects that are part of the RTI Managing Company of the Urban Center.

Notwithstanding the limit set out in the previous point, the following are also not admitted:

- iii) subjects whose corporate structure is made up of at least one partner holding a position within the organisation chart indicated in the Technical Offer produced during the tender for the awarding of services by the Urban Center Managing Consortium, or subsequent replacements of the names indicated therein.

Excluded sectors and activities:

1. businesses engaged in activities not included in those identified by the ISTAT ATECO 2007 codes in Annex 1, and foreign companies not included in the NACE codes

(Regulation CE, 1893/2006) related to the BioHighTech and HighTech sectors, as defined by the ISTAT ATECO 2007 codes indicated in Annex 1;

2. under Regulation EU Number 1407/2013, the sectors and types of support as listed in Articles 1 and 2 of the Regulation are excluded from the scope of funding;

3. under Article 3, comma 3 of Regulation EU Number 1301/2013, businesses engaged in the manufacture, processing, and marketing of tobacco and tobacco products, identified by the following ISTAT ATECO 2007 codes, are in particular not eligible for aid:

- 1) 12.00.00 Tobacco Industry;
- 2) 46.21.21 Wholesale of raw tobacco;
- 3) 46.35.00 Wholesale of tobacco products.

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ACTION

B.1 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BENEFIT

Through this notice, the Trieste Municipality intends to strengthen the innovation system by supporting startups and spin offs that intend to structure their activities at the premises of the Urban Center of Trieste.

Support is envisaged through the provision of spaces intended as workstations within classic modules for executive activities, excluding, however, the establishment of any form of direct industrial-type production activity and/or research laboratory. Each workstation is equipped with a desk, chair, chest of drawers, cabinets, and lamps.

Companies may request a maximum of 2 (two) workstations within the management modules.

The Urban Center Manager will identify the module within which to assign the requested workstations according to criteria of rationalisation and optimisation of space occupation. The module within which the workstations are assigned may be modified over time to meet the need to rationalise and optimise the occupation of spaces or following a change in the number of workstations requested by the beneficiaries.

In the allocation of space, the following basic services are included:

- logistics (reception, security guard, day-to-day management, and cleaning) by the Urban Center Manager under the management contract;
- flat-rate consumption related to utilities (electricity, drinking water) and ordinary maintenance provided by the Municipality of Trieste.

Companies will have to equip themselves with what is necessary (in addition to the basic supplies and services of the Urban Center listed above) for their work and will be able to have local wired/wireless connectivity for Internet access provided by the Municipality of Trieste and administrated by the Manager.

Occupation of the Urban Center will have a strict deadline of 30/9/2023.

B.1.a Available Services

Beneficiaries will also be able to access the services provided to Urban Center users as described in the following point.

Each beneficiary may apply separately for one or all of the types of services.

B.1.b Type and extent of services

The winners of the call for tenders will have non-exclusive access to the ICT applications provided by the Urban Center Manager as part of the management contract ("Business Collaboration Application" and "Multimedia Business Showcase Application") as well as direct, non-exclusive use of those provided by the Manager as an improved offer in the context of the ICT applications dedicated to Urban Center users ("Urban Center Concierge", "Visual Collaboration Wall", "Virtual Event", "Urban Center Cloud HPC" within the 1.000 machine hours offered) according to the modalities provided by the Manager under the Urban Center Regulations.

Beneficiaries will also have direct, non-exclusive access to the services offered by the Manager to Urban Center users, such as:

- Access to the grant observatory with information on regional, national, and European tenders
- The utilisation of the forms to establish the presentation to investors
- The utilisation of the communication tools of the Communication Unit, to disseminate and promote the startup (with their products and services) that will settle in the Urban Center with particular attention to communication on the most appropriate social networks
- Access to technical-scientific and industrial networks for prototyping new products
- Access to existing networks for regulatory and clinical studies
- Access to financial networks for pre-seed, seed, and round A (BA, VC, international financing)
- Access to specific industry networks (Pharma, Biotech, MedTech, medical device, ICT companies) in the business development and product marketing phase.

