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Donatella Sciuto is Rector of Politecnico di Milano, where she is Full Professor in Computer Science and Engineering. She graduated in Electronic Engineering at the same university, received her PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder (USA) and a Master's Degree in Business Administration at Bocconi University.

She serves on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Italy, Dassault Systèmes, Fila, Gruppo Ferretti, Gruppo Feltrinelli, Fondazione Tech Europe (TEF), Fondazione La Triennale, Fondazione Corriere della Sera, Fondazione TOG onlus, Fondazione Anthem and the National Center of Research in High- Performance Computing, Big Data e Quantum Computing.

She serves on the Scientific Committees of Fondazione Enel, Fondazione Terna, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Chalmers University and Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology. She has co-authored more than 400 scientific articles and holds 4 international patents. She was named President of the IEEE Council of Electronic Design Automation and member of the Academia Europaea. She has been appointed IEEE Fellow, IBM Women Leader in Artificial Intelligence and Inspiring Fifty Italy.

She collaborates in various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiatives aimed at girls. She has launched the Diversity & Inclusion program at Politecnico di Milano (POP – Politecnico Equal Opportunities), where, as former Executive Vice Rector, she oversaw research strategies and teaching innovation (POK – Polimi Open Knowledge).

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Vision

“United in diversity for sustainable growth”. With this objective, in 2023, Donatella Sciuto was elected Rector of the first technical university in the country, ranked among the top one hundred in the QS World University Rankings 2026: 6th in Architecture and the Built Environment, 7th in Design and 20th in Engineering and Technology).

Leading the university is a commitment that, after twelve years as Vice Rector (2010-2022), Sciuto undertook on solid ground and with a vision open to international dialogue and to the growth of talents. The goal set for 2028, at the end of her mandate, is to train students, future professionals and researchers to manage technological and social challenges in Europe and in the world, reduce inequalities, and promote sustainable development.

To implement this vision, Sciuto introduced several innovations within the University, foremost among them a shared governance model, expanding the leadership team to twelve Vice Rectors and around fifty delegates. This broad-based approach reflects the scope of the objectives set out in the Strategic Plan.

The principles underpinning the new 2026–2028 Strategic Plan, in continuity with the previous 2023–2025 plan, reinforce a vision that projects the Politecnico at the heart of Europe and major global transformations. A sustainable, inclusive and international growth strategy built on four pillars – People, Education, Research and Social Responsibility – conceived as integrated levers to generate scientific, technological and societal impact. At its core are the enhancement of people, global attractiveness, the strengthening of the European dimension and the University’s role as an open platform for innovation.

The Plan translates this vision into tangible priorities: quality and interdisciplinarity in education, the centrality of high-impact research, technology transfer and entrepreneurship, inclusion and equal opportunities, environmental and economic sustainability, the right to education and community wellbeing, social responsibility

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and science diplomacy. A framework that consolidates the Politecnico's international standing and reaffirms its public role in contributing to Europe's competitiveness and social development.

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