



## Article 1. Object

"**Action for 5G**" is an initiative promoted by Vodafone Italia S.p.A. subject to the direction and coordination of Vodafone Group PLC. (hereinafter "**Vodafone Group**") with registered office in Italy, Via Jervis n. 13, 10015 Ivrea (TO) and operational headquarters in Via Lorenteggio 240 - 20147 Milan (MI), tax code 93026890017 and registration number in the Turin Register of Companies no. 93026890017, VAT number 08539010010, REA n. 974956 (hereinafter "**Vodafone Italia**").

5G presents itself as an important element of discontinuity at the base of a new phase of digital innovation. Vodafone Italia, which has always been a leader in innovation, firmly believes in the importance of seizing the new opportunities that 5G offers and is ready to support the development of infrastructures that enable the offer of innovative services.

The objective of the "**Action for 5G**" call (hereinafter "the **Call**"), carried out in collaboration with PoliHub, Innovation Park & Startup Accelerator of the Politecnico di Milano and managed by the Politecnico di Milano Foundation, is to stimulate and support the birth of innovative projects that identify 5G as the distinctive enabling factor and more generally of:

- affect the development of the 5G ecosystem, technological and productive
- help set future standards for new technology
- promote the dissemination of knowledge and skills that allow maximum use of the potential of new generation networks
- be a stimulus to creativity in the development of services and applications that maximize the social, economic and environmental impact of digital transformation
- make the communications infrastructure the new substrate strongly integrated and shaped on the local territory.

The Call offers funding and technical-design consultancy for the development of the projects presented, access to test environments, infrastructures and innovative platforms and support from Vodafone Partners as well as access to Vodafone Italia's 5G Open Lab and the spaces of PoliHub.

Vodafone Italia will make available up to **1.5 Million Euros** of total investment, without obligation to return limited to cases other than "Seed Capital" referred to in Article 6 below.

## Article 2. Areas

The "Action for 5G" Call rewards projects, solutions and innovations that are particularly synergistic with Vodafone's strategy in the following **priority sectors**



- Digital Health & Wellbeing
- Secure, Sustainable & Connected Mobility
- Green Economy & Energy Management

using one or more of the following innovative **technologies**:

- AI/Machine Learning
- Holography
- Human-Machine Collaboration
- Multi Access Edge Computing (MEC)
- Robotics
- Computer Vision
- V2X & Collaborative Vehicle
- XR / Extended Reality
- Wearable & Smart Device
- 3D capturing & modeling

having the requirements referred to in Article 3 below and making the most of **5G and/or Vodafone Platforms**:

- **Ultra-Mobile Broadband of 5G** for high mobile connection speed (10-100 Mbps per user with peaks of 1-20Gbps).
- **Millisecond latency of 5G** for interactive, ultra-reliable communications with ultra-low latency (1-10ms)
- **Multi-access Edge Computing (MEC)** for highly scalable, distributed intelligence and orchestration of connected and collaborative objects
- **Safer Transport for Europe Platform (STEP)** for V2X cooperative mobility solutions that share data and information with automotive operators, application developers, road infrastructure managers and the automotive industry

## Article 3. Requirements, conditions and terms of participation

The Call is addressed to the subjects listed below and in possession of the following requirements:



- **Startups already established** with solid metrics (e.g., turnover, customers) and trained and dedicated teams
- **Small and Medium Enterprises ("SMEs")** with assets, resources and teams dedicated to the project presented
- **Social Enterprises** operating in the sectors considered to be of social utility with assets, resources and teams dedicated to the project presented.

Employees of Vodafone Group, Vodafone Italia and its subsidiaries, affiliates or subsidiaries are not allowed to participate in the Call.

Foreign companies, as well as Italian companies operating in Italy or with a clear plan to enter the Italian market can participate in the Call.

