

Call for Ideas!

Climate Adaptation @ PoliTo

Participation Rules

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Introduction

The Politecnico di Torino has formally committed itself since 2019, through the signing of the Climate Emergency Letter, to develop strategies and actions to combat climate change, with a view to achieving SDG13 (Climate action) and other associated goals of the Agenda 2030.

Since then the Politecnico, with the support of the [Green Team](#), has equipped itself with tools to quantify its environmental impact and has undertaken to build an emissions inventory according to the GHG Protocol, with the aim of guiding the university towards the definition of effective strategies to reduce its impact and emissions of greenhouse gases.

The journey continued in 2021 when the Politecnico officially committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2040, a decade earlier than the "Net Zero" commitments made internationally. At this stage, the Politecnico has developed a decarbonisation strategy, from which an action plan will derive.

To cope with the climate crisis are needed both **mitigation measures**, to make climate change less severe by preventing or reducing the emission of greenhouse gases, and **adaptation measures** to anticipate the adverse effects of climate change to prevent and minimize the damage they can cause or exploit potential opportunities (more information: [EEA - Mitigation and Adaptation](#)).

In addition to the mitigation actions already taken as part of its decarbonization path, the University considers it crucial to **identify and adopt climate adaptation measures for its campuses and community**. The effects of climate change are already visible, and it is important to anticipate actions that improve and strengthen resilience and the ability to adapt to climate-related risks and natural disasters, as called for by target 13.1 of the 2030 Agenda.



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In this regard, the Politecnico di Torino Green Team is addressing its community through this Call for Ideas (hereinafter, the "Call") with the aim of **implementing climate adaptation actions for the Campuses and its Community**. The Call promotes the collection of ideas from the Politecnico community to address the risks and changes posed by the climate crisis to our context (e.g., drought, flooding, extreme precipitation, heatwaves, worsening comfort, etc.).

Take part in the Call, propose your idea!

Topic of the Call

The Call aims to stimulate the participation of the Politecnico community in **finding creative, innovative, and effective adaptation ideas for the Campuses and for the University Community** to cope with the risks and changes posed by the climate crisis to our context (e.g., drought, flooding, extreme precipitation, heatwaves, worsening comfort, etc.). The proposed idea (hereinafter, the "Proposal(s)"), shall include policies, awareness initiatives, social initiatives, technological solutions, or infrastructure solutions (associated with spaces) to adapt to the climate crisis.

Who can participate

The Call is open to the **entire Politecnico di Torino community**: students, professors, research personnel, technical-administrative staff, and librarians.

Participation is permitted both individually and as a group. In the case of group participation, it will be necessary to indicate a responsible contact person for communications.

Each representative may submit only one Proposal, while the possibility of participating in multiple Proposals is allowed.

How to participate

Proposals must be submitted exclusively through the completion of the [online form: "I have an idea for Climate Adaptation @PoliTO."](#)

Data required to participate

The fields required by the Data Collection Form are as follows:

- PROPOSER: *(Declare whether you are participating individually or as a group)*
 - Single proposer: proposer data (Name, Surname, institutional email)
 - Group: contact person data (Name, Surname, institutional email) + data of all proposers (Name, Surname)
- TYPE OF ACTION: Select from the list the category to which the proposal belongs: policy, awareness-raising action, social action, technology solution, infrastructure solution. If the proposal does not fit into any of the options, select 'Other' and specify a new category.



- **CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES ADDRESSED:** Select from the list (select the prevalent, plus any secondary): rising temperatures, flooding, drought, infrastructure damage, human safety and health, food scarcity, energy scarcity, comfort and well-being. If the proposal does not fit under any of the options, select "Other" and specify a new category.
- **TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL:** Write a short title briefly identifying the Proposal.
- **PROPOSAL FORM (ANNEX A):** Fill in Annex A with the following contents:
 - Title of Proposal
 - Problem and relevance to the Politecnico
 - Objective
 - Solution
 - Involved actors
 - Beneficiaries
 - Steps required for implementation
 - Place of implementation (if applicable)
 - Other indications to be considered for implementation purposes (e.g., timeframe, estimated budget, other) (optional)
- **SUPPLEMENTARY ATTACHMENTS (pdf, images, etc.)** - maximum 3: Upload any additional documents that help the jury members better understand the Proposal (diagrams, images, floor plans, renderings, photo-insertions, etc.). Maximum size for each file: 10 MB
- Any links to websites or videos explaining the Proposal

The Annex A - Proposal form is provided at this [link](#).



Submission deadline

Applications must be submitted by 15.01.2024, exclusively using the form **"I have an idea for Climate Adaptation @ PoliTO"**.

