CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR INCLUSION IN THE REGISTER OF TECHNICAL EXPERT EVALUATORS - CALL "DEEP TECH REVOLUTION"

1. Purpose of the notice

Area Science Park, pursuant to Article 10 of the public notice "Deep Tech Revolution", intends to establish a register of expert evaluators to be consulted, as non-voting technical advisors, for the analysis and evaluation of project proposals submitted as part of the aforementioned initiative.

Inclusion in the register does not imply any automatic entitlement to assignment. Experts will be selected based on the consistency between their declared expertise and the specific evaluation needs identified by the Evaluation Committee during its activities.

The selected experts will operate upon request of the Evaluation Committee and in coordination with the Research and Innovation (R&I) Department, whose Director, Dr. Salvatore La Rosa, serves as Responsible Officer for the procedure.

2. Required profiles

This notice is addressed to internationally recognized experts with proven competence in one or more of the following scientific and technological fields:

- Life Sciences
- Materials Science
- Advanced Digital Technologies
- Green Energy Supply Chains

Applicants must clearly specify their primary area of expertise and provide a concise description of their technical-scientific profile, highlighting any evaluation activities, publications, international assignments, or direct experience in projects consistent with the above fields.

Applicants must have an academic background and curriculum documenting relevant and recent experience in the field, demonstrating solid engagement in scientific, technological, or industrial contexts.

For the purpose of establishing the register, expert profiles will be classified into four sections, corresponding to the thematic areas listed above.

3. Minimum requirements

- University degree relevant to the areas listed above;
- At least 5 years of documented experience in the relevant field;
- Proficiency in English (minimum B2 level);
- Absence of conflict of interest or incompatibility with the Entity or proposing parties;

- Immediate availability to perform the requested service;
- Availability to perform evaluation activities remotely.
- Italian citizenship, citizenship of an EU Member State, or other citizenship, and enjoyment of civil and political rights;
- No criminal convictions and no pending criminal proceedings, as declared pursuant to Italian Presidential Decree No. 445/2000.

4. Incompatibilities and Restrictions

No assignments may be granted to:

- individuals in retirement (pensioners) for paid activities, except in the cases expressly provided for by applicable legislation;
- employees of Public Administrations who have not obtained prior authorization from their employer administration;
- individuals who are in a conflict of interest, even potential, with Area Science Park or with the proposing entities, or who are otherwise in situations of incompatibility established by law.

By signing the Expression of Interest, the candidate declares that they are not in any of the above situations.

5.Assignment and compensation

Assignments will be offered on a case-by-case basis, following verification of the expert's relevance to the specific project. Each assignment will be governed by a specific engagement letter or contract, detailing objectives, timing, and operational procedures. The appointed expert shall be required to sign a confidentiality declaration, undertaking to maintain full confidentiality regarding any information and data acquired in the course of the evaluation activity, and to refrain from disclosing or using such information for purposes other than those strictly related to the assignment.

The fee for each evaluation is set at a fixed amount of €150.00 (one hundred and fifty euros). This fee is understood to be gross of all taxes and social security contributions and inclusive of any other charges.

6. Application submission procedure

This call is published on the official website of Area Science Park.

Interested applicants must submit the required documents, in PDF format, no later than **11 November 2025**, using one of the following methods:

- Applicants residing in Italy (or with a registered address in Italy)
  The submission shall be sent, preferably via PEC (certified email), to:: protocollo@pec.areasciencepark.it
- Applicants residing abroad (without access to PEC)

Documents may be submitted via standard email to: protocollo@areasciencepark.it

The subject line must include the following text: "[Last name First name] – Application Expert Register – Deep Tech Revolution".

All submissions will be formally registered, and the official timestamp will correspond to the date and time of receipt of the email.

Required documents:

- expression of interest form (Annex 1);
- updated and signed curriculum vitae;
- copy of a valid identity document;
- any additional references, publications or supporting documentation relevant to the evaluation.

7. Evaluation and creation of the register

Applications will be examined by an **Evaluation Committee** composed of three members appointed by the Director of the competent Department.

The Committee will assess qualifications and professional experience (curriculum vitae, publications, professional and scientific activities) based on the following **selection criteria**:

- relevance of expertise to the *deep tech* sectors indicated in the Call;
- documented and significant experience in the reference sector;
- absence of conflicts of interest or incompatibilities;
- availability to collaborate within the required timeframes.

Inclusion in the Register does not confer any automatic right to assignment but represents solely an expression of willingness by the candidate to collaborate with Area Science Park for future evaluation activities.

8.Selection method in the event of equivalent profiles

The selection of the expert to be involved in each specific evaluation will be carried out by Area Science Park, according to the specific needs of the Evaluation Committee and based on the following criteria:

- consistency between the project area and the expert's technical-scientific skills;
- degree of specialization and documented experience in the relevant thematic area;
- any previous assignments in similar projects or evaluation activities;
- availability to collaborate within the required timeframes.

Availability and timeliness will be verified through a formal request addressed to one or more experts listed in the register, selected according to the relevance of their profile. Preference will be given to the

expert who confirms acceptance of the assignment and the ability to meet the established deadlines. All communications will be recorded for transparency and traceability purposes.

Where several experts have equivalent profiles and are equally available, a rotation criterion may be applied among candidates to ensure fairness and diversity.

No individual notification will be sent to applicants who are not selected.

9.Processing of personal data

The personal data provided by applicants will be processed by Area Science Park, as data controller, exclusively for purposes related to the management of this call for expressions of interest and any subsequent awarding of evaluation assignments, in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). The Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be contacted at rpd@areasciencepark.it. Data subjects may exercise the rights provided for in Articles 15–22 of the GDPR by writing to privacy@areasciencepark.it.

Director of the Research and Innovation Department
Responsible Officer for the Procedure
Dr. Salvatore La Rosa