

AVVISO MUR D.D. N. 3264 DEL 28 DICEMBRE 2021- PIANO NAZIONALE DI RIPRESA E RESILIENZA (PNRR) - MISSIONE 4 “ISTRUZIONE E RICERCA” – COMPONENTE 2 “DALLA RICERCA ALL’IMPRESA” – LINEA DI INVESTIMENTO 3.1, “FONDO PER LA REALIZZAZIONE DI UN SISTEMA INTEGRATO DI INFRASTRUTTURE DI RICERCA E INNOVAZIONE” - AZIONE DI RIFERIMENTO 3.1.1 “CREAZIONE DI NUOVE IR O POTENZIAMENTO DI QUELLE ESISTENTI CHE CONCORRONO AGLI OBIETTIVI DI ECCELLENZA SCIENTIFICA DI HORIZON EUROPE E COSTITUZIONE DI RETI” – FINANZIATO DALL’UNIONE EUROPEA – NEXTGENERATIONEU (DECRETO REP. N. 1324/2022 PROT N. 271495 DEL 04/11/2022)

CODICE IR0000014 – ITSERR – ITALIAN STRENGTHENING OF THE ESFRI RI RESILIENCE - CUP B53C22001770006 – PROFESSORE ORDINARIO DELL’UNIVERSITÀ DI MODENA E REGGIO EMILIA PER IL PROGETTO: PROF. ALBERTO MELLONI

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

HAVING REGARD TO Presidential Decree no. 917 of 22 December 1986;
HAVING REGARD TO Law no. 168 of 9 May 1989;
HAVING REGARD TO Legislative Decree no. 165 of 30 March 2001, in particular Article 7, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
HAVING REGARD TO Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, in particular Article 18;
HAVING REGARD TO the current Regulations governing the public selection procedure for the awarding of collaboration contracts;

CONSIDERING that the Department of Education and Human Sciences is required to address specific, temporary, and contingent needs of the project **ITSERR – ITALIAN STRENGTHENING OF THE ESFRI RI RESILIENCE CUP B53C22001770006 Avviso MUR D.D. n. 3264 del 28 dicembre 2021- Piano nazionale di ripresa e resilienza (PNRR) - Missione 4 “Istruzione e ricerca” – Componente 2 “Dalla ricerca all’impresa” – Linea di investimento 3.1, “Fondo per la realizzazione di un sistema integrato di infrastrutture di ricerca e innovazione” - azione di riferimento 3.1.1 “Creazione di nuove IR o potenziamento di quelle esistenti che concorrono agli obiettivi di Eccellenza Scientifica di Horizon Europe e costituzione di reti” – finanziato dall’Unione Europea – NextGenerationEU (Decreto Rep. N. 1324/2022 Prot n. 271495 del 04/11/2022). La IR ITSERR è ammessa a finanziamento con decreto di concessione n. 111 del 20/06/2022 e relativo atto d’obbligo (codice IR0000014) del 09/08/2022;**

WHEREAS the Department of Education and Human Sciences deems it necessary to avail itself of 24 highly qualified professionals within the scope of the aforementioned project;
HAVING REGARD TO the resolution of the Department Council dated 18 December 2025;

HAVING REGARD TO the document (protocol no. 07, reg. 03/2026, dated 8 January 2026), certifying the negative outcome of the internal call procedure, carried out by document protocol no. 2542, reg. 242/25, dated 19 December 2025, and therefore that, at present, the University does not have the professional expertise required to meet the above-mentioned needs;

HAVING VERIFIED the availability of financial coverage on:
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DEEMED it appropriate to proceed;

HEREBY ORDERS

Sole Article

A public selection procedure is hereby launched, based on evaluation of curricula vitae and, where applicable, an interview, for the awarding of 24 professional service contracts relating to the performance of activities of particular and specific relevance within the scope of the project **ITSERR – ITALIAN STRENGTHENING OF THE ESFRI RI RESILIENCE CUP B53C22001770006 Avviso MUR D.D. n. 3264 del 28 dicembre 2021- Piano nazionale di ripresa e resilienza (PNRR) - Missione 4 “Istruzione e ricerca” – Componente 2 “Dalla ricerca all’impresa” – Linea di investimento 3.1, “Fondo per la realizzazione di un sistema integrato di infrastrutture di ricerca e innovazione” - azione di riferimento 3.1.1 “Creazione di nuove IR o potenziamento di quelle esistenti che concorrono agli obiettivi di Eccellenza Scientifica di Horizon Europe e costituzione di reti” – finanziato dall’Unione Europea – NextGenerationEU (Decreto Rep. N. 1324/2022 Prot n. 271495 del 04/11/2022). La IR ITSERR è ammessa a finanziamento con decreto di concessione n. 111 del 20/06/2022 e relativo atto d’obbligo (codice IR0000014) del 09/08/2022;**