Selection process and evaluation criteria

By 15 March 2024, the jury will evaluate the Proposals received based on the following criteria:

- Compliance to the theme
- Relevance of the Proposal to the of Politecnico context
- Level of innovation introduced
- Response to an identified need
- Feasibility of implementing the idea
- Scalability and replicability (also outside the Politecnico) of the idea
- Quality and completeness of the material presented

Timeline

13.10.2023 - Launch of the Call

15.01.2024 - Deadline for submitting Proposals

15.03.2024 - Publication of results

Jury

The jury will be composed of a technical-scientific committee, which will include qualified members specialized in sustainability and climate change, social innovation, communication, and the main areas of the Call. The evaluation will follow the criteria defined in the Call.

Award

Based on the results of the jury's evaluation, the top 5 Proposals will be awarded a voucher worth 200 euros each, to be used at a bookstore in Turin (further details will be communicated at the time of the award ceremony).



Other

Industrial and Intellectual Property Rights

The Participant acknowledges and accepts that all economic exploitation rights pursuant to Articles 12 et seq. Law no. 633/1941 – Copyright Law on the Proposal, prepared by the participants and submitted by them for the purposes of participating in this Call, as well as the proprietary rights to any protectable results under the Industrial Property Code ("CPI"), shall be the exclusive property of the Politecnico di Torino, without prejudice to the moral rights of the authors/inventors under the applicable laws.

Each participant is required to maintain the utmost confidentiality regarding the content of the Proposal and any progress in the research, so as not to harm any patent rights related to any inventive content, if they believe there are any, and particularly to preserve the novelty requirement necessary to obtain a valid patent.

To this end, each participant, if they believe that their Proposal has inventive content, protectable under the CPI, before making any communication regarding the subject of the Proposal (for example, publications, conferences, interviews, meetings, debates, lectures), must contact the Research Valorization and Business Relations Service – Research Results Valorization Office, at the following email address: brevetti.spinoff@polito.it. The Office will assess on a case-by-case basis the existence of the protection requirements provided for by the CPI and the necessary procedures to be followed for obtaining protection.

The Politecnico di Torino reserves the right to implement the idea described in the Proposals that, at its sole discretion, are deemed by the University to be particularly interesting/ worthy of realization, regardless of whether they have been awarded within the Call or whether they contain inventive content. The Politecnico di Torino undertakes, in any case, to disclose, in all communications, the names of the proponents.

Each participant in the Call guarantees:



- to be the author/co-author of the Proposal and to be the holder of any and all economic/exploitation rights to the same;
- that the Proposal and its contents, including inventive ones, do not violate any third-party rights;
- to have obtained all necessary authorizations for the use and publication of images, videos, or texts of third parties contained in the Proposal and the information contained therein and to be authorized to communicate them to third parties and to grant third parties the right to publish, reproduce, distribute, disclose, and/or process them; Each participant also undertakes to indemnify and hold harmless the Politecnico di Torino from any claims, actions, demands, and/or requests, including claims for damages, expenses, costs, and legal fees, made by third parties for any reason, resulting from any breach of any warranty provided in this authorization and/or from the use of the Proposal or its contents, including inventive ones (for example, through publication, reproduction, distribution, and/or communication to the public of the Proposal).

Each Participant consents and authorizes the Politecnico di Torino to publish their name, surname, and the title of their Proposal for purposes related to promotional campaigns, internal and external publicity related to the Call by any means, including but not limited to the event's website or any other Politecnico di Torino website, through press releases, and any other means of communication to the public, for an unlimited number of reproductions and distribution worldwide.

Personal Data Processing

The Politecnico di Torino, as the Data Controller, will process your personal data in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 ("GDPR") and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 ("Privacy Code") for purposes related to the conduct of the call and institutional purposes related to the development process based on principles of social cohesion and sustainability, including environmental sustainability, as provided for in the University's Statute. The complete information pursuant to Article 13 GDPR on the processing of your personal data is available at this [link](#).

For any information, please contact: sostenibilita@polito.it.

Acceptance of the call's regulations

Acceptance of the Call Regulations is an essential condition for participating in the Call. The submission of the Proposal in accordance with the methods indicated in the section "Data required to participate" implies the complete acceptance, without reservations, of the Call Regulations by the participants.

Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution

The Call Regulations are governed by Italian law. All disputes arising in connection with the Regulations, including those concerning their validity, effectiveness, interpretation, performance, and resolution, will be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Turin.

Requests for Clarifications and Contacts

For more information and requests for clarification, please write to: sostenibilita@polito.it. Requests for clarification will be processed by the organizing secretariat, which, with the support of the evaluation jury, will prepare responses to the questions that will be made public on the Call for Ideas | Politecnico di Torino website (polito.it). At its sole discretion, the Promoters reserve the right to change, after appropriate communication, the days, times, duration of the Call, or to cancel it - if circumstances require it, due to technical and organizational needs - without any liability on their part. Any changes will be notified to the candidate Participants or already registered Participants via email.