The **projects** must be characterized by the distinctive use of 5G and / or Vodafone Platforms, as indicated in Article 2, and may be in one of the following stages of maturity:

- **"Ready to market"**: product/service already marketed or ready to enter the market with the use of current technologies (e.g. 4G, IoT) and for which 5G and/or Vodafone Platforms significantly improve existing functionalities and/or enable new ones and/or open up new market segments
- **"Validated prototype"**: there is a working prototype, tested and validated in the field with the use of current technologies (eg 4G, IoT) and for which 5G and / or Vodafone Platforms greatly improve existing features and / or enable new ones and / or open new market segments
- **"Prototype"**: there is a first prototype made in the laboratory and not yet validated with the use of current technologies (eg 4G, IoT) and for which 5G and / or Vodafone Platforms significantly improve existing features and / or enable new ones and / or open new market segments
- **"Idea"**: an innovative idea that can be implemented and launched on the market exclusively with 5G technology and/or on Vodafone platforms, a unique and distinctive concept, able to translate into a Prototype by December 2023.

## Article 4. Offer of the Call "Action for 5G"

The Call is structured by Phases and provides for the provision of funding and resources to support the development of the projects of only startups and companies that pass the selection phases (see details of the Phases in Art. 5):

- **pre-selected** projects that enter the "Design" Phase will receive technical-specialist and business advice from Vodafone and/or PoliHub experts to finalize the project design using 5G and/or Vodafone Platforms, the business plan and make an explanatory



presentation of the solution to the Evaluation Committee;

- **Finalist** projects entering the "5G Prototype Development" Phase will be able to take advantage of the experimental 5G infrastructure of the Vodafone Italia Open Lab, the technical-specialist support of Vodafone and/or PoliHub experts and access to the Vodafone STEP cooperative mobility platform through the use of dedicated SDKs and APIs with the technical support of Vodafone experts and will also receive an "equity free" investment up to **€ 50,000** to build the first functional prototype based on the spending plan approved by the Evaluation Committee in compliance with the related milestones;
- the **Winning projects of the "In-Kind"** category will receive, based on the work plan presented to the Board and in compliance with the related milestones, technical-specialist and business advice from Vodafone experts, 5G devices on loan for use, access to experimental Edge Computing resources of Vodafone's 5G network (experimentation MEC) and / or Vodafone's cooperative mobility STEP platform, in addition, they will have access to Vodafone's network of customers and partners for the first validation in the field and visibility during and after the Program;
- the **Winning projects of the "Seed-Capital"** category will receive, in addition to in-kind services, up to **€ 300,000 per project** in cash as a contribution to the finalization of product development, based on the work and expenditure plan presented to the Board and in compliance with the related milestones.

## Article 5. Phases and timing of the Call

The "Action for 5G" Call is divided into the following phases and times:

- I. Collection of applications: until 23:59 on 1/02/2023
- II. Evaluations of candidacies and Pre-selection: February – March 2023
- III. Design: April – June 2023
- IV. Presentation and selection of the Finalist projects: June 2023
- V. Prototype Development: July – November 2023
- VI. Selection of Winning Projects: November 2023
- VII. Product Development: from December 2023

### I. Collection of applications (until 1/02/2023)

Participation in the "Action for 5G" Call is free. The application of the projects must be sent by 23:59 on 1/02/2023 on the website [www.actionfor5g.it](http://www.actionfor5g.it).



To apply for your project, you need to create an account on **www.actionfor5g.it** of the startup, SME or Social Enterprise and fill in the **Application Form** in all its parts:

- information about the company and the members of the team (a main contact person must be indicated for each application)
- brief description of the project and its current stage of development
- documents to be attached:
  - CV of all team members
  - slides in pdf format that include the description of the project, the reference market, the value proposition, the business model, the description of the company, the team, the first metrics and any funding received
  - any technical annexes or other elements useful for the evaluation
- URL related to a 4/7-minute video pitch, uploaded to free access platforms (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo), in which the team introduces itself and describes the project, possibly also including a demo video of the product / solution.

