

## NAPLES DANTE PROJECT (NDP)

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### Policy on Participation, Data Sharing and Intellectual Property Protection

#### **Art. 1 – Purpose, Scientific Responsibility, and Project Development**

The Naples Dante Project (NDP) is a publicly funded research initiative registered under the PRIN 2022 call. It was conceived, developed, and is coordinated by Gennaro Ferrante, Professor of Italian Literary Philology at the University of Naples Federico II (hereinafter “the Coordinator”), who holds full scientific, methodological, and organizational responsibility for the project, as well as financial accountability for all funds allocated to it.

This responsibility encompasses all project activities, outputs, and future developments, including spin-offs. The Coordinator’s role in these developments is evidenced by their authorship of academic publications and research grant applications related to the project.

The NDP builds upon, expands, and evolves earlier proposals that were either formally funded or properly registered through the Coordinator’s participation in competitive national and international research calls (e.g., STAR 2014; FRA 2019; ERC Consolidator Grant 2020).

#### **Art. 2 – Core Team**

The Core Team of the NDP is composed of researchers selected for their proven skills, experience, reliability, and commitment. They are formally appointed by the Coordinator to take on scientific, technical, and organizational responsibilities, including planning activities, supervising working groups, and managing shared resources.

The Core Team collaborates closely with the Coordinator, with roles and responsibilities distributed according to functional needs and in a spirit of shared scientific purpose. When the NDP participates in projects funded through partnerships or competitive grants, the Coordinator may, in line with relevant regulations, assign dedicated budget lines or responsibilities to specific units or Core Team members.

#### **Art. 3 – Voluntary Participation and Access to Resources**

Participation in the NDP is entirely voluntary and is not a prerequisite for conducting independent research activities.

Participants are granted access to infrastructures, networks, materials, tools, expertise, and data that are either developed within the project or inherited from its earlier phases.

The NDP fosters mutual learning and the exchange of interdisciplinary skills across the humanities and computational domains. It ensures that all participants have meaningful opportunities for intellectual and professional growth in relation to interdisciplinarity and innovation.

#### **Art. 4 – Scientific and Organizational Duties of Participating Members**

Participants contribute to the scientific development and organizational aspects of the project, in proportion to their roles, the relevance of their professional engagement with the NDP, and any concurrent academic or institutional responsibilities.

All contributions—whether related to specific responsibilities, collaborative research, or individual and collective outputs—are recognized and valued with respect for intellectual autonomy and an equitable distribution of effort.

Each participant is expected to acknowledge their affiliation with the NDP in any form of dissemination or valorization of research results that derives, in whole or in part, from their involvement in the project.

This acknowledgment must appear in publications, databases, digital materials, and any other scientific or outreach products, in compliance with the requirements of publicly funded research—even in the absence of direct financial support.

#### **Art. 5 – Financial and Material Compensation**

The Coordinator may apply for national or international competitive research grants to support specific components of the project and to fund collaborators' work through the host institution.

The Coordinator may also request access to exceptional funding opportunities associated with competitive or partnership-based initiatives, where the project's themes and methods align with the objectives of such calls.

Access to direct or indirect financial support may be provided through public selection procedures or formal collaborations, in accordance with university regulations and the rules established by national and international funding bodies.

#### **Art. 6 – Limitations, Suspension, and Withdrawal**

If the financial, contractual, or institutional conditions that allow for voluntary participation are no longer in place (e.g., due to conflicting roles or the lack of available compensation), participants may temporarily suspend or permanently withdraw from the project. Such decisions must be formally communicated to the Coordinator.

In all cases, participants retain the right to withdraw unilaterally, including for personal reasons, provided that formal notice is given.

In the event of permanent withdrawal, access to project materials, communication channels, and digital tools will be deactivated.

Rejoining the project is subject to the Coordinator's evaluation—carried out in consultation with Unit Heads and the Core Team—based on the stated motivations and contingent upon renewed formal acceptance of this policy.

#### **Art. 7 – Breach of Obligations and End of Collaboration**

Persistent refusal or repeated negligence in fulfilling agreed-upon tasks may lead to unilateral termination of collaboration by the Coordinator, following consultation with the Unit Heads and the Core Team.

If access is not voluntarily relinquished, the Coordinator—or a designated member of the Core Team—is authorized to revoke access to shared resources and tools.

#### **Art. 8 – Intellectual Property and Data Use**

The NDP adheres to the principles of Open Science, promoting transparency, open access, and the responsible sharing of research outcomes. The project is also firmly committed to the F.A.I.R. management of the data it produces and handles.

This commitment does not override the recognition of intellectual property: access to data and resources is granted only through explicit and traceable authorization, and must align with the project's scientific objectives and the conditions defined by the Coordinator, in consultation with the Unit Heads and the Core Team.

In all cases, open access to project-generated data is prohibited if, in the judgment of the Coordinator and Unit Heads, such access would compromise essential scientific goals.

Any unauthorized disclosure of confidential data (in compliance with GDPR), or premature release of sensitive or strategic materials—particularly if intentional—may result in formal reports to academic or legal authorities for plagiarism, misappropriation, and/or privacy violations.

Participation in the project does not, in itself, guarantee the right to publish research results. Any such publications will be governed by separate agreements made in good faith among the parties involved.

#### **Art. 9 – Policy Acceptance**

This policy applies to all forms of collaboration within the project, including those involving members of the Core Team, given their direct role in the management, production, sharing, and protection of scientific resources.

Participation in the project is conditional upon signing this document, which implies full acceptance of its contents, obligations, and conditions.

#### **Art. 10 – Methodological Compliance with Horizon Europe Principles**

This policy is aligned with the principles and guidelines of Horizon Europe, ensuring the protection of research results, recognition of project ownership, traceability of individual and collective responsibilities, and the sustainability of collaboration.

It also guarantees the safeguarding of non-public data, the controlled dissemination of outputs, and full compliance with national and international ethical and legal standards.