



## SIA IS A NEW PARTNER OF MIP POLITECNICO DI MILANO

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Milan, 25 July 2016 – SIA is now part of the capital stock of **MIP Politecnico di Milano with a 3.17% stake**. SIA, a company specializing in the processing of electronic payments, is the third new partner to join in 2016 after *Microsoft* and *Whirlpool* and has already been collaborating with the business school for several years on **projects that are strategic in terms of innovation and development at international level**.

With SIA, the **companies and domestic and multinational institutions** making up the corporate structure of MIP Politecnico di Milano **have reached a total of 20**: *Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza, BIP Business Integration Partners, Bticino, Danieli & C. Officine Meccaniche, Edison, ENI Corporate University, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles-Magneti Marelli, Fondazione Italcementi Cav. Lav. Carlo Pesenti, IBM Italia, Italtel, Luxottica, Microsoft Italia, OTB, Pirelli & C., Politecnico di Milano, Snam, Telecom Italia, Vodafone and Whirlpool*.

*“Being close to companies and to the business world is at the heart of MIP’s strategy,”* commented **Andrea Sianesi, Dean of MIP**. *“The arrival of SIA SpA represents an important credit to the quality of our educational and project management activities and more”*.

*“Our School”* continued Sianesi *“has technological innovation in its DNA and is making significant investments in Smart Learning – a portfolio of training products and activities aimed at individuals and companies capable of exploiting to the maximum the potential of digital technology. SIA is an innovative player in this field that has already achieved extraordinary results at European level and that can further boost MIP’s strategy”*.

*“I am certain that the collaboration between MIP and SIA will be an important starting point for the realization of new educational projects aimed at creating high-quality professional profiles capable of competing at domestic and international level,”* concluded Sianesi.

*“MIP’s excellence in the fields of research and education perfectly fits the objectives of excellence and innovation that have always characterized our services,”* commented **Paolo Ghia, Human Resources and Organization Director of SIA**. *“I believe that the partnership with MIP will advance the development of the company and strengthen the skills of our staff. And let us not forget that the internationality expressed by MIP is a further point of interest considering our ambitious objectives of growth on foreign markets”*.



Founded in 1979 as a Consortium between the **Politecnico di Milano** and many Italian institutions and several leading public and private industrial groups, today **MIP** is a non-for-profit consortium limited company: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza, BIP Business Integration Partners, Bticino, Danieli & C. Officine Meccaniche, Edison, ENI Corporate University, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles-Magneti Marelli, Fondazione Italcementi Cav. Lav. Carlo Pesenti, IBM Italia, Italtel, Luxottica, Microsoft Italia, OTB, Pirelli & C, Politecnico di Milano, SIA, Snam, Telecom Italia, Vodafone, Whirlpool.

MIP and the Department of Management, Economics and Industrial Engineering together make up the School of Management of Politecnico di Milano, which is involved in all the many aspects surrounding research and education in the fields of management, economics and industrial engineering. In 2007, the School of Management was initially accredited by EQUIS.

Since first joining the Financial Times' rankings of best European Business Schools in 2009, the School of Management received today is in the list with: Executive MBA, Full-Time MBA, Master of Science in Management Engineering, Customised Executive Programs for business, Open Executive Programs for managers and professionals.

**SIA** is European leader in the design, creation and management of technology infrastructures and services for Financial Institutions, Central Banks, Corporates and Public Administration bodies, in the areas of cards, e-payments, network services and capital markets. SIA Group provides its services in over 40 countries, and also operates through its subsidiaries in Hungary and South Africa. The company has offices in Milan, Brussels and Utrecht.

In 2015, SIA managed 9.9 billion clearing transactions, 3.3 billion card transactions, 2.8 billion payments, 41.7 billion financial transactions and carried 358 terabytes of data on the network.

The Group is made up of seven companies: the parent **SIA**, the Italian companies **Emmecom** (innovative network applications for banks and businesses), **Pi4Pay** (advanced collection and payment services), **TSP** (front-end services for companies and P.A.), and **Ubiq** (innovative technology solutions for marketing), **Perago** in South Africa and **SIA Central Europe** in Hungary.

The Group, which has approximately 1,600 employees, closed 2015 with revenues of €449.4 million.

For more information, go to [www.sia.eu](http://www.sia.eu)

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