

## **Research and Universities: over 15 billion provided for by the Italian PNRR**

Within the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Italy allocates 15 billion euros to investments for universities, AFAM institutions, research, innovation and technology transfer.

Within mission 4 "Education and Research", second component "From research to business" (M4C2) of the PNRR, aims and investments are identified and divided into the following areas of intervention:

- € 6.91 billion for the research boost and the spread of innovative models for basic and applied research carried out in synergy among universities and companies;
- 2.05 billion to support innovation and technology transfer processes;
- 2.48 billion for the development of support conditions for research and innovation.

This component seeks to support investments in R&D, to promote innovation and the diffusion of technologies, to improve skills, leading to a knowledge-based economy.

The three lines of intervention involve the entire supply chain of the research and innovation process, from basic research to technology transfer, with means that are different both for the level of heterogeneity of the networks among universities, research centers/institutions and companies, both for the technological maturity level or TRL (Technology Readiness Level).

Competitive selection procedures are foreseen for all measures.

The Ministry for University and Research and the Ministry for Economic Development will promote an improvement of Research and Development in order to increase and support the mutual mobility of researchers and managers among universities, research infrastructures and companies.