ELIS AT A GLANCE

PROFILE

ELIS trains people at work and promotes development and innovation in close collaboration with training institutions, companies, universities, research centers, and institutions. Guidance activities with schools and businesses support young people in choosing their studies, discovering their professional vocation, and spreading a new work culture. Educational courses aimed at job placement are designed in collaboration with companies to meet their needs. Management training promotes the professional, human, and interpersonal skills of those responsible for leading projects, people, and organizations.

This commits ELIS to ongoing dialogue with large groups and companies that are members of the Consel Consortium. Together with them and a wide network of startups and other public and private partners, ELIS promotes the development of people, organizations, and territories through projects for the application of new technologies and open innovation programs.

As a Civil Society Organization (CSO) officially recognized by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, ELIS operates in Italy and abroad with projects to combat educational poverty, support minors, and promote the social and economic advancement of women.

Dialogue with the economic world and social commitment come together in the goal of fostering sustainable and inclusive development, aimed at promoting the individual.

ORIGINS AND DEVELOPMENT

The **ELIS Center Association** is a non-profit organization, officially recognized as a Non-Governmental Organization. Promoted by members of Opus Dei, it is a secular organization based on Christian values, composed of people from different cultural and religious backgrounds.

ELIS was founded in 1965 at the instigation of Pope John XXIII, who asked Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer, founder of Opus Dei, to devise and implement an initiative capable of promoting the social condition of young people in the Casal Bruciato district of Rome. The "University of Work" – as St. Josemaría imagined it from the beginning – has expanded its activities over time, which now extend throughout Italy. Since 1987, it has also been present in developing countries.

ELIS IN FIGURES (2024)

Staff	532
People trained in Italy (high school, university, and vocational courses)	1,897
Employment rate three months after completion of training	89%
Other people trained in Italy (retraining and professional development)	3,255
Students involved in study and career guidance activities	57,328
Companies and other organizations that are members of the Consel Consortium	133
Innovation projects implemented	201
People who have benefited from social projects/cooperation programs in Italy and developing countries	262

Sources of funding

Services to companies (training and consulting)	75,23%
Training services to individuals	11,06%
Public funding	11,39%
Donations	2,32%