Eni is one of the most important, vertically integrated energy companies in the world. It operates in the oil, natural gas, electricity production, engineering, construction and petrochemical products sectors. It is constantly working to build a future where everyone can access energy resources efficiently and sustainably. Eni is also involved in several scientific research projects on renewable energies, particularly in the major areas of biofuels and solar energy. Operating in about eighty-five countries in a responsible way towards its stakeholders, Eni invests in people and their empowerment, and it takes part to development through the integration of social, environmental and cultural issues in the growth process, in full respect of rights and diversities. From 2008 Eni has been offering the Eni Award, aimed to promote and award research and technological innovation in the fields of energy and the environment.

1) **Aims**

The *Young Researcher of the Year* Prize constitutes one of the six sections of the Eni Award, composed by the *Energy Transition*, *Energy Frontiers*, *Advanced Environmental Solutions* and the *Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa* Prizes, together with the *Recognition at Innovation Eni*. The purpose of the *Young Researcher of the Year* Prize is to help new generations of researchers to emerge, supporting their researches and innovations on the various scientific topics promoted by the Eni Award.

2) **Object of the Prizes**

The Prizes are awarded to two Ph.D. research theses, defended in Italian Universities, addressing the following topics: action against water, air and land pollution, prevention of climate warming and pollution, rehabilitation and reuse of industrial sites; renewable energy and energy storage; production, transport and use of natural gas; of capture, utilization and sequestration of carbon dioxide as well as of energy efficiency. The theses must have been defended at an Italian University during the same year of the annual Official Announcement, or in the precedent year. The Prize is awarded to students born in or after the year 1987.

3) **The Prizes**

Each of the two winners will be awarded with a prize consisting in a specially struck gold medal of the Italian State Mint and the sum of €25,000 (Twenty-five thousand Euros). The Prize will be assigned to the winning candidates, proclaimed by the Organizing Committee within June 2020.
4) Application procedures and deadlines

Applications for the Young Researcher of the Year must be presented and guaranteed by Professors, Directors of Department, Faculty Deans, Chancellors of universities and polytechnic universities operating in Italy in the specific - or similar - fields for which the Prize is awarded.

Self-candidatures will not be considered.

The deadline for the presentation of the candidatures to the Young Researcher of the Year Prize falls on November 22, 2019 before and no later than 5 p.m. CET - Central European Time. Please note that, after 5 p.m. CET of November 8, 2019 the Scientific Secretariat won’t create new accounts, in order to provide the most suitable assistance to the already registered Candidatures, within the deadline.

Two weeks after the November 22 deadline, the Scientific Secretariat will provide the Candidates with formal confirmation, by email, for the acceptance of their Candidature.

The Candidature application forms are available on the website: https://www.eni.com/enipedia/en_IT/business-model/awards-recognition/eni-award-announcement-2020.page and must be sent as follows:

1. The Candidature Proposal, the Summary of the Thesis and the CV will have to be uploaded on the Eni Award Candidates private area. The access to the private area must be requested to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat (eniaward@feem.it) that will provide an account for the procedure.

2. A copy of the Thesis in electronic form as well as possible recognitions, certificates, letters of reference, the List of Publications and the related publications must be sent by e-mail to the following address: repository-eniaward@feem.it.

3. The Candidate will have the possibility to provide a self-made video of no more than 3 minutes describing the main aspects and applications of his/her research. Such presentations will be sent as indicated during the Candidature’s registration process and will be accepted in the following formats: .MOV, .MPEG4, .AVI, .FLV.

4. Following the safe receipt of all the application’s documents, a file named Summary of the Candidature Proposal, containing the main data of the candidature and the Completion Code, will be provided to each candidate.

The aforesaid file must be duly checked and signed by the Candidate as well as by his/her Guarantor and sent to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat by fax (+39 02 43986856) or email (eniaward@feem.it) before and no later than the deadline defined by this Official Announcement.

5) Selection of the Candidatures

The Eni Award Scientific Commission shall examine and select the work of the Candidates that have been accepted and shall present the names of the chosen winners of the Young Researcher of the Year Prize to the Eni Award Organizing Committee by May 2020.

The Scientific Commission is constituted by a maximum number of 27 Members chosen by the Organizing Committee among representatives of the international scientific community.
6) Regulations

The Eni Award and this Official Announcement are submitted to the Eni Award Regulations, approved by the Organizing Committee. The text is available on the website: https://www.eni.com/enipedia/en_IT/business-model/awards-recognition/eni-award-announcement-2020.page.

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