Once the "Action for 5G" account has been created, during the Application Collection Phase, it will be possible to register for the **Action for 5G Workshop** and book an individual meeting with Vodafone experts, to deepen all aspects of the Call and acquire the basic know-how on 5G technology, on Edge Computing (MEC) architectures and on Vodafone's STEP platform to better finalize the applications.

All required documents can be attached in Italian or English.

You can complete the application form in multiple steps by saving intermediate versions.

To apply correctly you must fill in all the mandatory fields of the Application Form and send your application. Only upon receipt of the confirmation e-mail will the application be considered successfully sent.

Each participant, by submitting their application in the terms described above:

a) declares to fully accept this Notice

b) declares that all the information provided to Vodafone Italia is true

c) declares and guarantees the authorship and full availability of the project presented as well as the exclusive ownership of all the rights inherent to the same

d) declares to be entirely responsible for the contents of the visual and textual material transmitted

e) declares to be aware that the presentation of incomplete documentation and / or not in accordance with this Call constitutes a cause for exclusion from the initiative



- f) expressly authorizes the processing of personal data in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of this Announcement, in compliance with the legislation on the protection of personal data
- g) pursuant to current anti-mafia legislation, declares that against him there are no causes of prohibition, forfeiture or suspension provided for by art. 67 of Legislative Decree no. 159/2011 and subsequent amendments and additions
- h) declares that from the computerized register of news of crime at the Offices of the Public Prosecutor's Office competent for the territory, there is no registration against him
- i) pursuant to current anti-money laundering legislation declares, under its personal responsibility, the veracity of the data, information provided and declarations made and in particular of what is declared in relation to the company and / or natural persons
- j) declares to accept all the decisions of the evaluation bodies, recognizing that they are unquestionable and unquestionable in any forum
- k) declares to indemnify and hold Vodafone Italia and PoliHub harmless from any claim that may be made by third parties in relation to its project and / or its publication and / or exploitation, including economic
- l) declares to be aware that the project would be excluded from the initiative if it was copied in whole or in part in violation of the rights of others
- m) declares to be aware of the fact that information about its project, if selected, may be made public by Vodafone Italia or Vodafone Group without prejudice to its right to confidentiality on the innovative content of the same.

## II. Evaluation of candidacies and Pre-selection (February – March 2023)

Applications will be examined at the sole discretion of Vodafone Italia by the Evaluation Committee (as described in Article 8 below). Vodafone Italia reserves the right to request additions to the documentation sent and, possibly, to summon the proposer(s) for an in-depth interview via videoconference.

The Pre-selection process will be based on the evaluation criteria described in Article 7 below and will lead to the selection of projects that will have access to the Design Phase described in the following point III.

The Pre-selected projects will be called upon to sign a programmatic agreement (hereinafter "**Framework Agreement**" or "**AQ**") relating to the entire "Action for 5G" Call.

## III. Design (April – June 2023)

Pre-selected teams that access the Design Phase will benefit from technical-specialist consultancy services provided by Vodafone Italia and/or PoliHub.

The Pre-selected candidates will also have the opportunity to access the Vodafone Italia Open Lab to test their project with 5G technology and terminals.



The services provided must be intended to finalize the project in 5G and / or to make the best use of the Vodafone Platforms and to develop an explanatory demo / mockup of the proposed solution to be presented to the Board at the end of Phase III.

This phase will allow the pre-selected teams to acquire specific know-how and to carry out the first tests to demonstrate the feasibility of the project by explaining the impact and benefits deriving from the use of 5G technology and Vodafone platforms as well as the synergistic value with Vodafone Italia.

In particular, the services provided by Vodafone Italia in this Phase consist of:

- **Specific advice and support on 5G technology and Vodafone Platforms** (MEC and STEP) with individual sessions with Technical Experts of Vodafone and / or Politecnico di Milano and / or any other technological partners for the design design of the architecture;
- **Validation of market potential** and dedicated consultancy on the business plan and financials by Vodafone Italia and/or PoliHub experts in the sector pertaining to the project;
- **Support for Board presentation and demo / mockup** of the candidate project by Vodafone Italia and / or PoliHub experts with the possibility of accessing, on request, to laboratories and infrastructures in the 5G areas of the Vodafone Italia Open Lab and / or PoliHub.

