



Press Note

TIM innovation awarded at Camera dei Deputati

Parliamentary award to TIM#WCap project, open innovation model revolutionising the country's digital processes

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TIM's commitment to supporting the country on technological innovation was recognised with the "Premio dei Premi per l'Innovazione" award, presented today by the President Laura Boldrini during a ceremony at the Chamber of Deputies marking 2017 National Innovation Day. TIM is once again confirmed as Italy's best in class, in terms of investments in innovation, having spent 1.7 billion euros on Research & Development in 2016 for next generation networks, platforms and ICT services, in addition to Open Innovation initiatives, which it has pioneered in Italy: an ecosystem in which companies and institutions work alongside start-ups, universities, research organisations and incubators to face the new digital challenges, contributing to growth in the country's GDP.

In particular, TIM#WCap project – with its four accelerators selecting digital solutions developed by start-ups and SMEs and promoting synergies with the main actors of the innovation ecosystem – received the award.

"This award is an important recognition of TIM's commitment to driving digital innovation in Italy", commented Mario di Mauro, TIM's Strategy Manager, on collecting the award. "Since 2009 TIM#WCap has endorsed over 9000 projects, supported more than 300 start-ups, providing them with training, mentoring, spaces and financial support through grants. Furthermore, with TIM Ventures we are investing in the most promising organisations with strong synergies with the company's business strategy, with a view to supporting start-ups during their development as well."

This award, organised by the Cotec Foundation, is presented to the best examples of innovation in the fields of industry and services, academia, public administration and the service sector.

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