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## Big Angels Day 2024: Strengthening European Innovation Council and Business Angels collaboration

On 9th and 10th December 2024, **Big Angels Day** will bring together over 80 promising startups and a powerful network of angel investors, policymakers, and innovation professionals in Zagreb, Croatia. The event is organised by **Hamag Bicro**, **Bpifrance**, **META Group** and **BAE**. This two-day event aims to bridge funding gaps, foster innovation, and strengthen collaboration across Europe's investment and innovation landscape.

A highlight of the event is the **Early-Stage Investing Launchpad (ESIL) workshop**, an initiative that aligns with ESIL's mission to fortify early-stage investment networks across Europe, particularly in underrepresented regions. The workshop will focus on critical themes, including deep tech investment, collaboration between the **European Innovation Council (EIC)** and business angels, and strategies to create sustainable angel investment networks in Eastern Europe.

*“As Croatia hosts its first Big Angels Day, it’s exciting to see how the collaboration between business angels, innovation actors and the European Innovation Council is contributing to an ever more thriving startup and scale-up scene”* said Luigi Amati, Director of META Group and Honorary Chairman of Business Angels Europe and a key speaker at the event.

Reginald Vossen, President of Business Angels Europe and Gilles Le Cocguen, Director of EuroQuity emphasised in a joint statement: *“The ESIL workshop cements our belief in the need to discuss and work together to foster a sustainable, cross-border investment ecosystem that champions European innovation.”*

Join us in Zagreb to experience the vibrant pulse of Europe's innovation ecosystem and the pivotal role of angel investors in driving forward the next wave of transformative startups.

More information about the event is [available online](#).

### 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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