The project **ITSERR – ITALIAN STRENGTHENING OF THE ESFRI RI RESILIENCE CUP B53C22001770006 Avviso MUR D.D. n. 3264 del 28 dicembre 2021- Piano nazionale di ripresa e resilienza (PNRR) - Missione 4 “Istruzione e ricerca” – Componente 2 “Dalla ricerca all’impresa” – Linea di investimento 3.1, “Fondo per la realizzazione di un sistema integrato di infrastrutture di ricerca e innovazione” - azione di riferimento 3.1.1 “Creazione di nuove IR o potenziamento di quelle esistenti che concorrono agli obiettivi di Eccellenza Scientifica di Horizon Europe e costituzione di reti” – finanziato dall’Unione Europea – NextGenerationEU (Decreto Rep. N. 1324/2022 Prot n. 271495 del 04/11/2022). La IR ITSERR è ammessa a finanziamento con decreto di concessione n. 111 del 20/06/2022 e relativo atto d’obbligo (codice IR0000014) del 09/08/2022** stems from the needs of the religious studies scientific community to innovate and make the best use of existing or new technologies for the development of knowledge about what passes through or is passed through the experience of faith, which is analyzed using methods and tools from many disciplines, from history to linguistics, from materials science to semiotics, from law to theology. The aim of ITSERR is to support the development of an existing national infrastructure in terms of access to facilities, data, and experts in the field, and to bring it to a higher level of maturity, particularly in terms of the quality and variety of knowledge that the scientific community will be able to generate. To this end, each Work Package includes scientific research activities aimed at investigating the themes around which the project revolves (development of critical editions; representation of normative stratification; allusions, quotations, and references to religious texts in different languages and literatures; the gaze and devotion; praying martyrs; objects and the representation of the sacred in physical and digital space) and identify the frontiers of research and development for the teams involved.

In particular, the tasks include the following:

collaborators will be required to write a paper of high scientific value on a topic assigned to them by the ITSERR Governing Board and present it at training seminars organized for research staff employed in the project (In-House Training). The activity consists of writing a paper of at least 40,000 characters, including spaces. The paper must include a title, a 250-word abstract, and 6 keywords, and focus on one of the following topics:

1. Large language models, artificial intelligence, and intellectual property, to examine the most advanced experiences in the field of translation and publishing;
2. Religious studies, to identify extremely complex research issues for the domain;
3. Visual rendering, to gather experiences on data visualization;
4. Digital libraries, to gather experiences related to the collection and access of library and archival resources with portals serving a global user base.

The contribution will be presented during a series of seminars to be held in March 2026, which will bring together all scholars interested in this call for proposals and participants in the ITSERR project. A maximum of 6 collaborators will be selected for each topic.

For the purposes of carrying out the above-mentioned activities, collaborators are required to possess the following professional qualifications:

- Adequate professional and academic experience relevant to the identified subject areas.

Eligibility requirements for participation in the selection procedure:

Old-system university degree (Diploma di Laurea – pre-reform), Specialist Degree, or Master's Degree. Possession of a PhD degree shall be considered a preferential qualification.

With regard to academic qualifications (old-system degree, specialist or master's degree, and bachelor's degree) obtained from foreign universities, for the purposes of participation in the selection procedure, such qualifications must be recognized as equivalent to the above-mentioned Italian academic qualifications. In the absence of formal equivalence, solely for the purposes of participation in the selection procedure for the awarding of the contract, the candidate may request a recognition of suitability of the above-mentioned academic qualifications obtained from foreign universities. Such request must be included within the application for admission to the selection procedure. In this case, the application must be accompanied by documents enabling the Selection Committee to assess the request for suitability (e.g. Statement of Comparability / Declaration of Value issued by the competent Embassies).

Pursuant to Article 25 of Law no. 724/1994, the following persons are excluded from this selection procedure:

- Individuals who voluntarily resigned from service at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia with entitlement to early retirement based on seniority;
- Individuals who voluntarily resigned from service at another public body with entitlement to early retirement based on seniority and who had employment or working relationships with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia in the five years preceding their resignation.

Pursuant to Article 18 of Law no. 240/2010, contracts of any kind awarded by the University may not be granted to individuals who have a family relationship or affinity up to and including the fourth degree with a professor belonging to the Department or structure requesting activation of the contract, or with the Rector, the Director General, or a member of the University's Board of Directors.

For the purposes of verifying the high level of professional expertise, the following requirements will be assessed:

- Adequate professional and academic experience relevant to the identified subject areas.

Selection of Applications

The selection shall be carried out on the basis of the qualifications and experience acquired by the candidates, as evidenced by the submitted curricula vitae, by a Selection Committee specifically appointed by decree of the Director of the Department.

The Selection Committee shall formulate a summary assessment of the curricula of candidates who meet the eligibility requirements for participation in the selection procedure. Pursuant to Article 9 of the Regulations governing the relevant selection procedures, after examining the curricula, the Committee may request further assessment through an interview. Any interview shall aim to verify the relevance of the candidate's educational background and professional experience to the subject matter of the contract to be awarded and to ascertain possession of the specific professional qualifications required for the performance of the assignment. The date and place of any interview shall be communicated to candidates deemed eligible by the Committee exclusively by e-mail, at least three days prior to the scheduled date. Candidates are therefore required to indicate an e-mail address in their application.

