

MODERATOR BIO

Ben Costantini is the founder and CEO of Sesamers, the event copilot for startups. With 15+ years organizing international conferences, including work with SXSW, LeWeb, VivaTech, and Brilliant Minds, he's now building infrastructure to help early-stage companies turn events into predictable pipeline growth. Sesamers partners with leading exhibition organizers across Europe and has supported hundreds of startup activations. **Ben also hosts the Selected podcast and organizes the Sesame Summit in Biarritz.**

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Davide Canavesio is an entrepreneur, investor, and corporate finance professor focused on innovation and sustainability. He is CEO of OGR Torino, an international hub for culture and innovation, and President and CEO of Blooming Group S.p.A., a retail group with over 600 employees. As an investor, he leads WeTrust, supporting startups such as Wetaxi (President), The Spiritual Machine, Nest, and Anubi Digital. He previously transformed SAET Group from a local family company into a multinational with plants in India, China, and the US, before its acquisition by a Nasdaq-listed company. He also served as CEO of TNE and Environment Park. **He is the founder and President of NEXTO and has served on the Board of Fondazione CRT. He teaches Corporate Finance, M&A, and Private Equity at the University of Turin and ESCP Business School.** As a researcher, his latest work focuses on FoodTech startups and the open innovation model — examining how ecosystem positioning and corporate partnerships have become the primary growth and funding strategy for food innovation ventures.

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