## IV. Presentation and selection of the Finalist projects (June 2023)

At the end of the "Design" Phase, the teams will have to deliver a **Project Review** of the candidate project demonstrating the impact and relevance of 5G and the Platforms and Vodafone on the project itself during a presentation (cd. "extended pitch") to the Evaluation Committee. They will also have to express their **intention to compete for the "In-Kind" category or for the "Seed-Capital"** category according to the financial plan for the project and the specific fundraising needs of each candidate company.

Project Review and "extended pitch" should include:

- business plan with indication of the business model (target segments, distribution model, value chain), development plan and commercial launch of the product using 5G and / or Vodafone Platforms, market positioning and "value curve"
- detailed architecture with all end-to-end data streams
- financial plan at 3 years with detail of KPIs, turnover drivers and costs
- indication of the necessary funding for product development and market launch



- funding requested from Vodafone for the Fasand Prototype Development (Phase V) and related work plan with related milestones and detailed spending plan
- funding requested from Vodafone for the Product Development Phase (Phase VII) and related work and expenditure plan, in the case of intention to compete for the "Seed-Capital" category
- fundraising plan for the Product Development Phase (Phase VII), in case of intention to compete for the "In-Kind" category
- mockup/demo of the product.

At the end of this phase, the Board selects the Finalist projects that will access the next Prototype Development Phase.

## V. Prototype Development (July – November 2023)

In the Prototype Development Phase, the Finalist projects will have to achieve concrete results including the development and technical validation of the first working prototype using 5G technology and/or Vodafone Platforms, based on the detailed work plan presented at the end of Phase IV.

In particular, the teams of the Finalist projects will be provided in this Phase V:

- an "equity free" **cash investment** based on the detailed spending plan presented in Phase IV and not exceeding 50,000 euros per project;
- **technical or specialist consultancy services on 5G technology and Vodafone platforms** (MEC and STEP) through periodic meetings with Vodafone experts, possibly also carried out in videocall;
- access to the 5G areas of the Vodafone Italia **Open Lab** for the development and integration of the project with 5G technology and terminals as well as the measurement and validation of the related KPIs;
- access, on request, to **PoliHub services and workspaces**;
- **development environment of the STEP** platform of cooperative mobility using SDKs and dedicated APIs (<https://step.vodafone.com/>) and **technical support**.

During this Phase, the Finalists will undergo technical and economic-financial due diligence, regardless of the category for which they apply. For this purpose, the Finalists are required to provide all the data and information necessary for the performance of the due diligence.

## VI. Selection of Winning Projects (November 2023)





At the end of the Prototype Development Phase, the teams will be asked to present their working prototype to the Evaluation Committee and the Board at the Vodafone Village in Milan, with the aim of demonstrating the key features enabled by 5G and/or Vodafone Platforms and the end-to-end user experience.

The Board selects the Gold Winners who will enter the next Phase VII of Product Development for the two categories: **"In-Kind" Winners** and **"Seed-Capital" Winners**.

## VII. Product Development (from December 2023)

In the Product Development Phase, the Winning teams will be required to develop and optimize the product working in 5G and/or on Vodafone Experimental Platforms, ready for market launch. During this Phase it will be necessary to validate the product both commercially and technically with on-field tests in Vodafone architecture. All in line with the work plan presented and approved by the Board during Phase VI.

Gold winners in both the "In-Kind" and "Seed-Capital" categories will access the following in-kind services at this Stage:

- **technical-specialist consultancy services on 5G and Vodafone** platforms (MEC and STEP) by Vodafone and/or PoliHub experts in order to support the correct implementation of the 5G solution;
- **Spaces, device and 5G experimental Vodafone infrastructure** to validate on the market the 5G product developed through first commercial trials;
- access to the **development environment of the cooperative mobility STEP platform** using dedicated SDKs and APIs (<https://step.vodafone.com/>) and technical support
- **visibility** on the media and / or co-participation in industry events with times and methods to be defined according to the product itself and the reference sector;
- access to **vodafone Italia's network of customers and partners** for market validation and/or specific services, subject to availability and acceptance of the partner.

