

ENCUBATOR

REGULATIONS

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## ARTICLE 1 - Definition

Encubator (hereinafter also just the 'Programme' or 'Acceleration Programme') is the Business Acceleration Programme promoted by the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce and Politecnico di Milano, as part of the 2020-2023 Collaboration Agreement '*An Alliance for local start-ups*' between the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce and Politecnico di Milano.

Politecnico di Milano has identified, as part of the aforementioned Agreement, PoliHub Innovation Park & Start-up Accelerator as a highly qualified entity for the implementation of the Acceleration Programme.

The Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce, Politecnico di Milano and PoliHub (hereinafter each, individually, 'Chamber of Commerce', 'Politecnico' and 'PoliHub' and jointly also just the 'Organisers'), in implementing the Programme, have the objective of supporting the development of innovative projects that implement technological solutions, respond to new climatic challenges and impact the economic and entrepreneurial fabric, thanks to solutions and business ideas in compliance with the 2030 Sustainability Goals (SDGs).

Partner companies (hereinafter referred to as 'Partners') participate in the Programme and provide specialised expertise and also Grants (hereinafter referred to as 'Special Grants').

These Regulations are valid and effective for the 2023 second edition of the Programme; any changes and/or additions adopted by the Organisers shall be notified immediately by publishing the updated Regulations on the Encubator website <https://startupencubator.com/>, on the Chamber of Commerce website <https://www.milomb.camcom.it/startup-encubator> and on the PoliHub website <https://www.polihub.it/it/>.

## ARTICLE 2 - Purpose

With this Programme, the Organisers intend to:

- Support the creation of new start-ups that develop technological solutions, capable of responding concretely to issues of sustainability and the energy transition, through the Acceleration Programme aimed at supporting their growth, with specialized services and skills, for market launch.
- Support and help start-ups to access the market and attract investments, also through the improvement of the Technology Readiness Level (TRL)<sup>1</sup> of products, services and processes.

## ARTICLE 3 - Intended beneficiaries

The Encubator programme is intended for **spinoffs from universities or from Italian, European and international research centres and early stage start-ups** already established as a corporation or not yet established as a corporation (hereinafter also just the 'Applicant Teams').

The Applicant Teams must submit projects that have already reached a technology readiness level (TRL) of at least 4 (technology validated in the laboratory) that offer innovative and technological solutions in the following areas: Power Generation, Energy Distribution & Storage, Energy Efficiency & Management, Smart Mobility & Infrastructure, Chemicals & Advanced Materials, Sustainable Manufacturing, Green Buildings,

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<sup>1</sup> Technology Readiness Level refers to the degree of maturity of a technology, referring to the scale of values developed by NASA "[https://www.nasa.gov/topics/aeronautics/features/trl\\_demystified.html](https://www.nasa.gov/topics/aeronautics/features/trl_demystified.html)".

Agriculture & Food Production, Water, Circular Economy & Waste, Smartcities, Alternative Mobility and especially Bike economy, Sustainable Tourism (hereinafter also just 'Projects' or individually 'Project').

The Organisers reserve the right to select up to a maximum of 10 (ten) start-ups for direct access to the Encubator Semifinal (as defined in Article 8 of these Regulations) among the candidates for the PNI 2023 (National Innovation Award; hereinafter also just 'PNI') which propose Cleantech and Sustainability solutions (hereinafter also included in the definition of 'Projects').<sup>2</sup>

#### ARTICLE 4 - The Encubator Acceleration Programme

The Programme shall involve the implementation of an acceleration path lasting 4 (four) months, aimed at supporting the growth of the Projects, with specialized services and skills, for market launch.

In particular, the Programme will allow the Winning Teams<sup>3</sup> to develop the proposed solution from both an entrepreneurial and technological perspective, through a growth plan with which the individual Winning Teams will consolidate the proposed Projects, with particular reference to: definition of the market, prototyping and product development, definition of the business model, definition of the roadmap of business and technical development, access to finance.

The Programme shall be managed and co-financed by PoliHub, the Innovation District & Start-up Accelerator of Politecnico di Milano, which aims to promote the growth of new deep tech start-ups, ie start-ups that present innovations based on substantial scientific progress, capable of developing high-tech products and services that generate enormous economic value and have a significant impact on the environment and society.

