

The Third Edition of the French-Italian Accelerator kiskstarts: A Program Dedicated to Strengthening Trade Exchanges Between the Two Countries

The initiative, promoted by the French Ministry of Economy, Finance, Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Bpifrance, ELITE-Euronext Group, and Team France Export, allows Italian and French companies to accelerate their development in each other's markets

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Paris/Milan, July 1, 2025 – Further strengthening cooperation between Italy and France and stimulating trade exchanges and business relations between companies from the two countries. These are the primary objectives of the **third edition of the French-Italian Accelerator**, a program designed for companies seeking to grow and expand abroad. The initiative is supported for the first time by the **French Ministry of Economy, Finance, Industrial and Digital Sovereignty**, in continuity with the historical partners **Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Bpifrance, ELITE – Euronext Group, and Team France Export**.

The program enables Italian and French companies to identify and capitalise on sustainable development opportunities in both countries. The renewal of the project, following the success of previous editions, is further proof of the fruitful collaboration between the economic actors of Italy and France involved in accelerating the growth of companies. This edition will include a total of **19 companies active in various sectors of industry and services**.

Specifically, four sessions will be held alternately in France and Italy, between Paris and Milan, dedicated to training and business matching meetings, organised based on the specific needs of the companies. In particular, the training sessions will be managed by SDA Bocconi School of Management and Sciences Po and will focus on topics such as strategy and internationalisation, leadership, and sustainability. Additionally, companies will benefit from an online learning platform with courses, workshops, and web conferences organised by Bpifrance Université and SDA Bocconi.

Companies will also be able to interact with the leading players in their markets by participating in major international events (such as Bpifrance Inno Génération - BIG 2025 and the ELITE Day), which represent networking opportunities to strengthen transalpine partnerships and promote cross-border investments.



The **initiative has involved around 70 Italian and French companies**, with more than **100 hours of training dedicated to export and internationalisation topics** and over **400 business matching meetings organised for each edition**, of which about 30% turned into business opportunities.

Alexandre Guillo, Head of the Accelerators branch of Bpifrance, said: *"The launch of this third promotion of the French-Italian Accelerator is in line with Bpifrance's ambitions to encourage the emergence of national and international champions. By strengthening their competitiveness and international presence, we are giving these companies the means to accelerate their growth and seize new market opportunities, while ensuring the dynamism of the French and European economic fabric".*

Vincenzo Paolo Carbonara, Head of Growth Finance at CDP, said: *"The French-Italian Accelerator takes another step forward and reaches its third edition, strong from the tangible successes achieved so far and thanks to the fruitful collaboration with all institutional partners. As CDP, we aim to promote the dynamism of our companies in their expansion into foreign markets and to continue creating new tools that generate development opportunities. The growth of companies and the strengthening of cooperation and synergies between Italy and France remain the core and strength of this program".*




Marta Testi, CEO of ELITE-Gruppo Euronext, said: *"Growing in a global market requires vision, skills, and access to strategic resources. With the third edition of the French-Italian Accelerator, we offer companies concrete tools to face the challenges of internationalisation, enhancing the strategic axis between Italy and France and the European mission of ELITE and the Euronext Group".*

The 6 French companies involved:

 <p>VOLTAÏCA Créateur de Votre énergie</p>	<p>Voltaïca (Corse - 20)</p> <p>Founded by Christian and Jean-Marc GIUDICELLI in 2008, Voltaïca is the flagship of the GIUDICELLI Group, with the aim of contributing to a carbon-free future by harnessing solar energy through the development and installation of photovoltaic power plants.</p> <p>https://voltaica.fr/</p>
 <p>ISPIRA GROUPE</p>	<p>Ispira (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur - 13)</p> <p>ISPIRA is a leading expert in air quality addressing all issues related to indoor air quality, occupational exposure, industrial emissions, and environmental pollution. Its expertise covers four main sectors: offices and public buildings, industry, healthcare and hygiene, and environmental monitoring.</p> <p>www.ispira-qualite-air.fr</p>

