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**Abstract**

This article investigates the role of entrepreneurship and SMEs in the Italian space industry. After a first section where entrepreneurship is defined in all the different segments of the space sector, the article identifies the different stakeholders in the Italian space entrepreneurship. This market is analyzed both from a quantitative or financial perspective and from a qualitative one (regulatory aspects, policies, incentives and sources of funding). A perspective on the trends, evolutions and challenges in the coming decade is provided, based on interviews with key actors in the Italian space entrepreneurship landscape (SMEs, districts, ASI, associations, financial players).