

Mondosol

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Learn skills by living them

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About Mondosol — Boilerplate

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Short (50 words)

Mondosol is a bootstrapped experiential learning platform founded in 2010 by author and entrepreneur Elio Mondello Anza and headquartered in Hønefoss, Norway. Mondosol offers courses in languages, hosting, digital skills and cultural learning — free to start, with an optional Mondosol+ membership — built on one belief: learn skills by living them. mondosol.com

Standard (100 words)

Mondosol is an experiential learning platform that teaches languages and life skills through real-world experience. Founded in 2010 by Elio Mondello Anza — an Amazon bestselling author, former top-rated Airbnb host and certified business Norwegian instructor — the platform offers courses in language learning, hosting, digital skills and cultural learning. Every course is free to start; the optional Mondosol+ membership unlocks the full premium path. Mondosol is bootstrapped, has never taken venture capital, and is headquartered in Hønefoss, Norway, bringing 16 years of lived experience across six countries under one idea: learn skills by living them. mondosol.com

One-liner

Mondosol — experiential courses in languages, hosting and digital skills, free to start. Learn skills by living them.

Style notes

"Mondosol" is one word with a capital M. Founder name: Elio Mondello Anza (short form: Elio Mondello). "Bootstrapped" and "free to start" are accurate descriptors; Mondosol+ is the optional paid membership. Airbnb hosting is a past credential (stopped in 2022), not a current activity.

Mondosol — Company Fact Sheet

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Overview

Mondosol is a multilingual education platform that teaches languages and life skills through real-world experience. Founded in 2010 by Elio Mondello Anza and headquartered in Hønefoss, Norway, the platform serves a global audience across 102 languages with a learn-by-doing pedagogy that emphasizes practical fluency over textbook memorization. Every course is free to start, with an optional Mondosol+ membership that unlocks the full premium path. Mondosol is bootstrapped and has never taken venture capital.

At a glance

- **Founded:** 2010
- **Founder & CEO:** Elio Mondello Anza
- **Headquarters:** Hønefoss, Norway
- **Website:** mondosol.com
- **Platform:** WordPress.com + Sensei LMS
- **Languages:** Content accessible in 102 languages
- **Model:** Free to start; optional Mondosol+ membership
- **Funding:** Bootstrapped, no venture capital
- **Stage:** Beta launch (2026)
- **Crowdfunding:** Ulule (ulule.com/mondosol)

What we offer

- **Language Courses** — Bite-size daily lessons with real conversation practice across multiple languages
- **Hosting & Travel** — The hosting playbook from a former top-rated global Airbnb host
- **Digital Skills** — Practical courses on entrepreneurship, AI tools and remote work
- **Cultural Learning** — Immersive content drawing on six countries of lived experience

Brand ecosystem

- **Mondo Sol Learning** — Online courses and educational content
- **Mondo Sol Travel** — Cultural travel experiences and hosting
- **Mondo Sol Cafe** — Community and cultural exchange
- **Mondo Sol Home** — Lifestyle and accommodation concepts

About the founder

Elio Mondello Anza is an Amazon bestselling author, former top-rated global Airbnb host (until 2022), and recognized hospitality influencer (La Repubblica). He has lived in six countries, speaks five languages, and brings nearly two decades of experience in content creation, digital business consulting and online education. His book about six countries has been translated into multiple languages.

Partnerships & affiliations

Brand partners include Canva, Lodgify and Mailchimp. Community crowdfunding on Ulule with backer rewards.

Elio Mondello Anza — Short Bio (100 words)

For event programs, article footers and podcast show notes.

Elio Mondello Anza is the founder and CEO of Mondosol, an experiential learning platform headquartered in Hønefoss, Norway. An Amazon bestselling author and former Airbnb Superhost ranked among Italy's top three, he was featured by La Repubblica as a leading hospitality influencer. Elio holds degrees in Communication & Marketing and Project Management from the University of Milan, is a certified business Norwegian instructor, and speaks five languages — each learned by living where it is spoken. Over 16 years across six countries, he has founded three companies without outside funding. His philosophy: learn skills by living them.

