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Article 1

Promoting entities

Eni S.p.A. (hereinafter “Eni”) – through Joule, its School for Entrepreneurship (hereinafter “Joule”) – has established, within the framework of the Eni Award, an additional recognition aimed at fostering the application, enhancement and transfer of technologies in the field of energy transition, while promoting the creation of a sustainable innovation ecosystem.

Article 2

Special mention “Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship”

With the aim of promoting innovative and sustainable entrepreneurship in the field of decarbonization of processes and products, circular economy and climate change mitigation, in order to contribute to the energy transition and foster the country’s socio-economic development, Eni will award:

- three prizes to teams, university spin-offs and startups that have developed or are developing innovative, sustainable – not only from an economic perspective but also environmental and social – and high technological value entrepreneurial projects.

Each prize consists of a personalized silver plaque as well as the direct provision by Eni – for a maximum of two members per winning team – of: i) travel services to reach Rome, ii) the necessary transfers for participation, iii) accommodation and meals during the ceremony for a maximum of two nights (hereinafter also referred to as the “Prize”).

As reiterated in Article 9 below, the above-mentioned silver plaques will be awarded in Rome during an official ceremony within 2026 in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella and Eni’s top management.

The date of the ceremony will be set by Eni and communicated to the winners with indicative notice of at least fifteen (15) days.

The Prize is personal and cannot be converted into cash or other goods or services. In the event that a winner is unable to attend the ceremony, Eni will send the plaque.

Article 3

Bodies

In order to allow the assignment of the Prize, the following bodies are established:

- the Special mention Secretariat (hereinafter the “Secretariat”), entrusted with the management of activities as well as the collection of applications;
- the Eni Pre-Evaluation Committee (hereinafter the “Eni Committee”), entrusted with examining the applications and selecting those to be submitted to the evaluation of the External Committee;
- the External Committee (hereinafter the “External Committee”), entrusted with the final evaluation of the applications and the designation of the winners.

Article 4

The Secretariat

The Secretariat of the “Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship” Special mention is entrusted to Joule – Eni’s School for Entrepreneurship, headquartered in Rome at the Ostiense gasometer site, Via Del Commercio 9-11.

The Secretariat:

- defines the guidelines for the activities of the Eni Committee and the External Committee and coordinates their activities;
- applies the Regulation and any amendments thereto;
- selects the members of the Eni Committee and the External Committee;
- issues the call for applications (hereinafter the "Call");
- collects applications and verifies their compliance with the requirements set out in the Regulation and the Call;
- proclaims the winners of the Prize, designated by the Committees.

Article 5

Procedure for awarding the Prizes

The Eni Committee

The Eni Committee consists of up to eight members, selected among individuals with proven expertise in the matters covered by the initiative, appointed by the Secretariat referred to in Article 4 of this Regulation. The activities of the Eni Committee are coordinated by the Secretariat, which also ensures the necessary coordination with the activities of the External Committee. The Eni Committee examines the applications received by the Secretariat and selects, in compliance with Eni's ethical requirements, those to be submitted to the evaluation of the External Committee.

The External Committee

The External Committee consists of up to five members selected by the Secretariat from representatives of the national innovation ecosystem. The External Committee is coordinated by the Secretariat referred to in Article 4 of this Regulation, which ensures the proper conduct of the evaluation activities for the designation of the three winning projects but does not participate in the selection of the winners. The External Committee examines the applications preliminarily selected by the Eni Committee, in accordance with the procedures defined by the Regulation and the Call, and submits its evaluation to the Secretariat, indicating, with appropriate justification, the three winning projects.

Article 6

Validity of resolutions

For the validity of the meetings of the Eni Committee and the External Committee, the participation of the majority of the members is required.

Members of the aforementioned Committees, if they do not participate in person or via teleconference, may be represented by proxy by other members of the Committees. Each member may receive no more than one proxy.

Article 7

Duration of the initiative and participation procedures

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Applications for the "Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship" Special mention must be submitted starting from **25 February 2026** according to the procedures established in the relevant Call for Applications, published on the website: <https://onesquare.elis.org/initiative/eni-joule-for-entrepreneurship-29>

The final deadline for submission of applications is set for **19 April 2026**. The External Committee will designate the winners by July 2026.

Article 8

Award ceremony

The three silver plaques (as better described in Article 2) will be awarded in Rome during an official ceremony to be held within 2026 in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella and Eni's top management.

Article 9

Amendments or additions to the Regulation

The Secretariat reserves the right to make amendments and additions to the Regulation of the "Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship" Special mention within the deadline for submission of applications. Any amendments made will be promptly communicated through publication at the link: <https://onesquare.elis.org/initiative/eni-joule-for-entrepreneurship-29> and, in the case of amendments concerning the application submission procedures, by informative email to participants who have already submitted their application prior to the entry into force of such amendments.

