

## The curtain goes up on IVS 2024, the fifth edition of the industrial valve summit

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- The international event of reference for industrial valves and flow control solutions continues to grow, attracting the whole supply chain to Bergamo in a month's time
- The exhibition programme increases, offering a private preview opening
- A new record number of exhibitors is expected with over 310 registrations, thanks to a parterre of fast-growing foreign companies, now accounting for 20% of the total

The press conference to present the fifth edition of IVS – Industrial Valve Summit, the most important international event dedicated to industrial valve technologies and flow control solutions, took place in Milan at Sala Pirelli in Palazzo delle Stelline. The event, promoted by Confindustria Bergamo and Promoberg, will take place in Bergamo from May 14 to 16, 2024.

The session will kick off on the morning of May 14 with the early opening of the pavilions reserved for exhibitors, a novelty introduced to generate a valuable networking opportunity for the protagonists of IVS 2024. Highlight of the day is the opening conference of the Summit, where the event will be officially kicked off and where institutions, guests of honour, decision-makers and high-profile experts will take the floor.

In the afternoon, the extensive IVS scientific programme will start. A space that has proven over the years to be an agora where change can be interpreted and the latest technological innovations can be explored, identifying, and analysing the challenges of the sector. To support the development of the scientific calendar, the Summit organisers have created two additional conference rooms in Hall C. IVS 2024 includes 52 sessions including conferences, round tables, workshops, case studies and laboratories, providing a plan that is more than 50% greater than the 34 in-depth technical events of IVS 2022.

On May 15 and 16, the trade fair will go live and the halls will open their doors to the international valve community. Following the two-day exhibition, there will be a further opportunity for foreign delegations attending the fair to meet the players in the extended oil and gas supply chain on Friday May 17. The organisers have fuelled qualitative growth for the 2024 edition, increased the number of scheduled appointments in the trade fair programme and enriched the side events, taking the Industrial Valve Summit from a two-day exhibition to a full-fledged valve week.

The fifth edition of the event takes place two years after IVS 2022 and continues on the path of growth that has marked it since the first edition. The Summit organisers are predicting record numbers for IVS 2024, starting with the companies taking part in the exhibition. There will be more than 310 exhibitors, of which the international component is growing strongly, with more than 20% foreign companies. The number of visitors is also expected to grow, with more and more countries expected to arrive in Bergamo, representing all continents.

Despite the travel restrictions in force in some areas of the world and the delicate global scenarios, IVS 2022 welcomed 12,000 visitors (+17% compared to 2019) from more than 60 countries. IVS hosted almost 300 exhibiting companies (+17% on 2019), from 12 countries: Italy, Germany, Great Britain, the United States of America, France, South Korea, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, South Africa, Turkey and the Czech Republic. These numbers tell how IVS has established itself as an essential showcase for the entire supply chain connected to industrial valves and flow control.

The synergies with ICE (the Agency for the promotion abroad and internationalisation of Italian companies), AVR ANIMA (the industrial trade association representing Italian companies in the valves and fittings sector) provide a great stimulus for the increase in high-level international presence, Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo (the Confindustria international office that supports Italian companies in their growth path in Africa and the Middle East) and SACE (the insurance-financial group directly controlled by the Ministry of Economy and Finance, specialised in supporting companies and the national economic fabric).

The partnerships will bring international delegations comprising institutional representatives, entrepreneurs, decision makers, speakers and specialised operators to the fair. The organisers have invited over 100 qualified end-user buyers of primary standing and international EPCs. A distinguished parterre that can interface with operators from the entire energy sector, giving rise to moments of exchange and discussion. In addition, through an operational collaboration with UNIDO ITPO Italy (the Italian Office for the Promotion of Technology and Investment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation), IVS confirms the participation of a delegation of entrepreneurs and representatives of Iraqi institutions.

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