

An update on the Convenzione implementation

As foreseen by the *Convenzione* between Human Technopole and its Founding Ministries (Ministry for Economy and Finance, Ministry for Health, Ministry for University and Research), a first level consultation was carried out between 23 July and 30 September 2021. The process involved 167 institutional stakeholders, who were invited to contribute to the identification of the priorities of the national life science community in terms of research infrastructures.

A total of 60 questionnaires were submitted, 48 derived from initiatives supported by several institutions and 12 from single institutions. Overall, the stakeholders invited to participate in the consultation proposed 29 different National Facilities in various fields including imaging, omics technologies, health and drug discovery, among others.

The members of the Technical Committee (TC), provided for by the *Convenzione*, have the important task of analysing the submitted proposals, with the purpose of defining a list of facilities in the scientific focus of Human Technopole that are in demand by the scientific community. The TC met in early October to discuss the proposals that were received as well as the procedure for their evaluation. The TC members were very pleased by the active involvement of Italian researchers and by the many high-quality proposals received. The TC agreed that the proposals will be first checked about their compliance with the Consultation and as second step, for a more detailed evaluation, they agreed to involve external, international experts in the fields covered by the proposals.

Considering the time required to carry out the steps above and the high number of proposals received, the Technical Committee agreed that the analysis of the results of the first stage consultation will require additional time.

Once the evaluation of the proposals is finalised, a list of potential NFs of national interest will be made available to the entire scientific community for commentary and/or for the proposal of justified modifications during the second level consultation.