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A SUPPORT WEB SITE FOR ITALIAN BIG SCIENCE COMPANIES

A new tool to support SMEs and Big Science industries, in this phase of business recovery following the crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. This is the objective of the new site created by INI-ILO (Ilo Network Italia), the network of ILOs (Industrial Liaison Officers), made up of expert representatives of the major Italian research bodies - in addition to INFN, also CNR, ENEA and INAF -, which play a connection

role between national companies, considered worldwide an excellence in the sector, and large research infrastructures, such as CERN, ESO, ESRF, ESS, F4E / ITER. The big European laboratories are sharing their plans for the gradual reopening and now important challenges await the Italian companies that operate in these centres with their own staff. In fact, companies will face difficulties of various kinds, such as extra costs, restrictions on travel to and from Italy, stringent safety rules. With the cooperation of the laboratories, ILOs are committed to finding the best way to manage these new hurdles. Thanks to this new tool, the first in the sector in Europe, companies will be able to report directly to INI and to their related ILOs any problems encountered in their activities, but they will also be able to access updates on any measures regarding the Covid-19 emergency and information on the reopening of the laboratories of the major international research infrastructures.