	<p>Imagerie Diffusion Multimedia (Ile-de-France - 77)</p> <p>IDM is a publishing solutions integrator. IDM specialises in adding value to content, both through its intrinsic qualities and through advertising.</p> <p>IDM is a team of expert engineers who support its customers with the most innovative technologies and practices.</p> <p>https://www.idmgroup.com/</p>
	<p>SWISH (Ile-de-France - 95)</p> <p>Swish has been an expert in electric recharging for professionals for over 30 years, supporting all businesses, whatever their sector of activity or needs: installation in company car parks, equipping depots for transport and logistics, or recharging stations for hotels and leisure sites.</p> <p>https://web.swish-charge.com/fr-fr</p>
	<p>SEENOVIA (Pays de la Loire - 44)</p> <p>Seenovia is a livestock consultancy and services company based in the Pays de la Loire region, specializing in dairy production (dairy cows and dairy goats) and beef cattle.</p> <p>The company provides farmers with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tailor-made services that add value. - know-how and expertise to help them develop their projects. - support for the success of their farms. <p>www.seenovia.fr</p>
	<p>Caumans (Smile Pickup) (Hauts-de-France - 80)</p> <p>Created by David Caulier and Sébastien Horemans in May 2018, SmilePickup was initially intended to meet a request for a collection point in Amiens for IKEA. The pick-up point became a laboratory for testing new services. Following the success of this first collection point, IKEA asked the company to continue developing new points throughout France.</p> <p>Smile PICKUP now offers a global European LastMiles delivery solution that respects the environment and is tailored to the needs of its end customers.</p> <p>https://www.caumans.com/</p>

The 13 Italian companies involved:

	<p>Allied International S.r.l. (Piacenza - Emilia Romagna)</p> <p>Allied International Group is a worldwide leader in the manufacturing and distribution of all types of fittings, flanges, pipes, wide-radius bends and special products for the Power (Thermal & Nuclear), Oil&Gas, Chemical, Petrochemical, Water distribution and Desalination industries. Part of the Allied Group, is also Mandelli, a historical manufacturer of fixe-axes CNC machines and flexible manufacturing systems, cutting edge player in the mechatronic sector, serving the aerospace, defense, energy, automotive and precision machineries industries.</p> <p>https://www.alliedfittings.com/</p>
	<p>Antimo Caputo S.r.l. (Napoli - Campania)</p> <p>Antimo Caputo srl, founded in 1924, produces a wide range of flours of high-quality standards intended for professional usage, bread-making, pasta, pizza and pastry. The experience gained over 3 generations of Master Neapolitan Millers makes it possible to guarantee the highest possible quality standards, as well as preserving natural and authentic flour. Antimo Caputo chooses the best varieties of grains, selected after slow grinding, without additives and enzymes.</p> <p>https://www.mulinocaputo.it/</p>
	<p>I.Di.R. S.p.A. (Napoli - Campania)</p> <p>Importazione Distribuzione Ricambi S.p.A. («I.Di.R.»), founded in 1950, operates in the automotive supply chain, proposing a 360° integrated offer that includes acquisition and distribution of spare parts, equipment and services for the automotive aftermarket.</p> <p>https://www.idir.it/</p>
	<p>Filtrec S.p.A. (Bergamo - Lombardia)</p> <p>Filtrec, founded in 1991, conducts its business in the production and commercialization of filters for hydraulic oil, chemical products, water and gas treatment. The company makes filters for the following sectors: wind power generation, mining, agricultural machines, marine industry, steel plants, compressors for refrigeration and railway maintenance.</p>

	https://www.filtrec.com/it/
	<p>Italf fluid Geoenergy S.r.l. (Pescara - Abruzzo)</p> <p>A global leader in integrated oilfield and energy transition services, specializing in turnkey engineering solutions and sustainable technologies from the upstream oil, gas, and geothermal to decarbonization sectors.</p> <p>https://www.italfluid.com/it/</p>
	<p>Italpizza S.p.A. (Modena - Emilia Romagna)</p> <p>Italpizza, founded in 1991, is one of the leading producers of frozen pizzas in Italy and Europe and the leading Italian exporter to the American market.</p> <p>https://italpizza.com/</p>
	<p>Mare Engineering Group S.p.A. (Napoli - Campania)</p> <p>Founded in 2001, Mare Group is an engineering company listed on Euronext Growth Milan, based on proprietary technology platforms. With more than 2,000 clients, a team of over 500 people, and 25 operational and commercial offices in 5 countries, Mare Group is a key player in the innovation ecosystem. Significant investments in R&D and the 16 acquisitions completed since 2019, followed by subsequent mergers, demonstrate the Group's strong ability to integrate complementary resources and technologies to expand its product portfolio and increase market presence.</p> <p>https://www.maregroup.it/</p>