During the acceleration process, PoliHub and the Chamber of Commerce will also offer access to a network of founders, mentors, subject matter experts, trade associations and investors from the business world, relating to the areas indicated in Article 3 of these Regulations, including through participation in networking events or other initiatives, enabling project teams to come into contact with established companies, in order to activate collaborations and synergies. The activities and participation in the Acceleration Programme and related initiatives may be carried out both in person and remotely.

During the Acceleration Programme, the Programme Partners, in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce and Polihub, will be able to make specific initiatives available to the Winning Projects, such as training activities on specific verticals, corporate mentorship, in-company POC development, etc. They will also be facilitated in their interaction with the Winning Teams in order to develop collaborations and joint technological and/or business development activities.

Projects that capture the themes of strategic interest proposed by the Programme Partners, and that are selected by them, will receive additional development support services provided by the Grant Partner. The

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<sup>2</sup> The Organisers reserve the right to admit up to a maximum of 10 (ten) start-up candidates for the PNI 2023 to the semifinal of Encubator on the basis of their high development potential and as they have already been validated and selected in previous regional competitions. The selection criteria used by the Organisers for these start-ups are the same criteria indicated in Art. 8 of these Regulations.

<sup>3</sup> For the definition of Winning Teams, please refer to page 4 in this article.

winning Applicant Teams undertake henceforth not to negotiate agreements or collaborate with competitor companies of any of the Partners for the duration of the Encubator Acceleration Programme.

Admission to the Encubator acceleration programme is neither exchangeable nor convertible; the Applicant Teams may not request the exchange of admission in any form whatsoever.

The Acceleration Programme will start indicatively by 10 February 2024 and will end indicatively by May 2024. The exact start and end dates of the Programme shall be communicated by PoliHub to the winning Applicant Teams following the Project evaluation and selection phases (hereinafter also only the 'Winning Teams' or individually 'Winning Team').

#### ARTICLE 5 - Grant application conditions and requirements

1) To apply for the Grant, all **Winning Teams not established as a company at the time of announcing the winners**<sup>4</sup> must sign the following documents, which will be sent to them by PoliHub:

- Undertaking to accept the Grant, including participation in the Encubator Acceleration Programme ('Form A').
- Undertaking to establish a company in the form of a corporation, with registered office or local branch registered with the Business Register of the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce, no later than 6 (six) months from the date of signing Form A and to keep it active for at least 3 (three) years from the date of registration<sup>5</sup> ('Form B').
- Undertaking to sign the 'Service Agreement' with PoliHub for access to the acceleration pathway.

2) To apply for the Grant, all **Winning Teams already established as a company at the time of announcing the winners** must sign the following documents, which will be sent to them by PoliHub:

- Undertaking to accept the Grant, including participation in the Encubator Acceleration Programme ('Form A').
- Undertaking to establish a local branch (if none exist) and to register it with the Business Register of the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce, no later than 6 (six) months from the date of

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<sup>4</sup> For the definition of declaring the winners, see Article 8, page 9.

<sup>5</sup> If the Winning Team is not yet a company and intends to register the company's registered office with the Business Register of another province, it undertakes to register a local branch with the Business Register of the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce, no later than 6 (six) months from the date of signing Form B and to keep it active for at least 3 (three) years from the date of registration. In order to facilitate the process of opening a local branch in the district of the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce, PoliHub makes its own spaces available to the Winning Teams on favourable terms.

International teams not yet established as a company may preliminarily set up a representative office in the area covered by the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce within and no later than 6 (six) months from the date of acceptance of the Grant, undertaking in any event to set up a company in the form of a corporation and to register its registered office or local branch with the Business Register of the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce within and no later than 12 (twelve) months from the date of signing of Form A. This is in order to facilitate the international teams in promotional activities, research (scientific or market research) or data collection, in the first phase of their being on the territory.

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signing Form A and to keep it active for at least 3 (three) years from the date of registration<sup>6</sup> ('Form C').

- Undertaking to sign the 'Service Agreement' with PoliHub for access to the acceleration pathway.