The Winners of the "Seed-Capital" category alone will receive an additional funding, up to **€300,000 in cash**, to support product development.

The winners will continue to be followed also at the end of the "Action for 5G" Call to monitor the development of the product and the progress on the market through dedicated periodic meetings.

Following the launch of the product, Vodafone will offer the Winners the opportunity to take advantage of the support of Tomorrow Street for an international scale up.



## Article 6. Disbursement of funds

The Pre-selected participants, whose projects will have access to the Design Phase, will be called upon to sign a Programmatic Framework Agreement that will regulate, among other things, the allocation of contributions and participation in the subsequent phases of the Action for 5G.

Subscription of the AQ requires a commitment from the CEO and management necessary to ensure strategic governance and the right commitment to the activities envisaged by the Program, throughout its duration.

Each investment by Vodafone Italia, for each of Phases III, V and VII, will be governed by an **appropriate disbursement agreement** (cd. "AdE") and may be done in one or a combination of the following ways:

- **"Pre-Seed"**: disbursement of "equity free" cash contributions up to € 50,000 per project. Vodafone Italia will have the right to take advantage of the free and exclusive license for 24 months of what has been achieved during the activities of "Action for 5G", granted by the beneficiary of the contribution.
- **"Seed-Capital"**: cash disbursement up to €300,000 per project. Vodafone Italia reserves the right to exercise the rights of:
  - conversion into equity with a discount equal to at least 20% of the value of the same at the time of entry into the capital and appointment of a Vodafone Italia representative in the governing body of the company ("Board Seat"), exercisable in the 24 months following the last disbursement;
  - request and obtain a most favored customer clause for the marketing of the solution for a period of 24 months from its launch on the market;
  - request and obtain a free and exclusive long-term use license in relation to what has been achieved during the activities of "Action for 5G".
- **"In-Kind"**: free provision of services and/or access to devices and experimental infrastructures/platforms of Vodafone Italia to support the development, testing and market validation of the project. Vodafone Italia reserves the right to exercise the rights of:
  - "first look" (be informed first) on any subsequent funding rounds and on the evolution of the project
  - request and obtain a better economic treatment for the marketing of the solution for a period of 24 months from the launch on the market
  - exclusive and non-competition for a period of not less than 12 months for Pre-selected projects and 24 months from commercial launch for Finalist and Winner projects.



Mode of delivery	Type (cash, services)	Phase
In-Kind	Services	Phase III Pre-selected projects  Phase VII Winning Projects "In-Kind" category
Pre-Seed and In-Kind	Cash (equity free) and Services	Phase V Finalist Projects
Seed-Capital and In-Kind	Cash (convertible into equity) and Services	Phase VII Winning Projects category "Seed-Capital"

The disbursement of cash funds may take place in several tranches based on the work plan presented by the Finalist or Winners teams in the relevant Phases and consistent with the implementation of the same and the achievement of the planned milestones.

Pre-selected participants, Finalists or Winners also undertake to:

- i. report, during the signing of the application form and during the period of validity of the QA, any situations of conflict of interest with Vodafone Italy and Vodafone Group, determined by economic interests and / or personal relationships
- ii. carry out the project on time and in the manner provided for in the AQ
- iii. retain exclusive ownership of the respective intellectual property rights.

In the event that the Winner is an SME, the Winner may decide to set up a spinoff in which to confer the branch of the company involved in the winning project of the "Action for 5G" Call , including the full transfer in the same of all the relationships, rights, resources and assets related to the Call, including all the contributions paid.

