

Press Release

Esaote inaugurates the new Centre of Excellence for the production of Probes and Transducers for diagnostic ultrasound systems in Florence.

This continues the process of renewal and growth of the Group, one of the world leaders in the biomedical electronics sector.

Florence, March the 24th, 2017 – Today, **Friday March the 24th** – at the historical headquarter in **Via di Caciolle, Florence** – **Esaote S.p.A.** (www.esaote.com), leader in the biomedical electronics sector, inaugurated its new **Centre of Excellence for Probes**.

Stefania Saccardi, Health Councillor for the Tuscany Region and **Dario Nardella**, Mayor of Florence attended the event. **Salvatore Mazzeo**, Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Pisa, and **Lorenzo Leogrande**, President of the Italian Association of Clinical Engineers (AIIC), gave a speech. **Camilla Sanquerin**, Youth Policies Councillor of the City of Sesto Fiorentino - where Esaote established the laboratories and the Hub for testing and shipment of echographs around the world - also attended the ceremony.

The site of the new Centre of Excellence for the production of Probes and Transducers – the most sophisticated and high-tech components in ultrasound diagnostic systems – has been renewed both in facilities and in production process, with the aim of aligning Esaote with the most advanced technological standards and the industry future trends.

The project amounted to a total investment of about EUR 3 million; 70 working stations have been created in two productive areas besides offices and meeting rooms. Among the upgrades of the site are new control, measuring and production management systems, fulfilling modern standards of Industry 4.0. The renovation of the productive systems led to the adoption of new *Manufacturing Execution Systems* (MES) and advanced plants to improve environmental conditions and quality of the products. Furthermore Esaote strengthened probes R&D, both for designing and production engineering, in order to get more innovative and technologically advanced products. The Company is considering, in the close future, further innovation programs for offices and laboratories.

“The opening of an innovative Centre of Excellence for the Production of Probes today, in the historical Florence headquarter, is first and foremost highly relevant to the whole Italian technological industry, which is globally known for high standards and creativity.” - according to **Paolo Monferino**, Chairman of Esaote S.p.A. - *“Moreover, it is for us another milestone for the evolution of our Company, which involves locations, processes, business and organisational models, with the aim of making the Group more innovative, reactive and focused on excellence and sustainability”*.

Esaote is also now present in Tuscany with a **single, large Hub** in Sesto Fiorentino with a global relevance, which is equipped with proper laboratories. Here the Group’s diagnostic ultrasound products are tested and sent around the world to the final customer. Esaote’s partner for the activity in the Hub is MITSafetrans, a highly specialized operator in transport, logistics and medical services.

Florence and Tuscany keep being very important for the history of Esaote, as they have been since its foundation, when OTE joined Esacontrol. A history of success and innovation in the diagnostic imaging sector, with an ongoing commitment in creating more advanced and innovative technologies for health.

The Esaote Group, recognised as **one of the top 10 diagnostic imaging Companies in the world**, has today confirmed its aim to consolidate its presence worldwide and on the national territory, where on April the 12th the opening of a new site for R&D activities and production of Dedicated MRI systems will take place.



Esaote. With a consolidated turnover of EUR 270 million in 2016, the Esaote Group is a leader in the biomedical equipment sector, in particular the areas of ultrasound, dedicated MRI and software for managing the diagnostic process. The Group currently employs 1,250 people, 50% of which are based outside Italy. With its own production and research units in Italy and the Netherlands, Esaote is recognised as one of the top 10 diagnostic imaging companies in the world by authoritative studies and fosters collaborations with clinical and scientific research centres and universities around the world. Information regarding Esaote and its products is available online at <http://www.esaote.com>

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