At the time the Grant is awarded, all winning companies must meet the following requirements:

- they must be active companies, duly registered with the Business Register.
- they must not be in the conditions outlined by the recent regulations on bankruptcy procedures or in voluntary liquidation.
- they must be up to date with the payment of worker social security contributions, as certified by the online contribution payment certificate (DURC) or, in the case of international companies, by other comparable documents.
- they must be up to date with the payment of annual fees<sup>7</sup>.
- they must not hold ongoing provider agreements with the Chamber of Commerce, Politecnico di Milano or PoliHub, pursuant to Art. 4, paragraph 6, of Decree Law 95 of 6 July 2012, converted into Law 135 of 7 August 2012, nor with PoliHub and/or Programme Partners.

## ARTICLE 6 - Encubator Grants and Special Encubator Grants

The Organisers and Partners of the Programme make available Grants to cover the cost of the Acceleration Programme, co-financed by PoliHub, and to cover the costs of developing the project, as detailed below:

- **Grant Encubator**, made available by the Chamber of Commerce, for a total of EUR 200,000.00 (two hundred thousand euro) divided into five contributions of EUR 40,000.00 (forty thousand euro) for each Winning Team. The Chamber of Commerce shall transfer the aforementioned resources to Politecnico di Milano, which shall distribute them to the Winning Teams.
- **Special Grant Encubator**, made available by the Programme Partners, whose unit value for the 2023 edition shall be EUR 40,000.00 (forty thousand euro), with an overall value of the endowment that will be defined on the basis of the allocation approved by the Partners themselves. The Partners shall transfer the aforementioned resources to PoliHub, which shall distribute them to the Winning Teams.

At least one of the Grants or Special Grants shall be reserved for one of the Projects from PNI 2023 and admitted by the Organisers to the Encubator semifinal, as specified in Article 3 of these Regulations.

The Grant Encubators made available by the Chamber of Commerce and the Special Grant Encubators made available by the Programme Partners (hereinafter jointly referred to as 'Grants') shall be assigned to

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<sup>6</sup> International teams already established as a company may preliminarily set up a representative office in the area covered by the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce within and no later than 6 (six) months from the date of acceptance of the Grant, undertaking in any event to set up a local branch and to register it with the Business Register of the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce within and no later than 12 (twelve) months from the date of signing of Form A. This is in order to facilitate the international teams in promotional activities, research (scientific or market research) or data collection, in the first phase of their being on the territory.

<sup>7</sup> If, following the checks carried out by the Chamber of Commerce, a company is found not to be up to date with the payment of the annual fees, it must pay the fees due within 7 calendar days of the reminder, under penalty of not being awarded the Grant.

the Winning Teams in a single payment. The Winning Teams must use the financial resources as indicated below:

- A share of the Grant Encubator and the Special Grant Encubator, of EUR 15,000.00 (fifteen thousand euro), must be used by the single Winning Team to join the Encubator Acceleration Programme, managed and co-financed by PoliHub. The use of the share of the Grant referred to above is subject to drawing up of a 'Service Contract' (referred to in Art. 5 above) between the Winning Team and PoliHub.
- The remaining amount of the Grant, of EUR 25,000.00 (twenty five thousand euro), must be used for the development of the Project and shall be issued in a single payment (as specified below in Art. 7).

Grant Encubators cannot be combined with the Special Grants made available by Programme Partners. It is not compulsory for the Winning Teams to take a Grant, but a choice at their discretion. If the Winning Teams do not accept the Grant or the Special Grant, it shall be returned to the pool made available to the remaining Applicant Teams (see Art. 7)

#### ARTICLE 7 - Grant disbursement and reporting

The disbursement of the Grant to the Winning Teams is made in a single payment with the application of the withholding tax of 4% (four percent) pursuant to Art. 28, paragraph 2 of Presidential Decree 600/73 and shall be subject to:

- Fulfilment by the Winning Teams of the provisions of Art. 5 of these Regulations<sup>8</sup>.
- Definition of a Development Plan and an Expense Plan (Development Plan and Expense Plan hereinafter jointly referred to as "Plans"), approved by PoliHub and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Confirmation sent to PoliHub of the constitution of a corporation or registration of a local branch by the Winning Team and the details of the business bank account held by the company.<sup>9</sup>

The Plans must comply with the terms described below:

- The Development Plan must highlight the milestones in the technological and business advancement of the Project (for example: implementation of POC, improve the TRL, technological validation, hiring of special Project personnel).  
PoliHub and the Chamber of Commerce shall support the Winning Teams in implementing the Development Plan and improving the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) by monitoring its progress

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<sup>8</sup> The Organisers reserve the unquestionable right to evaluate any situations that could delay the time for setting up or opening a local branch.