## Article 7. Evaluation criteria

The evaluation and selection bodies (referred to in Article 8) for access to the various phases of the Call will evaluate the projects, regularly received and considered eligible, according to the following evaluation criteria:

1. **Use of 5G and / or Vodafone platforms as enabling and distinctive factors** to maximize the effectiveness of the product / service, open new areas / sectors of use, expand the market potential, launch additional services, etc.
2. **technological and business innovation** of the solution



3. **technical feasibility** with testing of the solution and prototype that can be achieved during the Call
4. **economic sustainability**
5. quality, skills and commitment of the **dedicated team**
6. **scalability and replicability**
7. **concreteness of the operational work plan** presented and **reachability** of the milestones
8. **measurability of the KPIs** of the presented plan
9. **traction** of the proposed solution

It will be considered a rewarding element the clarity and effectiveness in the presentation of the project (cd. "pitch").

The judgment of the evaluation bodies is unquestionable and unappealable in any forum.

## Article 8. Evaluation Bodies

The evaluation governance of the "Action for 5G" Call is the following:

- The **Evaluation Committee**, responsible for the pre-selection of candidates and financialists, compliance with the eligibility criteria and verification of the achievement of milestones and deliverables, is composed of:
  - Vodafone Italy representatives
  - Politecnico di Milano representatives
  - PoliHub representative
- The **Board**, responsible for the selection of the Winning projects and consequent approval of the funds, is composed of:
  - Vodafone Italy and/or Vodafone Group representatives
  - external representatives from the financial / Venture Capital world
  - PoliHub representative

## Article 9. Protection of privacy and confidentiality

Pursuant to Art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 and current national legislation, as amended by the aforementioned Regulation (Legislative Decree 196/2003 cd. "Code regarding the protection of personal data or Code" and Legislative Decree 101/2018), the data provided by the participant in this initiative will be processed by Vodafone Italia S.p.A. as Data Controller and PoliHub Servizi



s.r.l. as Data Processor in accordance with the provisions contained in the Code regarding the protection of personal data and current legislation on the protection of personal data, as well as the contents referred to in the privacy policy on [www.actionfor5g.it](http://www.actionfor5g.it) that the participant will accept at the time of registration.

The processing of the aforementioned data will be carried out using manual, computerized and telematic tools, and also through automated processing, in the manner and within the limits indicated in this Call and for the pursuit of the purposes referred to in the "Action for 5G" initiative as well as for any future collaborations with Vodafone. In order to achieve these purposes, the data provided may also be disclosed to third parties involved in the performance of the activities (e.g. public or private subjects for the fulfillment of the obligations established by law). The data may also be processed both by internal Managers or Agents (Vodafone Italia or Vodafone Group employees), and by companies and / or external subjects that carry out specific activities on behalf of Vodafone Italia for the purposes strictly related to the initiative indicated above or for any future collaborations with Vodafone.

The provision of data is mandatory and the failure to communicate them during participation is a condition of exclusion from this initiative.

For any further information, please read the information related to the initiative.

As part of the "Action for 5G" initiative, for the purpose of carrying out all the activities envisaged therein, all the subjects involved, both the selected candidates and the organizers (Vodafone Italia and PoliHub) may acquire, directly or indirectly, information, data, documents of a confidential and confidential nature ("Confidential Information").

In order to mutually guarantee the confidentiality of the aforementioned Confidential Information, the selected candidates will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement that will govern the criteria, methods and limits that will govern the acquisition and use of such Confidential Information.

With specific reference to the selected projects, Vodafone Italia reserves the right to make public information about them without prejudice to the right of the respective creators to confidentiality regarding the innovative contents of the same.

Pursuant to and for the purposes of Articles. 15-22 of EU Regulation 2016/679, at any time participants can access personal data concerning them, obtain an indication of their origin, the way in which they are used, have them updated, rectified, supplemented or deleted, as the case may be, request the limitation of processing and oppose their use by writing to the email address [actionfor5g@vodafone.com](mailto:actionfor5g@vodafone.com). The interested parties also have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent Authority.