Elio Mondello Anza — Full Bio (500 words)

For feature articles, speaker introductions and media kits.

Elio Mondello Anza is an Italian-Norwegian entrepreneur, author and educator, and the founder and CEO of Mondosol — a bootstrapped learning platform built on a simple conviction: real competence comes from lived experience, not from apps or classrooms.

Elio grew up in social housing in Italy, where few expected him to pursue an academic path. At sixteen, against the advice of nearly everyone around him, he chose an academic high school over vocational training. There he took over the school newspaper and discovered what would become his lifelong craft — journalism, graphic design, marketing and communication. By seventeen he was organizing large-scale events, including a 2,000-person concert for which he personally signed the responsibility waivers. He went on to earn degrees in Communication & Marketing and Project Management from the University of Milan.

What followed was sixteen years of living, working and building across six countries. Elio learned five languages the way he now teaches them — by living in the places where they are spoken. He has made Norway his home for most of that time, where he became a certified business Norwegian instructor recognized by the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce, and has worked as a teacher, where students responded strongly to his unconventional, experience-first approach.

In hospitality, Elio became one of Italy's top three Airbnb Superhosts and was recognized as one of the platform's top hosts globally, generating more than €150,000 in hosting revenue. La Repubblica featured him as a leading hospitality influencer. When the pandemic reshaped the short-term rental market, he stepped away from hosting in 2022 to focus full-time on education.

Elio founded Mondosol in 2010 and has built it — along with two other companies — without venture capital or outside funding. Headquartered in Hønefoss, Norway, Mondosol today offers courses in language learning, hosting, digital skills and cultural learning. Every course is free to start, with an optional Mondosol+ membership for the full premium path, and the platform favours practical, immersion-based learning designed by someone who has actually lived it.

He is also an Amazon bestselling author. His book about six countries and one story, Sei Paesi, Una Storia, has been translated into multiple languages, and he is currently writing a memoir. As a professional speaker, Elio has shared stages at events alongside internationally recognized figures including Tony Robbins and Robert Kiyosaki. He shares language, travel and entrepreneurship content with his audience as @eliomondelloanza.

His work is shaped by a multicultural perspective and a habit of challenging conventional paths. His guiding philosophy, borrowed from a film he first saw at sixteen, is the same one behind Mondosol: seize the moment, and learn skills by living them.

Elio Mondello Anza — First-Person Bio (150 words)

For podcast intros, LinkedIn "About", guest-post author boxes and speaker self-introductions.

I'm Elio Mondello Anza — founder of Mondosol, author, and a lifelong explorer. I grew up in social housing in Italy, and at sixteen I chose an academic path everyone told me was not for me. That decision set the pattern for my life: I learn by doing, and I rarely take the conventional route.

Over sixteen years I've lived in six countries and learned five languages by living where they're spoken. I became one of Italy's top three Airbnb Superhosts, wrote an Amazon bestseller, and built three companies without outside funding.

In 2010 I founded Mondosol, a learning platform for languages, hosting and digital skills — free to start, with an optional Mondosol+ membership — because I believe the best way to learn isn't swiping through flashcards. It's living it. Mondosol is headquartered in Hønefoss, Norway.

You can find me at mondosol.com and @eliomondelloanza.

Mondosol Launches Global Language Learning Platform, Opens Crowdfunding Campaign on Ulule

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — September 18, 2026

Multilingual education platform brings learn-by-doing approach to audiences in 102 languages

HØNEFOSS, NORWAY — September 18, 2026 — Mondosol, a multilingual education platform founded by Amazon bestselling author Elio Mondello Anza, today announced the beta launch of its global learning platform alongside an active crowdfunding campaign on Ulule (ulule.com/mondosol). The platform delivers language courses, digital skills training and cultural education to a worldwide audience across 102 languages.

"The future of education is multilingual, and we're opening doors for learners everywhere," said Mondello Anza, founder and CEO of Mondosol. "Our platform is built on a simple principle: you learn by doing, not by reading. Trial and error is how humans learn best — mistakes are encouraged, never punished."

