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Setting the scene for Europe's Next Gen Angels: ESIL Angel Academy Launch

To support Europe's next wave of angel investors, the Early Stage Investing Launchpad (ESIL) has launched the ESIL Angel Academy, a comprehensive, free-of-charge and online course designed to equip aspiring and experienced angels with the skills, tools, and confidence to invest in and mentor deep-tech innovators.

This new initiative reflects ESIL's commitment to building a connected, diverse, and competitive European innovation ecosystem. By providing practical, expert-led training, the ESIL Angel Academy will boost the potential of early-stage investors across Europe, especially in widening countries, while also strengthening the pipeline of impactful, venture-backable startups.

Angel Academy Course

Investing and mentoring deep-tech innovators

The ESIL Angel Academy offers over 20 hours of content and features more than 30 industry experts who have collectively deployed over €400 million in risk capital and supported 2,449 founders across Europe and the US. The course is packed with downloadable templates and tools, making it a powerful resource for anyone looking to begin or deepen their journey into angel investing.

Course highlights include:

- How to be a successful and effective angel investor
- How to find and evaluate investment opportunities
- How to structure and negotiate an angel deal
- How to support and mentor founders
- The importance of embracing diversity
- How to invest in impactful, deep technology startups

"What makes the ESIL Angel Academy so special is that it's not just another training programme", explains Jenny Tooth OBE, VP of Diversity at BAE & Executive Chair of UKBAA. "It's a truly European effort to raise the bar for angel investing everywhere, not just in the established markets. By sharing knowledge and experience across borders, we're helping to unlock talent, capital and opportunity in places where it's needed most. That's how we build a stronger, more connected innovation ecosystem for Europe's next generation of founders and investors."

Delivered by leading angels, funds, angel groups from across Europe, as well as representatives from the European Commission's European Innovation Council (EIC), the ESIL Angel Academy brings together a collective experience of over 300 years in early-stage investing.

[Register and take the course here.](#)



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About ESIL, The Next Gen of Angels

ESIL is dedicated to boosting Europe's innovative ecosystems through the creation of a thriving, connected and diverse angel investment community across all the countries of Europe, whilst strengthening those markets where angel investment may still be lagging behind.

ESIL is supported by funding from the European Union through the European Innovation Council and SME Executive Agency EISMEA. ESIL will be delivered by a consortium of highly experienced ecosystem players, deeply embedded in European investment and innovation ecosystems, composed of [META Group](#), [BAE](#) and [Bpifrance](#).

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