In the case of specific events within the framework of the animation activity that provides for restricted access, the Urban Center Manager may provide for a reserve - up to a maximum of 40% of the available seats - with pre-accreditation rights for the resident companies.

B.1.c Concession modalities

The grant order is enacted within 30 days from applications acceptance, without prejudice to the interruptions of the preliminary proceedings provided for by Article 6 of Law 241/1990 and subsequent amendments and is transmitted to the beneficiary. The measure will contain the conditions relating to the awarded benefit.

The benefit is not granted, subject to notification of the reasons preventing the application from being accepted under Article 10 bis of Law 241/1990, except in cases of waiver and the absence of the requirement of regularity in terms of contributions (DURC).

B.1.d Location of the action

The Urban Center of enterprises of Trieste is a national and international hub of science, directing the future of the area's productive vocation more and more decisively towards the most innovative industrial sectors - destined to replace traditional industry - and capable of attracting financial resources for investment and skilled employment.

It is an innovative centre primarily dedicated to the BioHighTech (understood as biotechnological, biomedical and bioinformatics, in line with the "Smart Health" area of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region's Intelligent Specialisation Strategy - S3) and HighTech sectors, which is not only a business incubator but also a venue for participation and encounters through the creation and use of "open" spaces that stimulate knowledge, dialogue, exchange and crossover of knowledge. A place in which the interaction of different subjects, such as companies and individuals, and the intersection with the worlds of research, art, and culture encourage and stimulate the possibility of meeting and knowledge sharing, as well as the exchange of opportunities and know-how innovatively and directly.

B.2 SECTORS OF THE ACTION

To determine the case-mix referred to in section C.4.b within the Urban Center, the submitted project proposals must relate to:

a) Innovative Therapy Chain - Biotechnology and pharmaceutical development

Oncological, cardiovascular, respiratory, neurodegenerative, inflammatory, metabolic, infectious, and rare diseases: ATMP-Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products for cell therapies, gene therapies, and tissue engineering products; Biological drugs - recombinant proteins/monoclonal antibodies also produced in plants, biosimilars; vaccines for human and veterinary use; 'drug-reposing' of both small molecules and biopharmaceuticals; New APIs (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients); drug screening processes (structural based drug design (SBDD) platforms and ex-vivo models of organotypic cultures); AI, machine learning, molecular modelling (computational techniques for real and virtual screening), HPC, Big Data.

b) Biomedical, In Vivo Diagnostics - In Vitro and «in silico» Diagnostics Chain

Medical devices also connected with IoT technologies; Diagnostics for images, signals, and data; Advanced biosensors and prosthetics integrated with Additive Manufacturing Technologies, AI, augmented and virtual reality, robotics, Big Data, and Industry 4.0; Innovative outsourcing services of the above-mentioned technologies provided by the supply chain in the implementation and maintenance area. Human diagnostics and epidemiological surveillance; Food and veterinary diagnostics; Molecular tests, Immunological tests; Rapid tests, Point-of-Care tests (emergency management, community

surveillance), Low-cost solutions; Mini or non-invasive methods for 'cancer' and 'rare diseases Proximity Extension Assay (PEA); 'omics' technologies (bioinformatics and biosensors); Advanced microscopy and mass spectrometry also with imaging; Integration with AI, Machine Learning, HPC, predictive models, Big Data; Integrated BioBanking System of biological material;

c) Ambient Assisted Living - Digital Health «Population Health Management» Personal Services Chain

Organisational and model innovation; Chronicity/frailty/disability; Domiciliation; Mobility; IT literacy; Telehealth; Electronic Health Record (ESF); Data management security; Cyber-Security.

d) Nutraceutical Chain - Veterinary Therapy Chain

Production of products to improve the health and well-being of humans, animals, and plants.

e) Digital Hi-tech and information technology

Development of high-tech and IT applications focused on supporting and implementing research, development, and production of all solutions.