Mondosol's learn-by-doing pedagogy draws on Mondello Anza's experience living in six countries and speaking multiple languages. The platform offers bite-size daily lessons with real conversation practice, the hosting playbook of a former top-rated global Airbnb host (until 2022), digital entrepreneurship courses and cultural learning content. Every course is free to start, with an optional Mondosol+ membership that unlocks the full premium path.

The Ulule crowdfunding campaign has already surpassed its activation goal, raising 200% of the initial target with community supporters backing reward tiers from digital access to in-person school visits. The campaign funds platform development, content creation and the expansion of Mondosol's brand ecosystem — which includes Mondo Sol Learning, Mondo Sol Travel, Mondo Sol Cafe and Mondo Sol Home. Mondosol is bootstrapped and has never taken venture capital.

Mondosol has established partnerships with digital tools including Canva, Lodgify and Mailchimp, and operates on WordPress.com with Sensei LMS to deliver an accessible learning experience worldwide.

To learn more, visit mondosol.com or support the campaign at ulule.com/mondosol.

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About Mondosol

Mondosol is a multilingual education platform that teaches languages and real-world skills through immersive, experience-based learning. Founded in 2010 by Amazon bestselling author and former top-rated Airbnb host Elio Mondello Anza, Mondosol is headquartered in Hønefoss, Norway, and serves a global audience across 102 languages. Every course is free to start, with an optional Mondosol+ membership. For more information, visit mondosol.com.

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The story in brief

Elio Mondello Anza is an Italian-Norwegian founder who, from Hønefoss in Norway, is building Mondosol — a multilingual learning platform where people learn languages and life skills by doing, not by memorizing. The company was founded in 2010, is bootstrapped with no venture capital, and every course is free to start, with an optional Mondosol+ membership.

1. From social housing in Italy to founder in Norway

Elio grew up in social housing in Italy, chose an academic high school against almost everyone's advice, and has since lived and worked in six countries. Norway has been his home for most of that time, and today he runs Mondosol from its headquarters in Hønefoss. **Good for:** profiles, portrait interviews, local and regional media.

2. A global learning platform from a small Norwegian town

Mondosol reaches an audience in 102 languages but is run from Hønefoss. The platform launched in beta in September 2026, and its Ulule crowdfunding campaign passed 200 percent of its initial goal — without any venture capital. **Good for:** business journalists, startup and founder columns.

3. Learn a language by living it

Elio is a certified business Norwegian instructor recognized by the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce. He learned five languages by living where they are spoken — and that is how Mondosol teaches languages: short daily lessons and real conversation practice, where mistakes are encouraged and never punished. **Good for:** education, integration and language journalism, adult learning.

4. Moving abroad — from someone who has done it six times

What is it really like to move to a new country, learn the language and build something there? Elio can talk about relocation, working life, cultural codes and why practical language use matters more than grammar books. **Good for:** features on migration and relocation, magazines, podcasts about living abroad.

5. "Learn by doing" — another way to think about school

Mondosol's pedagogy is built on trial and error: "You learn by doing, not by reading." The crowdfunding rewards include in-person school visits. **Good for:** education and teaching coverage, opinion pieces.

6. From top host to education founder

Elio was one of Italy's top three Airbnb Superhosts and recognized among the platform's best hosts globally, and La Repubblica featured him as a leading hospitality influencer. After the pandemic upended short-term rentals, he stepped away from hosting in 2022 to focus fully on education. **Good for:** travel, business and "reinvention" stories.

Quick facts

- Founded: 2010 · Founder & CEO: Elio Mondello Anza
- Headquarters: Hønefoss, Norway
- Courses in languages, hosting, digital skills and cultural learning
- Every course is free to start; optional Mondosol+ membership
- Bootstrapped, no venture capital
- Amazon bestselling author (Sei Paesi, Una Storia)

Interviews, photos and materials

Elio is happy to give interviews in English, Italian or Norwegian. Fact sheet, bios, press release and high-resolution photos are at mondosol.com/press.

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