

A2A ENTERS “EUREKA! FUND I – TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER” The Group and EUREKA! together for investing in innovation

Milan, 9 December 2021 - **A2A** has signed an agreement with **EUREKA! Venture SGR** today, entering “Eureka! Fund I -Technology Transfer” as a new investor.

Through this operation aimed at the development of new solutions and technologies, A2A takes a further step forward in its **Corporate Venture Capital (CVC)** program started in 2019 to foster the Group's innovation. In line with its Business Plan, A2A promotes investments in early stage startups operating in strategic businesses such as **energy transition** and **circular economy**. The initiative is part of A2A's broader **Open Innovation** strategy, a synergistic model of scouting for startups and SMEs, experimentation projects, challenges and corporate entrepreneurship activities.

EUREKA! Venture SGR is an established independent **Italian AIFM (Alternative Investment Fund Manager) specialized in deeptech investments**, i.e. in startups, spin offs, and SMEs stemming from or connected with Research Centers and Universities which aim to enhance the results of their scientific research activities on the market, promote innovative and often frontier technologies, which can have a profound impact on people's lives, the environment and society in general. “**Eureka! Fund I - Technology Transfer**” is focused on investments in advanced materials and more generally in applications and solutions related to Materials Science and Engineering. The Fund invests in the initial growth stages of startups, also thanks to the partnership with 31 Universities and Scientific Research Centers in Italy.

“Innovation is a crucial aspect for the success of our Group” declared **Renato Mazzoncini**, CEO of A2A - “Thanks to this collaboration, A2A will be able to expand its Corporate Venture Capital program, support the creation of startups linked to the world of research and technology transfer centers, further strengthening investments in new solutions that can contribute to the creation of strategic infrastructures for the country and its ecological transition”.

Stefano Peroncini, CEO of EUREKA! Venture SGR, commented: “Sustainable development, energy transition and deeptech investments are the very essence of Eureka!. We are really proud to continue our ambitious path with A2A, an excellent partner who shares our vision and who, by joining the other investors of the Fund, will allow us to count on solid industrial skills. ”

The Eureka! Fund I includes the European Investment Fund (EIF) and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) as anchor investors through the Fund of Funds dedicated to Technology Transfer of CDP Venture Capital SGR and the ITAtech platform, created precisely to support technology transfer initiatives capable of enhancing Italian scientific and technological research.

The Eureka! Fund I benefits from the support of InnovFin Equity and the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). InnovFin Equity is the financial instrument developed under Horizon 2020 which is also the European Union blueprint program for Research and Innovation. The Fund has other institutional investor such as Compagnia di San Paolo and ENPAIA (the National Insurance Agency for Agriculture Workers), as well as companies such as SAES Group (leader in advanced material) and Umbra Group (leader in the aerospace sector).

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