B.3 LOCALISATION

If the beneficiaries do not have a registered office or operational office in the Municipality of Trieste, they are obliged, under penalty of forfeiture, to transfer their registered office or set up an operational office in the Province of Trieste within 90 days from the date of the grant order.

If this is not the case, the facility is withdrawn.

Beneficiaries may set up their operational headquarters at the Urban Center of enterprises of the Municipality of Trieste - Corso Cavour 2/2 34121 Trieste - for the entire duration of the grant.

B.4 ASSISTANCE FRAMEWORK

The benefit for the initiatives referred to in this call for proposals is granted in compliance with the provisions of Commission Regulation EU Number 1407/2013 of December 18, 2013, on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to "de minimis" subsidies, published in the Official Journal of the European Union series L No 352/1 of December 24 2013, subject to the threshold provided for in that Regulation.

The total amount of "de minimis" benefits granted to a single business enterprise, as defined in the preamble, may not exceed 200,000.00 euros over three fiscal years.

For compliance with the "de minimis" rule, the legal representative of the applicant company shall issue, at the time of submitting the application for benefit, a declaration in place of the affidavit drafted under Article 47 of Italian Presidential Decree Number 445 dated December 28 2000 (Consolidated text of laws and regulations on administrative documentation), certifying compliance with the provisions of Regulation EU Number 1407/2013.

The beneficiary company is granted "de minimis" aid of up to 100% of the expenditure for the acquisition of consolidation and start-up services for the use of business premises in the Urban Center.

The benefit will be quantified as an all-inclusive notional fee on a monthly basis in relation to the number of allocated stations.

An area of 8 square metres is conventionally considered for each workstation.

The value per square metre of the benefit is intended as an all-inclusive monthly rent determined at euro 45.43 per square metre equal to euro 29.64/sq.m. for rent under Resolution of the Municipal Council Number 37 of July 29 2019 and subsequent amendments and supplements, increased by euro 15.79/sq.m. for all-inclusive services.

The benefit granted to each beneficiary under the "de minimis" rule will then be calculated by cumulating the all-inclusive monthly fees based on the number of allocated stations

$$benefit = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i * 8 * C$$

where:

N = number of months of occupation

p_i = number of assigned stations per month i

C = all-inclusive monthly fee per square metre

In this context, it should be noted that in view of possible increases in, inter alia, utilities and consumption costs, there may be changes in the value per square metre of the all-inclusive services indicated above during the tenancy period. Any significant deviations from the price indicated above may lead to an increase in the amount of the benefit granted and, consequently, in the amount recognised as "de minimis" support.

Prohibition of cumulation

The benefits provided in this call for proposals may not be cumulated with other State subsidy measures, including "de minimis" measures granted at regional, national, and European levels and any other financing granted for the same expenses.

C. PROCEDURAL STAGES AND SCHEDULE

C.1 SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The benefit measure is granted based on a periodic opening procedure based on annual cut-offs. Applications will be assessed until the available spaces are allocated.

At first publication, the planned CUT OFFs are identified on the following dates:

- 31/0130/07/2022

- 31/08/2022
- 31/0530/09/2022

Additional CUT OFFs to those indicated above may be defined based on the possibility of further spaces becoming available and will be communicated and published on the Municipality of Trieste's website with at least 15 days' notice.

Any changes to the above-mentioned CUT OFFs will also be announced by publication on the municipal website with at least 15 days' notice.

C.1.a How to submit an application

The benefits application, including the annexes envisaged as detailed in point C.1.b of this call for applications, must be sent by PEC in .pdf format by the deadlines for the CUT OFFs indicated in point C.1 to the following address: comune.trieste@certgov.fvg.it

Each applicant, based on the provisions of this call for applications, may submit a single application for benefit under each CUT OFF.

The benefits application must be submitted using only the forms available online.

