



Session	Start-ups/SMEs looking for Finance: Pre-seed/Angel/Seed
Title	Oleatex: Turning Olive Waste into Next-Generation Bio-Based Materials
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Abstract:	
Oleatex is a next-generation bio-based material developed by Oleago from industrial olive waste. Our technology transforms olive pomace, an abundant agricultural by-product of the olive oil industry, into high-value coated materials that can replace conventional PU/PVC-based synthetics and animal leather. Oleatex combines a bio-based polymer coating system with textile backings to deliver flexible, durable, and scalable materials for fashion, footwear, accessories, furniture, and automotive interior applications. Our current product portfolio includes materials with at least 60% olive-waste content, and our R&D roadmap focuses on increasing this level up to 90% while maintaining industrial performance requirements. By valorising olive waste, Oleatex contributes to a circular bioeconomy, reduces fossil-resource dependency, and supports more responsible material selection across multiple industries. The technology has already been validated through commercial collaborations and ongoing industrial development activities, supporting its transition from sustainable material innovation to market-ready applications.	