## Article 10. Limitation of Liability

Vodafone Italia and PoliHub will not be in any way responsible for any technical, hardware or software malfunctions, interruptions of network connections, failed, incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete, illegible, damaged, lost, delayed, incorrectly addressed or intercepted user



registrations, or about registrations of participants who, for any reason have not been received, electronic or other communications that have been delayed or about other technical problems related to the registration and upload of content under this initiative. Candidates will therefore not be able to make any claim for compensation or refreshment for any reason in relation to the aforementioned events.

Vodafone Italia and PoliHub are also exempt from any liability for any damage to things and / or people that may be caused, directly or indirectly, by the participants or by them any "external assistants" in the performance of the different phases of this Call.

## Article 11. Guarantees and Indemnities

Participants in the "Action for 5G" initiative ensure that the content submitted:

- do not contain unlawful material, prohibited by law or contrary to what is indicated in this Notice
- do not contain material in violation of the rights, positions or claims of third parties (with reference to copyright and industrial property law and other applicable laws or regulations)
- are freely and legitimately usable in accordance with the provisions of this Notice as the participant is the owner of the rights of use of the same, or as he has acquired the availability of all the subjects entitled, having taken care of the complete fulfillment and / or satisfaction of the rights, also of an economic nature, due to the authors of the contents and / or works from which such contents are derived and / or extracted, or to other entitled parties, or due for the use of related rights under the law.

All the subjects participating in the "Action for 5G" initiative declare to be aware that the responsibilities, including criminal ones, of the contents of the projects delivered, in order to participate in the initiative governed by this Call, are their sole and exclusive responsibility, indemnifying Vodafone Italia and PoliHub from any claim and / or action advanced by any third party. Vodafone Italia and PoliHub also reiterate their extraneousness to any act and behavior carried out during the event by individual participants that will be configured as a violation of current civil and criminal laws.

## Article 12. Intellectual property and publication rights

What is transmitted during the submission of applications, as better described in Article 5 (I) above, remains the property of the participants with the right to use by the subjects in charge



of the organization and selection for the purposes strictly related to this "Action for 5G" Call and for any subsequent collaborations also outside the Action for 5G program.

In the event that, in execution of the activities covered by this Call, works that can be protected according to the applicable legislation on industrial law emerge (by way of example and not exhaustive: patents, know-how, software, publications and c.) Vodafone Italia reserves the right to be recognized, as of now and for then, the right to use and economic exploitation on an exclusive and free basis for a period of at least 24 months from the last provision of services or cash.

The participants guarantee that, during the submission of applications and the performance of the activities referred to in this Call, industrial property rights (patents, copyrights or any other intellectual property right of third parties) are not violated in any way connected to the "Action for 5G" initiative and for this purpose, as of now, they assume all the costs and expenses deriving from any violation of the aforementioned rights of third parties, indemnifying and holding Vodafone Italia and PoliHub harmless from any consequent responsibility and from any and all charges and expenses, including legal.

With the submission of the candidacy for the "Action for 5G" Call, the candidates also authorize Vodafone Italia:

- (i) to use your name and image as well as the identification or distinctive signs related to the project, in materials and dissemination purposes
- (ii) the publication of the project and related non-confidential materials on any website attributable to Vodafone Italia
- (iii) the exhibition and representation of the project and related non-confidential materials at congresses, conventions, seminars or similar events
- (iv) disclosure to third parties who may be interested in investing and/or contributing in any way to the development, marketing and economic use of the project.

## Article 13. Acceptance of the Call

Participation in the "Action for 5G" initiative implies full acceptance of the conditions governed by this Call, which the participants declare to have read, understood and accepted. Failure to accept the Announcement and the compilation of the Application Form in an incomplete, inaccurate or false manner, by the participants entail the exclusion from the initiative and the loss of any right to any recognition, with renunciation of any form of recourse against Vodafone Italia and PoliHub.

## Article 14. Call Updates



Any updates relating to this Call or to the terms and methods of submission of applications will be published on the [website www.actionfor5g.it](http://www.actionfor5g.it).

## Article 15. Controversy

This announcement is governed by Italian law. For any dispute, the Court of Milan is competent.