The benefits application must be digitally signed (or qualified electronic signature) by the legal representative or his/her delegate, of the applicant (attach explicit proxy).

The benefits application must be sent exclusively by registered e-mail (PEC) to comune.trieste@certgov.fvg.it with the following subject: "BANDO INSEDIAMENTO IMPRESE URBAN CENTER" (CALL FOR URBAN CENTER ENTERPRISE SETTLEMENT). The benefits application can be submitted through the support of the Urban Center.

C.1.b Documents to be submitted

In order to participate, the applicant is required to prepare and attach the following documents:

- application form according to the format available on the website of the Municipality of Trieste, digitally signed (or qualified electronic signature) by the legal representative of the company or his/her delegate;
- declaration in place of the affidavit signed with digital signature (or qualified electronic signature) by the legal representative of the company or his/her delegate, according to the form available on the website of the Municipality of Trieste certifying compliance with the formal eligibility and technical evaluation requirements set out in the call for applications;
- project report;
- copy of the F23 or F24 form (or substitutive declaration) concerning the payment of the stamp duty amounting to 16.00 euro;
- pitch deck with 10 slides (in accordance to the attached standard form).

C.2 ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The benefit will be granted following an evaluation process according to the following terms and criteria.

Please note that failure to submit the application by the deadline and in the prescribed form, as well as failure to use the forms provided in the call for applications, will result in the application being inadmissible.

In detail, the above-mentioned evaluation procedure consists of two stages:

- formal admissibility assessment;
- technical assessment.

C.2.a FORMAL ADMISSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

This phase will be aimed at verifying that all requirements have been met and that there are therefore no cases of formal irregularities; the absence of just one of these constitutes grounds for exclusion and directly entails the termination of the procedure and the inadmissibility of the application.

The assessments that will be performed relate to the following thematic areas:

- submission of the application by the deadline indicated in this document;
- fulfilment of the submitted application as provided for under C.1.a and C.1.b;
- compliance with the participation requirements set out in the "Beneficiaries" section A.4;
- project sector in line with what is described in section B.2;

A successful acceptance of the formal assessment is a prerequisite for admission to the technical assessment.

C.2.b TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT

Project proposals that are deemed formally admissible move on to the technical evaluation stage, where they are assessed according to the following criteria relating to the proposal's objective characteristics:

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	
Team Characteristics	Up to 33 points
Financial Sustainability	Up to 22 points
Networking	Up to 25 points
Intellectual Protection	Up to 5 points

Each proposal is given a score through the automatic assignment of points as set out in the "assessment grid" table below, which specifies the scoring method for each criterion

Each proposal is also awarded premiums related to the characteristics of the applicant according to the following award criteria.

PREMIUMS	<i>Points</i>	
Youth enterprise or Youth startup Refer to paragraph A3 - Definitions	No	0
	Yes	5
Female enterprise Refer to paragraph A3 - Definitions	No	0
	Yes	5
Innovative startup Refer to paragraph A3 - Definitions	No	0
	Yes	5

C.3 APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

The call provides for an allocation procedure based on a technical ranking list valid for the individual cut-off.

For each cut-off after the first cut-off and until the available spaces are allocated, all proposals admitted and not awarded in the previous cut-offs will participate with the scores already attributed, unless a new application is submitted.

C.4 SELECTION PROCESS

C.4.a Selection procedure and time frame

The above-mentioned preparation activities must be concluded within a maximum of 30 days from the deadline for submitting applications, subject to any suspension periods provided for by law.

In order to be eligible for a benefit, project proposals must achieve an overall score of 55 or higher (threshold).

In the case of projects in the same ranking, priority is given to projects with the highest score for the criterion of Team Characteristics and, if this is not sufficient, for that of Financial Sustainability and Networking, and finally by chronological order of submission.

Once the assessment phases have been completed, the final ranking list will be then adopted and published, containing the following information:

- eligible applications, with the relevant sector;
- rejected applications (failure to pass formal and/or technical assessment), with the relevant sector.