	<p>Miccolis S.p.A. (Bari - Puglia)</p> <p>Miccolis S.p.A., founded in 1929, operates mainly both in local and national public transport in Italy through a fleet of over 200 buses renewed periodically to ensure increasingly high standards of comfort, technology and sustainability.</p> <p>https://www.busmiccolis.it/</p>
	<p>Officine Meccaniche Irpine S.r.l. (Avellino - Campania)</p> <p>Officine Meccaniche Irpine ('OMI'), established in 1983, operates in the aerospace sector. The company manages the production cycle in a "verticalized" process, in order to meet all structural configuration requirements for fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft.</p> <p>https://omi.aero/</p>
	<p>Prezezzi Extrusion S.p.A. (Monza - Lombardia)</p> <p>Prezezzi Extrusion was founded in 1994 as a supplier of machinery for the extrusion industry. Today it is an important player in the production of complete extrusion lines and casting solutions with top level technology and a high degree of flexibility in the design and construction of presses for aluminium, hard alloy, copper and brass profiles.</p> <p>https://www.prezezziextrusion.com/it/</p>
	<p>Promotica S.p.A. (Brescia - Lombardia)</p> <p>Promotica S.p.A., founded in 2003, operates in the loyalty and relationship marketing in Italy, creating loyalty, communication and promo-incentive activities aimed at the B2B and B2C channel.</p> <p>https://www.promotica.it/</p>

	<p>Renco Group S.p.A. (Pesaro - Marche)</p> <p>Renco Group S.p.A., founded in 1979, is active in consulting, technical staffing, engineering and construction services for the energy, oil & gas and complex civil infrastructure sectors. In the recent years Renco is working as developer and financial arrangers in the energy sector.</p> <p>https://www.renco.it/</p>
	<p>SPI S.p.A. (Vibo Valentia – Calabria)</p> <p>S.P.I. - Studio Progettazioni Industriali S.P.A., founded in 1985, operates in the manufacture of doors, windows and related frames, shutters and metal gates serving the most important retail chains through supply of high-quality products.</p> <p>https://www.spifinestre.it/</p>

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About Cassa Depositi e Prestiti

Cassa Depositi e Prestiti is a national promotional institution that has been supporting the Italian economy since 1850. Through its operations, it is committed to accelerating the industrial and infrastructural development of the country, in order to contribute to its economic and social growth. CDP focuses its activities on sustainable regional development, as well as on innovation and growth, including international growth, for Italian companies. It is a partner of local authorities, providing loans and consultancy services for the creation of infrastructure and the improvement of public utility services. It is also active in the field of international cooperation, financing projects in developing countries and emerging markets. Cassa Depositi e Prestiti is financed entirely by private resources, through the issue of postal bonds and passbook accounts and through issues on the national and international markets.

About ELITE EURONEXT GROUP

ELITE, launched in 2012 by Borsa Italiana and now part of the Euronext Group, is the European network of private SMEs that accelerates the process of accessing private and public capital markets.

ELITE's mission is to support companies by connecting them to capital, skills and a network to steer their sustainable growth over the long term. Based on a unique offering of services and solutions, ELITE combines a calendar of workshops and coaching sessions, helping entrepreneurs and managers hone their skills and strengthen their strategic plan and business opportunities. ELITE companies' management teams are also supported to accelerate their development and access the financing options best suited to their needs, whether Basket Bonds®, institutional investors, private equity, venture capital or equity markets. With more than 2,000 companies and 200 partners admitted since launch, around €20 billion has been raised by ELITE companies through more than 1,200 corporate transactions, underlining just how dynamic SMEs can be once they have effective access to private and public markets.

About **Bpifrance**

Bpifrance finances businesses - at every stage of their development - through loans, guarantees and equity. Bpifrance supports them in their innovation and international projects. Bpifrance now also supports their export activities through a wide range of products. Advice, universities, networking and acceleration programmes for start-ups, SMEs and ETIs are also part of the services offered to entrepreneurs. Thanks to Bpifrance and its 50 regional offices, entrepreneurs benefit from a close, single and effective contact to help them meet their challenges.

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