



FIRST “BASKET BOND - SUSTAINABLE ENERGY” LAUNCHED, OPEN TO ENERGY SUPPLY CHAIN COMPANIES

An innovative financial tool, the first dedicated to the energy transition, was conceived by Eni, ELITE, with illimity acting as Arranger, to accelerate the sustainable growth and development path along the entire energy supply chain.

*San Donato Milanese (MI), 25 November 2021 – Eni **further strengthens its commitment** towards an equitable and inclusive energy transition by launching the “Basket Bond – Sustainable Energy” programme, realised in collaboration with ELITE, part of the Borsa Italiana Group/Euronext and illimity Bank, in order to **accelerate the growth** and development of the *supply chain*.*

The “Basket Bond – Sustainable Energy” programme is the first innovative financial tool aimed at all companies within the integrated energy chain, especially focused on SMEs and dedicated to sustainable development goals; companies who qualify for the programme will access **to financial resources** – on favourable terms according to their current and expected sustainability profile – **to be used in projects and investments** for the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Therefore, companies committed to a fair energy transition path and aiming to improve their own industrial processes and business models **will be able to support, for example, tangible initiatives** such as the renewal of plants for better energy efficiency and improvement of environmental impacts, access to renewable energy sources, sustainable mobility, the adoption of circular economy models, the safeguarding of employee’s health and safety, the creation of new skills and provision of related training.

The programme is developed by Eni, ELITE and illimity that, acting as *arranger*, will be responsible for the organisation of the operations and the definition of its financial aspects, supporting the companies involved in issuing and placing the bonds.

Eni has built a business model that puts sustainability at the heart of all corporate activities, including its financial strategy, believing that the development and use of financial tools linked to sustainability can contribute to the promotion of the energy transition process for the achievement of a low-carbon future.



ELITE has always been committed, both in Italy and abroad, to supporting the sustainable growth of small and medium sized companies, which are fundamental economy assets and, thanks to this projects, will also support the supply chains and invest in the Italian entrepreneurial fabric in order to create more robust companies able to innovate and compete at an international level.

With this new project, illimity will provide an additional financial tool for all companies with sustainable development plans, by offering them favourable conditions according to their sustainability profile, thus strengthening its ESG strategy to support small and medium sized enterprises.

With the “Basket Bond – Sustainable Energy” programme, **Eni further strengthens its sustainability strategy and its commitment to involve the entire supply chain** in the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (“UN SDGs”) and of a fair and inclusive transition.

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Eni S.p.A.

Eni is an energy company. It concretely supports a just energy transition, with the objective of preserving the planet and promoting an efficient and sustainable access to energy for all. Its work is based on passion and innovation. On the strength and development of its skills. On the equal dignity of each person, recognising diversity as a key value for human development. On the responsibility, integrity and transparency of its actions. It believes in the value of long term partnerships with the countries and communities where it operates bringing long-lasting prosperity for all.

Elite S.p.A.

ELITE is the private market of the Borsa Italiana Group, part of Euronext, which connects companies to different financial sources in order to accelerate their growth.

An international network of successful entrepreneurs, partners, brokers and investors focused on helping the best companies turn their vision into strategic plans and concrete results.

ELITE offers selected companies a set of tools and services designed to prepare them for raising capital and seize new opportunities for visibility and networking, thus facilitating the growth and cultural approach of companies to available forms of funding, including public and private capital markets. Today, ELITE is an international success story, capable of attracting pools of liquidity from institutional investors, including through financial intermediaries, to have an impact on the growth of client companies around the world. For further information <http://www.elite-network.com> Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) hashtag #weareELITE

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illimity Bank S.p.A.

illimity is the high-tech banking group founded and led by Corrado Passera, created with the aim of responding to specific market needs through an innovative and specialised business model. In particular, illimity provides credit to high-potential SMEs, purchases distressed corporate loans and manages them through its platform - neprix - and offers direct digital banking services through illimitybank.com. Also part of the Group is illimity SGR, which establishes and manages Alternative Investment Funds, the first of which is dedicated to UTP credits. The illimity Group story began in January 2018 with the launch of the Special Purpose Acquisition Company SPAXS S.p.A., which closed a record capital market raising of €600 million. SPAXS subsequently acquired Banca Interprovinciale S.p.A. and the merger between the two companies formally gave birth to "illimity Bank S.p.A." which has been listed on Borsa Italiana S.p.A. since 5 March 2019. (ticker "ILTY"), first on the MTA and from September 2020 on the STAR segment. The Milan-based banking group already employs more than 700 people and closed its accounts on 30 September 2021 with assets of more than €4.6 billion.