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Call for Applications PNRR/TNE mobility grants for study at the University of Pavia Academic year 2025 - 2026

Having regard to the Cooperation Agreement signed between the MARE consortium and the University of Sfax, which formalizes the collaboration among the participating universities in achieving the project's objectives, including the mobility actions outlined in specific addenda attached to the above-mentioned Cooperation Agreement.

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Art. 1 – Scope of the project

This mobility opportunity is part of the **MARE Project** (Mobility and Research in the Mediterranean Region), a **TNE** (Transnational Education) initiative funded under the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (**PNRR**), Cod. TNE23-00049.

The project aims to enhance academic cooperation, foster student and staff exchanges, and promote joint research activities among Mediterranean universities. Through this mobility program, participants will have the opportunity to engage in high-quality academic experiences, strengthen international partnerships, and contribute to the development of key thematic areas such as **WP3 - Migration, social and political change**. This initiative seeks to provide students and academics with a unique opportunity for professional and academic growth within the Mediterranean region.

Within this framework, University of Sfax is launching this call for applications for mobility opportunities with the University of Pavia during the academic year 2025/2026.

Art. 2 – Mobility grants

This section outlines the details of the mobility grants available under the MARE Project, including the number of available places, eligible countries and eligible study programs.

	Level	Subject Area	Year	WP	Duration	Number
1	3° cycle	<i>Biotechnologie végétale et amélioration des semences</i>	2025/2026	WP3	3 months	1

Art. 3 – Financial contribution

To facilitate international mobility, a financial contribution is provided to support mobility-related expenses; however, it is not intended to cover the full costs.

The student receives financial support from PNRR/TNE funds, which includes

- Monthly base amount for individual support for mobility for a maximum amount of 1.150,00€
- Travel financial contribution for a maximum amount of 309,00€

Students awarded PNRR/TNE mobility funding cannot receive any other type of financial support for the same period in which they benefit from the funding under this call.

Art. 4 – Eligibility

Eligible participants are

The PhD student must be enrolled at the University of Sfax (**The Faculty of Sciences of Sfax**) that signed the Agreement within the framework of MARE Programme, with the University of PAVIA.

The student must be **preselected** and **nominated** by the University of Sfax.

An incomplete application will be considered ineligible.

Art. 5 – Selection criteria

Selection criteria:

Students are selected according to their academic excellence:

- Grades throughout the academic years;
- Averages of specific modules selected by the committee;
- Linguistic capabilities;
- The consistency of the proposed activities.
- Other academic criteria selected by the committee

Required documents:

- CV (maximum 2 pages);
- Copy of national ID card;
- Copy of Passport;
- Letter of motivation;
- Transcript of records of previous academic studies;
- Copy of the diploma;
- Certificate of registration for 2025/2026 academic year;
- Certificate of English language
- Research proposal

Art. 6 – Dates and deadlines

The deadline for applying is fixed on **17/09/2025**

Art. 7 – Application procedures

Application procedures:

Please apply for this opportunity via the following link:
<https://forms.gle/WqNi2LQjt5AxMKuG8>

Applications must be signed and approved by the home institution

The home Institution will be responsible for selection procedures on the basis of transparent **and fair criteria**

Art. 8 – Announcement of selection results

The results will be announced on the University of Sfax website on 19/09/2025

N.B:

- To be considered applications have to be submitted on time and supported with the necessary documents.
- Applications will be evaluated according to students' academic files and the interview.
- A good knowledge of English is required for all students.
- Selected students for the MARE grant are not allowed to receive any other funds or work for the same period of study.

Art. 9 – Grant Agreement

The student awarded a mobility placement must sign the **Grant Agreement**, which establishes the rights and obligations between the student and the University of Pavia within the framework of international mobility, including for the purpose of financial contribution disbursement. The contract specifies the period and duration of the mobility, as outlined in the **Learning Agreement**.

The contract is prepared by the University of Pavia to the student's institutional email address. If the student fails to return the duly signed contract within **10 days** from the date of receipt, the offer will be automatically revoked.

Mobility can only begin once the agreement has been signed by all parties involved.

Art. 10 - Mobility Period and Extensions

The PNRR/TNE mobility must be completed by March 31, 2026.

It is possible to request an extension of the mobility period beyond the duration specified in the Mobility Contract, but in any case, the mobility must end by March 31, 2026. The student must obtain prior authorization from both the University of Pavia and the PhD Program Coordinator.

No additional financial contribution will be granted for the extended period.

Art. 11 - Health Insurance

The sending organization shall make sure that the participant has adequate insurance coverage either by providing the insurance itself, or by providing the participant with the relevant information and support to take insurance on their own.

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