<sup>9</sup> Following the confirmation sent by the Winning Team, the Chamber of Commerce shall check the actual constitution in the Business Register or the opening of a local branch.

in a coordinated manner with Politecnico and the other Programme Partners.

- The Expense Plan must include expenses for: supporting the development/validation of technology or innovation beyond the laboratory size, or improving the TRL; creation of prototypes and Proof of Concept (POC); experimental tests/experimental implementation in the field; purchase of materials, services and external specialist consultancy; hiring staff, employees or freelance, dedicated to the development of the Project.

Only expenses directly related to the Project are eligible, with the exclusion of transport, board and lodging and general expenses incurred by the companies receiving the Grants. Expenses for goods and services supplied by shareholders and/or subsidiaries and/or associated companies and/or with substantially identical ownership structures are also excluded, as well as expenses for compliance with legal obligations. All expenses, including the fee for the Encubator Acceleration Programme, operated and co-financed by PoliHub, are understood to be net of VAT, which does not fall within the admitted expenses except in the case in which the Winning Team of the Grant actually and effectively bears the cost of VAT without the possibility of recovery. The individual cost items must be clearly deduced from the cost estimates, drawn up in euro.

The Winning Teams shall be provided, by PoliHub, with the operating instructions for the transmission of the Grant report. In particular, for the purposes of the correct analysis of eligibility of expenses, the following documentation must be sent to PoliHub:

- Declaration in lieu of affidavit referred to in Art. 47 Presidential Decree 445/2000 (which will be sent to the Winning Teams by PoliHub) digitally signed by the legal representative of the newly established company, indicating the references of the invoices and other expense documents relating to the activities and/or investments made, with all the data for their correct identification with respect to the next point.
- Copy of invoices and other expense documents duly receipted with attestation of their conformity to the original.
- Copy of payments made exclusively through tracked and verifiable bank transactions (bank transfer, cheque, bank order, etc.).

The Organisers shall be entitled to ask the Winning Team for all the additional documents deemed necessary for a correct examination of the report produced; should the Winning Team fail to provide such additional material within 30 (thirty) days from receipt of the relative request, the Grant shall have to be returned.

The Grants shall be disbursed to the Winning Teams within 30 (thirty) calendar days following notification by the Organisers to the Winning Teams that they meet all the requirements and conditions referred to in this article and as specified in Article 5 of these Regulations.

Should it be found ex post that a Winning Team fails to meet the aforementioned requirements, the Grant

shall not be disbursed.

The Grant must be used within 12 (twelve) months from the time of actual disbursement.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - Participation procedure and stages of the selection procedure**

You can submit your Project by filling in an online form, available at <https://startupencubator.com/>, no later than 02 November 2023, 11:59 pm

There will be 5 (five) Winning Teams of the Grant Encubator. The number of Winning Teams of the Special Grant Encubator shall be defined based on Grants made available by the Programme Partners, which will be shown on the Encubator website <https://startupencubator.com/> and of the Chamber of Commerce website <https://www.milomb.camcom.it/startup-encubator>.

#### **Criteria**

The criteria for the evaluation of Projects, which will be used in the three selection phases below, are:

- **PROBLEM:** relevance and size of the environmental problem addressed
- **SOLUTION:** feasibility of the solution and effectiveness in solving the problem
- **IMPACT:** ability to generate additional, measurable impact
- **TEAM:** complementarity of skills and experience
- **BUSINESS MODEL:** long-term economic and financial sustainability

(hereinafter also collectively just '**Criteria**').

#### **Selection stages**

The Programme has three selection phases:

- **The first selection stage** (hereinafter also '**Stage 1**') shall be performed by a Selection Committee, appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, the members of which shall include by right up to three representatives of the Politecnico, Chamber of Commerce and PoliHub (hereinafter also '**Stage 1 Committee**').
- **The second selection stage** (hereinafter also '**Semifinal**') shall be performed by a Selection Committee, appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, the members of which shall include by right up to three representatives each of Politecnico, Chamber of Commerce and PoliHub and up to one representative of the Partners and Sponsors of the Programme (hereinafter also '**Semifinal Committee**').
- **The third and final selection stage** (hereinafter also only '**Final**') during which the Winning Teams shall be selected shall be performed by an Institutional Jury, appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of a maximum of three representatives of Politecnico di Milano and PoliHub (combined), two representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, and a maximum of two



representatives for each of the Partners and Sponsors of the Programme, as well as by various experts from the world of industry, venture capital and the protection of Intellectual Property, identified by the Politecnico, PoliHub and Chamber of Commerce (hereinafter collectively even just 'Jury').