No other form of notification shall be used. If an interview is held, a single overall assessment shall be issued, taking into account both the evaluation of the curricula and the outcome of the interview. In the event of equal assessment, following evaluation of the curricula and any interview, preference shall be given to the younger candidate.

The judgment of the Selection Committee shall be final and not subject to appeal on the merits.

Nature and Duration of the Assignment:

The assignments shall be awarded through a professional service contract, presumably from 16 February 2026 to 15 March 2026.

It is specified that the activities covered by the contracts do not fall within the institutional duties of University employees. The performance of the assignments by the collaborators shall be subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- absence of any subordination relationship;
- absence of a predetermined working schedule;
- no functional integration into the organizational structure of the University;
- organizational autonomy in achieving the required results.

Remuneration

The gross remuneration payable to each collaborator, for the above-mentioned period, is set at €4,232.00 (four thousand two hundred and thirty-two euros/00).

Procedures and Deadlines for Submission of Applications

Applications for admission to the selection procedure, drawn up on plain paper using the form provided in Annex 1, duly signed and addressed to the Director of the Department of Education and Human Sciences, Viale Timavo 93, 42121 Reggio Emilia, must be submitted exclusively via certified electronic mail (PEC) to the address segreteriaadesu@pec.unimore.it, no later than **20 January 2026**.

Should the deadline fall on a public holiday, pursuant to Article 2963, paragraph 3 of the Italian Civil Code, the deadline shall be automatically extended to the first subsequent working day.

Applications, documents, or qualifications received after the above-mentioned deadline shall not be considered.

In the event of submission via certified electronic mail (PEC), the candidate must use his or her own personal certified email address (PEC addresses belonging to public or private entities are not permitted,

etc.). Furthermore, the application and each attachment for which a handwritten signature is required shall be deemed valid even if not signed, as the candidate is identified by the IT system through the access credentials associated with the personal PEC account.

The subject line of the e-mail must contain the following wording:

“Application for selection procedure – call for 24 assignments – ITSERR Project – ITALIAN STRENGTHENING OF THE ESFRI RI RESILIENCE – CUP B53C22001770006”

For applications submitted via PEC, candidates must retain and produce upon request the proof of dispatch and delivery of the application and must ensure, under penalty of exclusion, that the application has been delivered within the prescribed deadline.

Applications must be accompanied by a copy of a valid identity document.

Documentation to be attached:

The application must be accompanied by a training and professional curriculum vitae in European format (Europass), demonstrating possession of the required qualifications. In particular, the CV must include detailed information relating to:

- personal details;
- a brief description of the professional profile;
- academic qualification, including a declaration of examinations taken;
- attendance at training activities;
- professional experience relevant to the assignment to be awarded;
- qualifications deemed suitable for the purposes of awarding the assignment in question.

The curriculum vitae must be submitted in the form of a self-certification and must therefore include, prior to signature and under penalty of non-evaluation, the following declaration: “I hereby declare that the information provided in this curriculum vitae is true and correct pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000.”

Should the candidate deem it appropriate to attach copies of qualifications held, he or she must complete a substitute declaration in lieu of an affidavit, certifying their conformity with the originals (pursuant to Article 47 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000). A sample form is attached to this call (**Annex 2**).

The provisions of the current legislation on self-certification applicable to foreign nationals shall remain unaffected.

The Administration reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the declarations made by candidates.

The application must also be accompanied by a substitute declaration in lieu of an affidavit pursuant to Article 47 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000.

Personal Data Protection

With reference to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003, as amended by Legislative Decree no. 101/2018, concerning the protection of individuals and other subjects with regard to the processing and dissemination of personal data, the Department of Education and Human Sciences, Viale Timavo 93, 42121 Reggio Emilia, as Data Controller for the present procedure, informs candidates that the processing of data contained in the applications is carried out solely for the purposes of managing the selection procedure and shall take place using computerized procedures and paper-based archiving of the relevant documents.

The Department further specifies the mandatory nature of the provision of such data and that failure to provide them shall result in exclusion from the selection procedure. Candidates are entitled to the rights provided for under Article 7 of the aforementioned legislation, including the right of access to their personal data, as well as related rights such as the right to update, rectify, supplement, or delete data that are incorrect, incomplete, or unlawfully collected.

Pursuant to Article 5 of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person responsible for the procedure referred to in this call is the Director of the Department of Education and Human Sciences, Viale Timavo 93, 42121 Reggio Emilia, tel. +39 0522 523610.

Authority Responsible for Awarding the Assignment

The Director of the Department of Education and Human Sciences shall be responsible for awarding the assignment.

The Department reserves the right, at its sole and unquestionable discretion, not to proceed with the awarding of any assignment in relation to the subject matter of this call.

Reggio Emilia, 09/01/2026

THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

(Prof.ssa Annamaria Contini)