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European Investment Fund renews its support for Educapital with a €20 million commitment to Educapital III

Having already invested in Educapital II, the European Investment Fund (EIF) doubles down on its support for Educapital with a €20 million investment in Educapital III, the firm's third fund, currently being raised. This new commitment will help scale Educapital's pan-European strategy across Edtech and the Future of Work.

Paris, 24 September 2026 – Educapital, a leading pan-European venture capital investor specialising in **Edtech and the Future of Work**, today announces a new **€20 million commitment from the European Investment Fund (EIF)** to **Educapital III**, its third fund.
The EIF thereby extends its partnership with Educapital, having previously invested in Educapital II with the backing of the InvestEU programme. Educapital II held its final close in April 2023, enabling Educapital to accelerate its development and further expand its European footprint.

Backing Europe's future champions in education, skills and the Future of Work
Founded in 2017 by **Marie-Christine Levet and Litzie Maarek**, Educapital backs some of Europe's most promising entrepreneurs in education and human capital, with the ambition of helping them **build Europe's and the world's next champions**, transforming the way people learn, develop their skills and work. As a venture capital investor, Educapital backs early-stage, high-growth companies led by entrepreneurs determined to change the world, investing from Seed to Series B.

Educapital has developed a specialist investment strategy spanning the entire journey from education to work. It targets the key moments of this journey: school, higher education, lifelong learning, skills development, and the transition into the Future of Work.

Its investment thesis is deeply rooted in the conviction that technology can make education and training **more accessible, effective and scalable,** while helping individuals and organisations adapt to a rapidly evolving skills landscape, growing productivity challenges, and the risk of skills becoming obsolete more quickly than ever before.

With **€200 million in assets under management** across Educapital I, a €47 million fund launched in 2017, and Educapital II, a €150 million fund launched in 2021, Educapital has backed more than 45 companies across Europe, including Lunii, 360Learning, LiveMentor, Hupso, Knowunity, Tomorrow University, LibraCyber and FourthRev. Among them, Preply, founded by a Ukrainian entrepreneur, became the portfolio's first unicorn in January 2026, raising $150 million at a $1.2 billion valuation, **a milestone that cements Educapital's position as a leading European investor in education and human capital.**

Impact is at the core of Educapital's DNA: the firm was founded on the conviction that the best entrepreneurs can deliver financial performance and social impact hand in hand. As an Article 9 impact fund, Educapital invests in companies that combine both, and has developed a proprietary impact measurement framework to define quantitative impact targets and track them over time.

A new phase of growth across Europe

Since raising Educapital II, Educapital has broadened its footprint across Europe, backing companies from France and Germany to Italy and Lithuania, among the continent's most active innovation ecosystems.

Educapital believes that innovation and responsible investment in education and human capital can help **rebuild the education model for a new era and support its deep transformation**, addressing some of **Europe's most pressing challenges**: unequal access to high-quality education and training, declining educational outcomes, skills shortages and mismatches, rapidly evolving job requirements and the growing need for lifelong learning, upskilling and reskilling.

These challenges are taking on a new dimension with the rise of artificial intelligence. AI is set to profoundly disrupt the entire skills infrastructure: the way people learn, and the way they work, are both being reinvented. It opens up an unprecedented range of new possibilities, from more personalised and effective learning at scale to entirely new, more effective ways of working.

Educapital III will give the team the means to lead this transformation at scale across Europe, backing a new generation of entrepreneurs building the education, skills and Future of Work companies of tomorrow.

"The European Investment Fund's renewed support is a particularly strong signal for Educapital and for the ecosystem we support. It reflects a conviction we have held since Educapital was founded: investing in education, skills and human capital is both a major economic priority for Europe and a matter of European sovereignty." **said Marie-Christine Levet, co-founder of Educapital.**

"At a time when artificial intelligence is reshaping the way we learn and work, Europe must have the means to foster its own champions, capable of innovating while upholding European values. The EIF's renewed support gives us the means to back this new generation of entrepreneurs at scale, across the whole of Europe." **Litzie Maarek, co-founder of Educapital, added**.

When it invested in Educapital II, the EIF highlighted the role of venture capital in driving innovation and the digitalisation of education in Europe, as well as the need to foster the emergence of European companies in the sector.

"Europe's future prosperity will depend on its ability to equip citizens with the skills required for the jobs of tomorrow. Educapital has built a strong track record of supporting innovative companies that address some of Europe's most pressing challenges in education, training and workforce development. Our commitment to Educapital III reflects the EIF's confidence in the team's capacity to back the next generation of European champions at the intersection of education, skills and the Future of Work." **Marjut Falkstedt, Chief Executive of the European Investment Fund.**

About Educapital

Educapital is a **B Corp-certified pan-European venture capital firm specialising in EdTech and the Future of Work**, founded in 2017 by Marie-Christine Levet and Litzie Maarek. With approximately **€200 million in assets under management**, Educapital backs European entrepreneurs in education and human capital from Seed to Series B. Guided by the conviction that financial performance and social impact go hand in hand, Educapital invests in companies that seek to make education and learning more accessible, effective and scalable, improve employability and help individuals and organisations adapt to the rapidly changing world of work. Its portfolio of more than 45 companies includes Preply, 360Learning, Knowunity, MyEdSpace, Edflex, LiveMentor, Simundia, Lunii, Vocal Image, FourthRev and many others. www.educapitalvc.com

About EIF

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