





Who we are

ECOLE is the reference point for vocational training and job services in the industrial sector. A network that **bridges education and industry** through innovation.

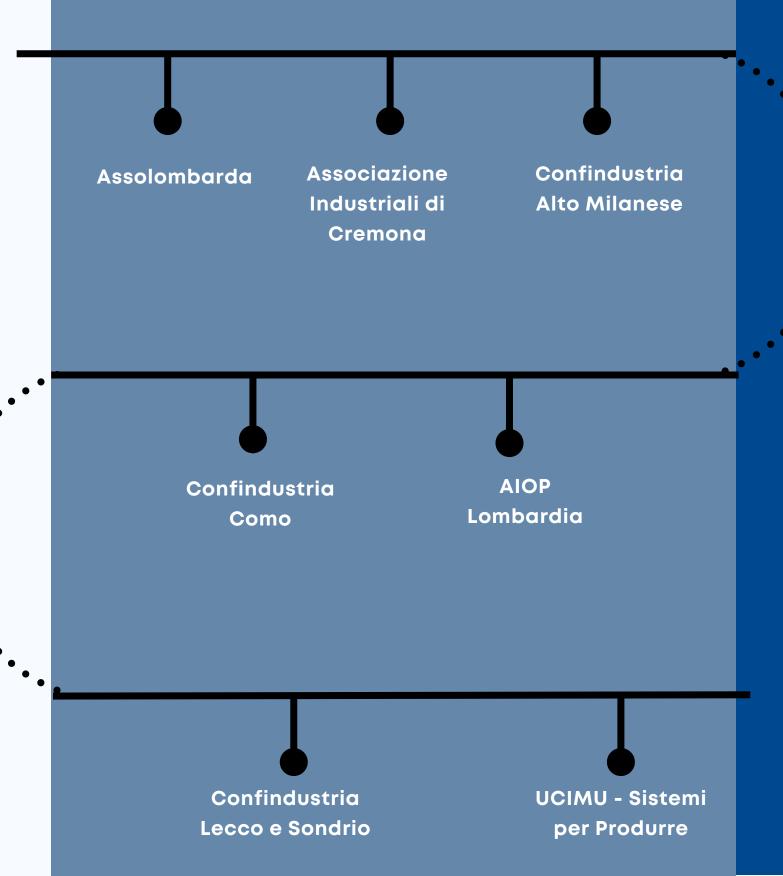




Our strategic strategic network for innovation

ECOLE is a leading vocational training and job services provider, founded by 7 industry associations within the Confindustria network.

A strong industrial network





Represents 8,000+ companies and 420,000 employees.

Confindustria is the main association representing manufacturing and service companies in Italy, with a membership of more than 150 000 companies of all sizes, employing approximatly 5 million people.



ECOLE is deeply embedded in the **innovation** ecosystem of Lombardy, home to numerous Innovation Centers and Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH), including DIH Lombardia.

Lombardy drives Italy's economy with:



Industrial GDP → €125.9B

making it the Italy's most productive region.



GDP per Capita → €132.4K

it stands as a leader in economic growth and innovation.

It is also a leader in workforce development, with 2300 employees engaged in continuous training.





Bridging Education & Industry

ECOLE plays a crucial role in Continuous Vocational Education and Training (VET), offering upskilling and reskilling opportunities. At the same time, we maintain a strong link with Initial VET by working closely with educational institutions to align curricula with industry needs.

The added value

Our approach ensures that young professionals and experienced workers alike develop skills aligned with labor market demands.





European presence

Close relations with corporate members of Confindustria place ECOLE in a privileged position to carry out **research and exchange** acquired competencies.

ECOLE is involved in **over 15 active European projects** across these key strategic areas:



Digital Transformation & Industry 4.0



Education & Vocational Excellence

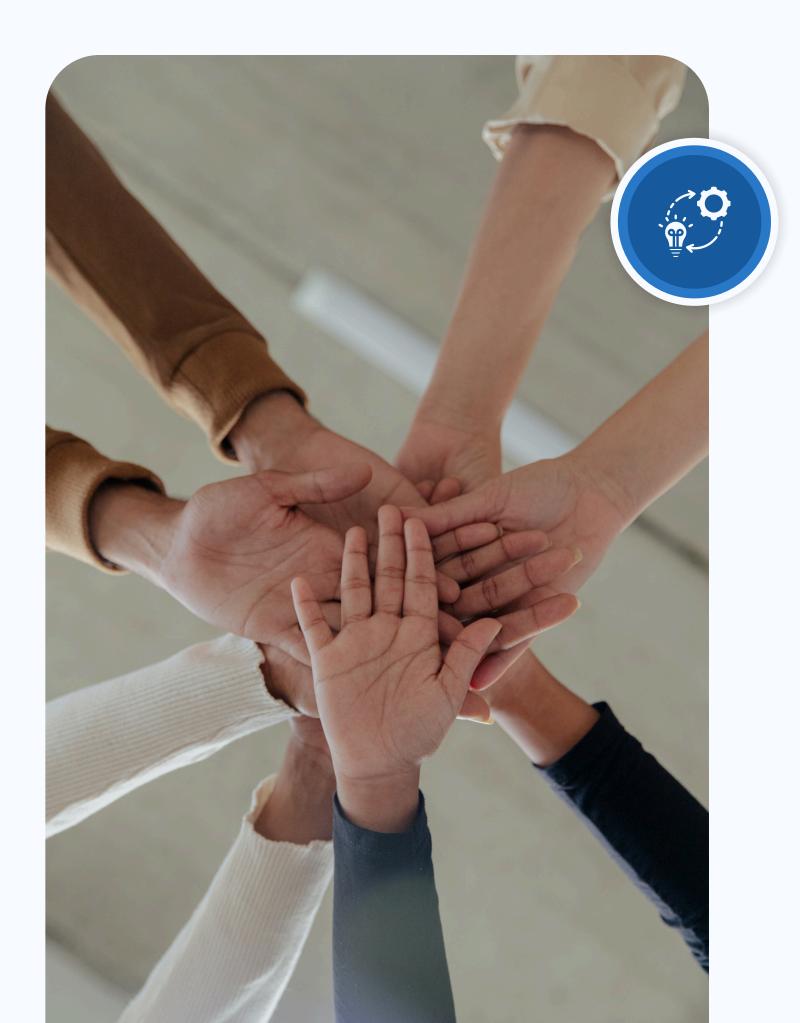


Sustainability & Circular Economy



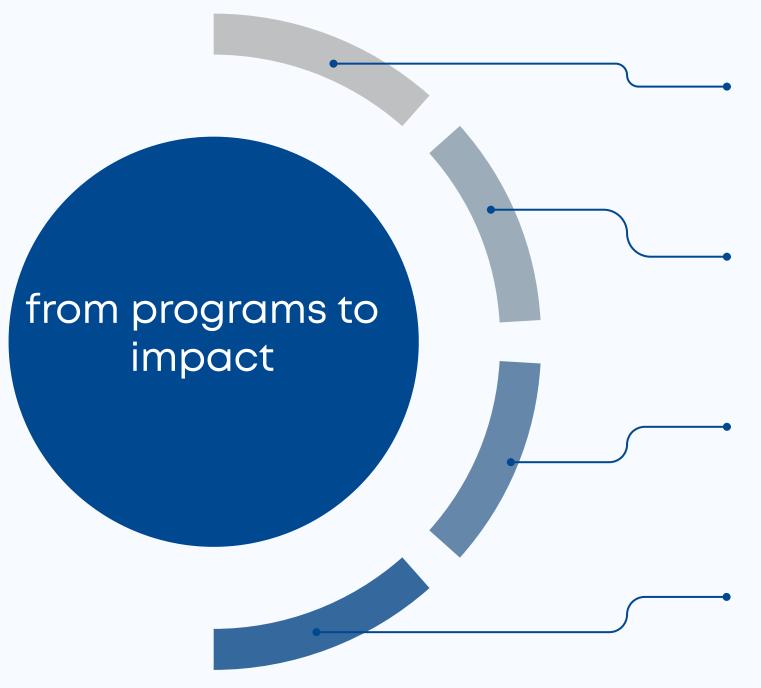
Soft Skills & Human-Al Interaction







Key strategic projects



TECH BRIDGE VET - Bridging Education & Industry

Addressing skills mismatch in mechanical engineering by updating curricula and fostering school-business collaboration to equip SMEs with qualified professionals.



AI GENIALE - AI for Business Innovation

Exploring generative AI to enhance efficiency, innovation, and business processes, creating tools for easier AI adoption in companies.



REUSE2030 - Circular Economy in Manufacturing

Supporting sustainability in the mechanical sector by introducing tools for waste reduction and greener production models in SMEs across Central Europe.



H2EXCELLENCE - Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Training

Establishing Centers of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) to develop workforce skills in green energy and sustainable mobility.





Innovation Labs

Our Strategic Lab Network



ITS LOMBARDIA MECCATRONICA

Courses in mechanical and mechatronic technologies, bringing together companies, training institutions, universities, and industry associations.

It serves as a **key link between education and industry**, equipping
students with the highly qualified
skills demanded by enterprises.



IRMAP

Research and training in AR & VR for industrial use, robotics, additive manufacturing, IoT systems, and industrial automation.

A **comprehensive Industry 4.0 hub**, transferring innovative technologies to academia and industry.



LOCAL LAB - LECCO

A collaborative lab reproducing a flexographic printing process, integrating real production environments.

Equipped with a lathe and CNC milling machine, it provides training for students and reskilling programs across sectors like mechanics, automation, graphics, and chemistry.



COMO NEXT HUB

ComoNExT – Innovation Hub is part of a broad network of companies, associations, institutions, universities, and research centers that foster the flow and transfer of knowledge and technology. Within the hub, in addition to innovation-oriented companies, there are laboratories that actively contribute to this process.

Ecole is also part of this network.





Our European Project Team













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