The Stage 1 Committee, the Semifinal Committee and the Jury shall perform their functions in full autonomy and discretion, in compliance with the rules of confidentiality, privacy and the provisions of these Regulations.

The work of the Stage 1 Committee, the Semifinal Committee and the Jury, which shall operate within the scope of their expertise, is confidential and the decisions to select the Winning Teams are final.

The composition of the Stage 1 Committee, the Semifinal Committee and the Jury will be published at least one week before each selection stage on the Initiative website <https://startupencubator.com/> and the Chamber of Commerce website <https://www.milomb.camcom.it/startup-encubator>.

### **Stage 1: Selection of Projects admitted to the Semifinal**

During this stage, the Stage 1 Committee shall select, at its sole discretion, up to a maximum of 20 (twenty) Projects to be admitted to the Semifinal, based on the evaluation of the documents attached by the Applicant Teams in their applications.

In addition to the above criteria and only for Stage 1 of the selection, the following criterion is added:

- FIT WITH THE PROGRAMME: start-up's consistency with the programme in terms of objectives and stage of development

Before starting the Project evaluation procedure, the Stage 1 Committee may identify, in compliance with the evaluation Criteria indicated, further sub-criteria in order to assess the Project in greater detail.

The Stage 1 Committee may request from the Applicant Teams all the additional documents deemed necessary for the complete evaluation of the Projects, specifying that the failure to provide such additional material within 7 (seven) calendar days from receipt of the relative request shall result in exclusion from the Programme. Any request for additional documents shall be sent to the e-mail address indicated in the application by the Applicant Teams.

In addition to the Projects selected by the Stage 1 Committee, up to 10 (ten) of the Projects admitted to the final of the PNI 2023 shall be admitted to the Semifinal, as specified in Article 3 of these Regulations.

Up to a maximum of 30 (thirty) Projects shall be admitted to the Semifinal. Each Applicant Team admitted to the Semifinal shall receive notification from PoliHub via e-mail sent to the address indicated in the application together with the participation procedure.

In the event of a renunciation and/or if it is verified afterwards that the necessary requirements have not been met, the Organisers reserve the right to proceed with the scrolling of the same ranking list for Phase 1.

### **Semifinal**

The Applicant Teams admitted to the Semifinal shall present their project to the Semifinal Committee by means of a pitch, which will be organised remotely via videoconference. The organization details shall be sent with the notification indicated above.

The Semifinal Committee, at its sole discretion, shall select up to 15 (fifteen) Projects for the Final, on the basis of the criteria set out above.

Each Applicant Team admitted to the Final shall receive notification from PoliHub via e-mail sent to the address indicated in the application together with the participation procedure.

In the event of a renunciation and/or if it is verified afterwards that the necessary requirements have not been met, the Organisers reserve the right to proceed with the scrolling of the same ranking list for the Semifinal.

### **Final**

During this stage, the 15 Applicant Teams admitted to the Final shall present their Project to the Jury, in person, by means of a 3 (three) minute pitch, followed by 7 (seven) minutes of Q&A by the members of the Jury. The location of the Final will be promptly communicated by the Organisers to the email address provided in the application by the Applicant Teams and will be published on the Initiative website and the Chamber of Commerce website, mentioned above.

In the event of the impossibility of organising the assessment session in person, PoliHub shall send the Applicant Teams instructions for carrying out the session online and shall post the relative information on the Accelerator Programme website.

The Jury will evaluate the 15 Projects on the basis of the pitches, in full autonomy and discretion and according to the above criteria. At the end of the pitches, the Jury will establish the final ranking, on the basis of which the five 'Encubator Grants' from the Chamber of Commerce and the 'Special Grants' recognised by the Accelerator Programme Partners will be awarded.

The Winning Teams shall be announced by the end of January 2024<sup>10</sup>.

The Organisers reserve the right to move the award down the ranking, in the case of renunciation and/or in the case of failure to meet the requirements for disbursement of the Grant, verified ex post.