Article 10

Dissemination of results

The Secretariat has the right to initiate, also in collaboration with other entities, initiatives aimed both at the dissemination and communication of the projects subject to the Prize and at the promotion of activities addressed to schools, universities, and the business, industry and communication sectors. For this purpose, participants consent that Eni may use their names, trademarks and/or other distinctive signs within the framework of such dissemination and communication initiatives, including within its own communication channels.

The intellectual property of all submitted projects, where applicable, shall remain with the participants. Participants shall indemnify and hold Eni harmless from any liability for plagiarism, counterfeiting and from any claim or demand by third parties arising from or connected with the aforementioned projects that may be brought against Eni.

Participants expressly declare and guarantee that each project, together with the related documentation, is original, meaning that it does not entail the violation, either in whole or in part, of any right recognized or granted by the applicable legislation on intellectual and/or industrial property and that it does not infringe rights deriving from contracts or licenses, publicity rights or other rights. Where applicable, Participants declare and guarantee that they are entitled to freely dispose of third-party rights, having previously obtained all necessary authorizations and licenses from the relevant holder. Eni assumes no responsibility for any consequences arising from the dissemination and communication of the projects.

Notice on the processing of personal data pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679

Personal data (hereinafter "Data") provided directly by applicants – through participation in the "Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship" initiative – will be processed by Eni S.p.A. (also "Eni" or the "Controller"), as data controller, in full compliance with the applicable personal data protection legislation and, in particular, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (hereinafter "GDPR").

Applicants' Data will be processed in order to follow up on their request to participate in the Call, to enter into and manage the contractual relationship referred to in the Call and the Regulation, for the purpose of evaluating the application for the assignment of the Prize, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Call, as well as for the management, organization and administrative – including accounting – handling of the same (Article 6, paragraph 1, letter b) GDPR). Failure to provide the data necessary for the purposes of the initiative will make it impossible to participate and, therefore, impossible for the Award Secretariat to validly evaluate the application. Data may also be processed for compliance with legal provisions, both civil and tax-related, regulations and EU legislation, as well as rules, codes or procedures approved by competent Authorities and institutions (Article 6, paragraph 1, letter c) GDPR). Finally, Data may be processed to establish, exercise or defend a right of the Controller or a third party in judicial or extrajudicial proceedings (Article 6, paragraph 1, letter f) GDPR).

Data will be retained according to the ordinary limitation period (10 years) from the date of conclusion of the selection and management procedures provided for in the Regulation, unless the applicant is a winner. Upon expiration of the above purposes, Eni will delete the Data in accordance with applicable legislation.

The Data Controller is Eni S.p.A., with registered office in Piazza Mattei 1, Rome. The Company has appointed a Data Protection Officer ("DPO"), who can be contacted at the following email address: DPO@eni.com

Data may be communicated in Italy only to parties directly involved in carrying out the mandatory obligations provided for in this Call for Applications, who will act as independent data controllers, as well as to delegated parties who will act as data processors on behalf of Eni. Where instrumental to achieving the processing purposes, Personal Data may also be transferred abroad to companies located outside the European Economic Area ("EEA"). Some jurisdictions outside the EEA may not ensure the same level of protection of Personal Data as guaranteed within the EEA. In such cases, the Controller undertakes to regulate the transfer and subsequent processing of Personal Data through the Standard Contractual Clauses provided by the European Commission and any other measure required pursuant to Article 46 GDPR where it is not possible to rely on one of the exceptions referred to in Article 49 GDPR.

In compliance with applicable data protection legislation, data subjects have the following rights with respect to their Data: (a) the right of access, in particular requesting at any time confirmation of the existence of Data in the Controller's archives and access to the following information: (i) the purposes of the processing; (ii) the categories of Data concerned; (iii) the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the Data have been or will be disclosed, in particular if recipients are in third countries or international organizations; (iv) where possible, the envisaged retention period or, if not possible, the criteria used to determine such period; (v) the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority; (b) the right to obtain updating and rectification of Data; (c) erasure of Data concerning them if one of the following grounds applies: (i) the Data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed; (ii) the Data have been unlawfully processed; (iii) consent on which the Controller was entitled to process the Data has been withdrawn and there is no other legal ground for processing; (iv) the data subject has objected to processing and there are no overriding legitimate grounds; (v) the Data must be erased for compliance with a legal obligation. The Controller shall however have the right to refuse the exercise of the above rights of erasure if the right to freedom of expression and information prevails or for compliance with a legal obligation or for the establishment, exercise or defense of a legal claim.

Where the relevant conditions are met, the data subject has the right (d) to restriction of processing and (e) to data portability. The law also grants the right to lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority should the data subject consider that their rights under the applicable data protection legislation have been violated.

To request information or exercise their rights, data subjects may contact the Controller at the above contacts or send an email to domenica.surace@eni.com or write to the Data Protection Officer at DPO@eni.com.

Rome, 25 February 2026