

The sixth edition of ELITE Day kicks off: 'Future Makers: Entrepreneurs Shaping Tomorrow'

- **ELITE, Euronext's ecosystem supporting SMEs growth, hosts today at Palazzo Mezzanotte the sixth edition of ELITE Day, its strategic think tank**
- **Over 350 entrepreneurs, advisors and investors from across the ELITE network come together for a day of meetings and debates**
- **More than 1,900 companies and 200 partners in Europe are part of the ELITE ecosystem**

Milan – 13 October 2025 – ELITE, Euronext's ecosystem that supports small and medium-sized private companies in Europe in their long-term sustainable growth, is hosting today its sixth ELITE Day. The event will focus on a highly relevant theme: 'Future Makers: Entrepreneurs Shaping Tomorrow', highlighting the crucial role of entrepreneurs who are actively shaping rather than enduring the future. Through ideas and strategies, they are driving growth while navigating the complexities of today's global landscape.

The 2025 edition of the event, endorsed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Ministry of Enterprise and Made in Italy, and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, features a successful format that has been consolidated over the years and consists of debates, testimonials, round tables, and opportunities for dialogue and discussion between representatives of the organisations that are part of the ELITE network.

The event represents a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the dynamics and priorities of virtuous companies, discovering first-hand the successful models and strategies that guide them. A moment of inspiration, thanks to the voices of innovative leaders who, with vision and determination, are shaping the future by taking the challenges of the present and transforming them into opportunities.

Once again this year, ELITE Day has proven itself to be a valuable think tank, attracting a European audience of over 350 entrepreneurs, advisors and investors from the network, along with prominent speakers and testimonials, including guests such as David Avino, Founder and CEO of Argotec; Nicola Anzivino, Partner at BDO Italia; Claudia Parzani, Chairwoman of Borsa Italiana – Euronext Group; Fabrizio Testa, Chief Executive Officer of Borsa Italiana – Euronext Group; Carlo Gussalli Beretta, PB Selection Business Development & Digital Projects and Innovation Manager at Fabbrica d'Armi P. Beretta; Franco Gussalli Beretta, President and CEO of Fabbrica d'Armi P. Beretta; Ersilia Vaudo, Special Advisor on Future Talents, European Space Agency; Serena Bergonzi, Strategy Leader at IPSOS Doxa; Marco Capone, General Manager at LEGO Italia; Luca Pancaldi, Senior Partner at McKinsey; and Luca Romagnoli, Executive AI Business Solutions at Microsoft.

Marta Testi, CEO of ELITE – Euronext Group, said: *"Being a Future Maker does not mean trying to predict the future, it means shaping it through the action we take today, as individuals, as businesses and as a community. ELITE Day 2025 is a valuable opportunity for strategic discussion, where businesses, institutions and partners come together to share their vision, experiences and perspectives on the future of the economy and business. In a constantly changing global context, it is essential to promote an entrepreneurial culture focused on innovation, economic sustainability and responsibility. At ELITE, we are proud to contribute to the growth of businesses and to build, day after day, an increasingly broad and solid ecosystem of excellence at European level."*

Link to the programme <http://elite-network.com/eliteday>.

ELITE figures and expansion in Europe: since its launch, over 1,900 companies have joined the ELITE network, with an aggregate turnover of over €206 billion, representing 36 sectors and employing over 751,000 people. ELITE is a success story in providing real support to many private companies to accelerate their growth by speeding up access to private and public capital: €955 million raised with the direct support of ELITE for over 260 companies, using the Basket Bond® model, 75 companies have been listed, raising more than €4 billion, €5.8 billion is the equivalent value raised representing 430 PE/VC transactions in support of 225 ELITE companies, €18.5 billion is the total representing over 1,900 mergers and acquisitions by 593 ELITE companies. Part of Euronext, the leading infrastructure for European capital markets, since 2021, ELITE is strongly aligned with the Group's strategy of

promoting access to private and public capital markets and supporting companies in financing their long-term sustainable growth. The strategic focus is on further consolidation in the Italian market, strong momentum for European expansion thanks to membership of the Euronext Group, strengthening the partnership model with the banking world through the Lounge model, attention to local areas and proximity to regional hubs, such as Puglia and Campania, and a new drive to support strategic sectors at European level through sectoral and supply chain initiatives such as the upcoming European Aerospace & Defence Growth Hub.

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