



Dear Students, Dear Colleagues,

for several years Politecnico di Milano has received an important contribution thanks to donations of 5x1000 funds from its donors: students, families, staff, alumni and companies. Politecnico di Milano has always decided to dedicate these contributions to research projects with a strong social return through the Polisocial Award program. Since 2013, the Polisocial Award has funded 41 projects for an amount of about 3.3 million euros, involving over 250 professors, researchers, research fellows and other staff and represents a solid evidence of our commitment in this direction.

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed a condition of extreme and widespread vulnerability at both individual and social levels, at different scales and in different contexts.

Now that we have entered phase two, and in view of a third phase, it is necessary to look ahead with responsibility and vision, concentrating on the current situation as well as on the future.

This is why we have decided to use the 5x1000 funds to finance research projects focused on "Vulnerability and Innovation". The current situation is widening the opportunities of reflection to rethink our systems of life and, at the same time, for the development of research that is capable of generating ideas and tools for the building of a more resilient, sustainable and equitable society.

The winning projects will be selected in the frame of the 2020 Polisocial Award edition, whose call has just been published and will be officially presented on May 22 at 5 PM in an online meeting.

All this is to give a further signal of the commitment of Politecnico di Milano in this reopening phase, emphasizing the responsibility and the fundamental role of scientific research, as well as of innovation and knowledge as a support to action and as a strategic guide for the future.

In conclusion, however, I would like to remind you that we can all contribute to the University and donate the 5x1000 to Politecnico.

To allocate the 5x1000 of income tax to Politecnico di Milan you have to sign on the "Financing of scientific research and University" field that appears on the tax return models, specifying the fiscal code of Politecnico di Milano: 80057930150

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I enclose also a banner that you can use to help to promote Politecnico and its research.

Best regards

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