C.4.b Case-mix mode.

A number of facilities up to a maximum of 10 subjects per cut off will be granted, subject to the positions available from time to time.

At the first cut-off, the facility is granted with a reserve of two (2) subjects for each of the sectors referred to in point B.2. For the individual sector, in the event that one or both of the benefits are not awarded, only one of them will be awarded based on the scrolling of the ranking list beyond the positions benefiting from the reserve.

In the case of cut-offs after the first one, if the number of facilities available is equal to or greater than ten (10), these shall be granted with a reserve of two (2) subjects for each of the sectors referred to in point B.2. For the individual sector, in the event that one or both benefits are not allocated, they will be allocated based on the scrolling of the ranking list beyond the positions benefiting from the reserve. Where the number of facilities available is less than ten (10), these will be allocated exclusively based on the scrolling of the ranking list without any reserve by sector.

In the creation of the ranking list for cut-offs after the first cut-off, those eligible and unsuccessful in the previous cut-offs will also be included in order of score (section C.4.a).

If the objective characteristics of the project proposal or the subject change after the submission of the application entitling it to a higher score, the subject will have to resubmit the application at a later cut-off in order to receive the higher score.

If the beneficiary of the last available benefit has requested a number of workstations in excess of those remaining from the previous allocations, the beneficiary may opt, within 15

days of the notice of admission with partial availability of workstations, for a reduction in the number of workstations used with a reduction in the grant awarded or waive the grant with a consequent reduction in the ranking list. In the case of the option to reduce the number of workstations, the beneficiary will have a right of pre-emption in the event of the availability of new workstations, to be exercised within 15 days of the Manager's communication of the availability of new workstations, with the consequent increase in the grant.

C.5 ALLOCATION OF THE BENEFIT

C.5.a acceptance

The Municipality of Trieste will notify the successful candidates in the ranking list of the outcome of the assessment and the allocation of the benefit.

Within 30 days from the date of receipt of the above-mentioned communication, companies must communicate, by registered mail (PEC), their acceptance of the benefit and the planned date of settlement at the Urban Center, using the facsimile available on the Municipality of Trieste's website.

The company has 90 days, from the date of the grant order, to sign the tenancy agreement and move into the Urban Center.

Failure to comply with this deadline will result in the beneficiary's disqualification and revocation of the facility unless a reasoned and prior request for an extension is granted.

D. FINAL PROVISIONS

D.1 OBLIGATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES

Beneficiaries are required to:

- a) ensure compliance with all the obligations and requirements set out in this Call;
- b) promptly notify any changes in its corporate structure;
- c) ensure that the planned activities are carried out in accordance with the project submitted at the application stage;
- d) provide a quarterly monitoring sheet on the implementation of the project activities as well as a final project summary to be published on the Municipality of Trieste's website in order to disseminate the results of the activities;
- e) cooperate with and accept the audits that the Municipality of Trieste and other authorised bodies may carry out in relation to the implementation of the project;
- f) comply with the Code of Conduct of the Municipality of Trieste. In carrying out the activities under this contract, collaborators in any capacity whatsoever of the beneficiary are required to comply, insofar as compatible, with the obligations of conduct set out in the Company Code of Conduct and the Code of Conduct for Public Employees, approved by Italian Presidential Decree number 62 dated 16.04.2013, both published on the website of the Municipality of Trieste in the "transparent administration" section at the following link: <http://amministrazionetrasparente.comune.trieste.it/disposizioni-general/atti-general/codice-disciplinare-e-codici-di-comportamento/>. Breach of these

obligations of conduct may lead to termination or forfeiture of the contractual relationship.