### **Programme schedule**

- Applications open: 11 September 2023
- Deadline for submitting applications: 02 November 2023

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<sup>10</sup>At the time of announcement, the Winning Teams shall also be published on the Encubator website and on the Chamber of Commerce website.

- Selection of Projects admitted to the Semifinal: by 2 December 2022
- Semifinal: by 15 December 2023
- Final: by 19 January 2024
- Launch of Encubator Acceleration Programme: by 10 February 2024.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - Intellectual property**

Each Applicant Team expressly declares that each prototype, idea, Project or part thereof presented as part of the Programme is original and does not violate in any way, in whole or in part, the intellectual property rights of third parties, undertaking to indemnify the Partners and all parties involved in any capacity in the Programme against any liability, claim for damages and/or compensation that may be advanced by any third party to this effect. The intellectual property rights inherent in the concepts developed and/or the proposals submitted by the Applicant Teams shall continue to be held by the same Applicant Teams, which shall be fully responsible for the protection of these rights through the legal means available (registration, filing the patent application, etc.). The members of the Stage 1 Committee, the Semifinal Committee, the Jury and the Partners shall sign confidentiality agreements to guarantee the confidentiality of the Projects. The Partners and in any case all parties involved in any capacity in the Programme shall bear no responsibility in any disputes that may arise regarding the originality and authorship of the Projects, or parts thereof, due to possible limitations by third parties of the same Projects.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - Obligations, forfeiture, revocation and withdrawal**

The Winning Teams are obliged, under penalty of total or partial forfeiture of the Grant, to:

- Respect the obligations established by these Regulations and by the resulting acts.
- Provide, within the times and in the manner established by these Regulations and the resulting acts, all documentation and information that may be requested.
- Keep all technical, administrative and accounting documentation in relation to the Grant for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of disbursement.

The Grant awarded in implementation of these Regulations is subject to forfeiture in the following cases:

- Ascertained submission of untruthful declarations and information, both in relation to meeting the requirements indicated in these Regulations and during the implementation of the Plans and the reporting on the Grant.
- Failure to comply with the obligations established by these Regulations and by the resulting acts, or in the event that the Project reported and undertaken is inconsistent, in terms of content and results achieved, with the winning Project.
- The Applicant Team waives the Grant or withdraws from implementing its winning Project.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - Guarantees and Indemnities**

The Applicant Teams participating in the Programme guarantee that the content submitted:

- Does not contain material that infringes the rights, positions or claims of third parties (with reference to copyright and industrial property law and other applicable laws or regulations)

- Does not contain material that is unlawful, prohibited by law or contrary to these Regulations.
- Can be freely and legitimately used in compliance with the provisions of these Regulations, insofar as the Applicant Team is the owner of the rights of use of such content, or insofar as it has acquired the use of the same from all the rightholders, having fully complied with and/or satisfied the rights, also of an economic nature, due to the authors of the content and/or works from which such content is derived and/or extracted, ie to other rightholders, or due for the use of connected rights pursuant to the law.

The Applicant Teams declare that they are aware that they bear sole and exclusive responsibility, including criminal liability, for the content of the Projects, for the purpose of participating in the Programme governed by these regulations, and that they hereby indemnify the Organisers against any third party claims.

The members of the Stage 1 Committee, the Semifinal Committee and the Jury shall bear no responsibility whatsoever for any disputes that may arise concerning the originality and authorship of the Project, parts thereof or any limitations on the Project by third parties.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - Inspections and controls**

The Organisers reserve the right to carry out, in the manner defined by them, all the checks and inspections necessary to ascertain the effective implementation of the actions for which the Grant is awarded and compliance with the conditions and requirements envisaged by the Programme.

#### **ARTICLE 13 - Personal data processing**

The privacy policy pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 is available on the Encubator website <https://startupencubator.com/> and on the website of the Milan Monza Brianza Lodi Chamber of Commerce <https://www.milomb.camcom.it/startup-encubator>

#### **ARTICLE 14 - Publication, information and contacts**

The Encubator Programme is published on the Encubator website <https://startupencubator.com/> and the Chamber of Commerce website <https://www.milomb.camcom.it/startup-encubator>. For further information on the Programme or technical support for online procedures, please contact PoliHub at [info@startupencubator.com](mailto:info@startupencubator.com).