D.2 FORFEITURES, REVOCATIONS, AND WAIVERS

Benefits are subject to forfeiture and partial or total revocation:

- a) in the event of withdrawal by the beneficiary
- b) if the implementation does not conform, in content and results achieved, to the submitted project and the declarations made
- c) in cases of non-compliance with the obligations set out in section D.1 "Obligations of beneficiaries" above"
- d) if the beneficiary entity is subject to insolvency proceedings, including, where applicable, extraordinary administration, liquidation, including voluntary liquidation, transfer of assets to creditors, and change of enterprise by the beneficiary entity
- e) in the event of changes in the company structure that result in non-compliance with the eligibility requirements set out in point A.4 BENEFICIARIES of the call for applications
- f) untruthful declarations and information are found to have been provided, both in relation to the fulfilment of the requirements set out in the Call for applications and in relation to "de minimis" declarations and the relevant verifications in the National Aid Register (Regulation EU number 1407/2013)
- g) in the event of failure to submit for two consecutive quarters the project activity monitoring sheets required under Article D.1 letter d.

D.3 PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

Under Article 13 of Italian Legislative Decree Number 196/2003 (hereinafter referred to as the "Privacy Code"), as amended and supplemented, and Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation EU Number 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation GDPR Number 2016/679), establishing provisions for the protection of persons and other subjects with regard to the processing of personal data, it is hereby stated that the personal data provided by the subjects for the purposes of participation in this procedure will be collected and processed within the scope of the same procedure and the possible subsequent stipulation and management of the contract in accordance with the methods and purposes set out in the above-mentioned legislation.

The rights of the data subject are those provided for in Articles 15 and subsequent of General Data Protection Regulation GDPR Number 679/2016 to which reference is expressly made for all that is not provided for in this paragraph.

D.4 PROCEDURE RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of the Innovation and General Services Department is responsible for the procedure.

Access to documents is governed by Article 53 of Italian Legislative Decree Number 50/2016.

D.5 PUBLICATIONS, INFORMATION, AND CONTACTS

Municipality of Trieste - Innovation and General Services Department.

Solely for information relating to this call for applications, please write to the following e-mail address: bandoimpreseurbancenter@comune.trieste.it

Urban Center contact: info@urbancentertrieste.it

ASSESSMENT GRID

	Assessment Parameter	Assessment Element	Score
1)Team Characteristics	A. Size of the company structure (number of partners present) with any share	1-2	4
		from 3	5
	B. Persons employed directly who have been conferred a corporate office (e.g. directors) or by means of a fixed-term or open-ended employment contract or traineeship	1-2	3
		from 3	5
	C. Persons referred to in point B hold a master's degree or equivalent	0	5
		1-2	7
	D. Persons referred to in point B hold a Ph.D. or diploma from a speciality school, in addition to their degree	from 3	10
		0	2
	E. Employed persons ¹ understood as employees, family collaborators and partners registered in the company's INAIL position ¹ Full-time equivalence - e.g. 1 full-time employed = 1, 1 part-time 50% = 0.5	1	4
		from 2	6
0 -1,00		3	
2)Financial Sustainability	A. Funding and/or contributions, obtained through calls for tenders from public and private entities at international, European, national, and regional levels, as well as from Associations, Private Foundations (k€), from 01/01/2016 or from the establishment to 31/12/2021	1,01-2,00	5
		>2,00	7
	B. Funding obtained from grants and/or investments by both companies and private-public business angels (k€), from 01/01/2016 or establishment to 31/12/2021	0-30.000	6
		>30.000	8
	C. Business turnover achieved in the year 2020	0-30.000	4
		>30.000	6
3)Networking	A. Letters of expression of interest concerning the project	0	0
		1-2	10
		from 3	15
	B. Collaboration agreements (excluding the provision of services) and/or co-development agreements with universities, research organisations, technology clusters, and companies in the sector, signed at the date of submission of the application	0-1	5
from 2		10	
4)Intellectual Protection	A. Copywrite filing to protect the developed technological solutions (*)	Pharma	0
		Medical Devices	0
		Other	0
		Digital	2
		Digital (type of right held: copyright)	4
	B. Number of national and/or international patents filed to protect the developed technology (*)	from 1	5

(*) Non-cumulative