

**THE SIXTH EDITION OF IVS - INDUSTRIAL VALVE SUMMIT, THE LEADING
INTERNATIONAL EVENT FOR INDUSTRIAL VALVES AND FLOW CONTROL
RETURNS FROM MAY 19 TO 21**

**THE IVS - PROMETEIA OBSERVATORY “THE OIL & GAS VALVE INDUSTRY IN
ITALY 2026” PRESENTED**

*Record-breaking participation with 420 exhibitors (+30% vs. 2024), including more
than 100 international companies (+60%)*

*Two additional exhibition halls bring the total to four; an extra exhibition day and a
30% expansion of the technical and scientific programme. Focus on frontier topics
including AI, hydrogen, renewables, CCUS and nuclear energy*

*Italy's industrial valve sector confirms its status as a manufacturing excellence, with
146 companies, 10,000 employees and more than €3.8 billion in revenue, centred in
the Bergamo district*

Bergamo, May 19 2026 - The sixth edition of **IVS - Industrial Valve Summit**, the leading international event dedicated to industrial valve technologies and flow control solutions, officially opens today at the Bergamo Exhibition Centre, where it will run through May 21, 2026.

This year's edition is set to be the largest in the event's history. Organized by Servizi Confindustria Bergamo and Promoberg, IVS 2026 features **420 exhibitors** - up 30% compared to 2024 - representing 20 countries, including Italy, Spain, Germany, France, the UK, the United States, the Czech Republic, Poland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Finland, Ireland, Mexico, South Africa, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

International participation has grown sharply, with more than 100 foreign exhibitors attending - a 60% increase - and the highest international turnout ever recorded by the event.

The exhibition itself has expanded significantly, with two additional halls bringing the total to **four exhibition pavilions** and total exhibition space reaching **21,400 square metres**, approximately



40% larger than the previous edition. Now spanning **three full days**, IVS continues its evolution from a traditional trade fair into a broader international industry platform combining business networking, technical exchange and strategic discussion.

Presented the 2026 Observatory IVS-Prometeia “The Oil & Gas Valve Industry in Italy”

During the opening conference of IVS, organizers officially presented the new edition of the **IVS–Prometeia Observatory, The Oil & Gas Valve Industry in Italy 2026**, first previewed in April 2026. Produced with the support of the Research Department of Confindustria Bergamo, the report offers a comprehensive overview of the Italian industrial valve industry, confirming its role as one of Europe’s leading manufacturing sectors.

With more than **146 companies**, over **10,000 employees** and revenues exceeding **€3.8 billion**, the Italian Oil & Gas valve industry remains one of the key pillars of Italy’s mechanical engineering sector. Italy also retains its position as **Europe’s leading producer of Oil & Gas valves**, accounting for nearly 40% of total EU production. The industry remains strongly concentrated in Lombardy - particularly in the Bergamo area - which alone generates almost 70% of total sector revenues nationwide.

In 2025, Italian Oil & Gas valve exports exceeded **€4 billion (+5.4%)**, driven mainly by Western Europe and North America. This performance consolidated Italy’s position as the **world’s third-largest exporter**, behind China and Germany, with a global market share of 9.9%. Since 2020, global demand has progressively shifted toward North America and the Middle East–North Africa region, prompting Italian manufacturers to strengthen their presence in higher-value and strategically important markets. Within this evolving landscape, exports have become increasingly concentrated in a limited number of strategic destinations. The United States maintained a stable structural role, while **Saudi Arabia** emerged as Italy’s leading export market. Today, the top four destination markets account for more than 42% of total exports.

In 2025, Italy outperformed its competitors in **38 markets** accounting for 44% of global Oil & Gas valve imports, while continuing to deliver strong results in high-growth markets, where Italian companies gained market share across **18 expanding destinations** representing more than **30% of worldwide imports**.

Following the strong post-pandemic recovery, the core Oil & Gas sector returned to more normalized conditions in 2025, with a slight decline in revenues driven by lower oil prices and softer downstream activity. Nevertheless, operational profitability remained solid across most segments,



supported by **financial resilience** and **disciplined capital allocation**, tighter cost management and improved operational efficiency.

Between 2020 and 2025, the global competitive landscape intensified significantly, with China accounting for **nearly half of global trade** in the sector. Against this backdrop, Italy's positioning in technically complex products and large-scale industrial projects has become increasingly strategic.

The Gulf region now accounts for almost **one-fifth of total Italian exports** and remains the market where Italy records its strongest outperformance relative to the global average. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates continue to serve as the main hubs of Italy's regional presence. Between 2021 and 2025, Italy supplied **more than 20% of total imports** into the region, confirming its position among the world's leading suppliers.

At the same time, Italy's strong exposure to the Gulf region also entails **geopolitical and logistical risks** that may affect project timelines, costs and energy investment planning. The conflict involving Iran is casting uncertainty over Oil & Gas investment across the Gulf, while also opening space for alternative investment routes. Current market dynamics suggest a potential reallocation of capital toward regions perceived as more stable, including the **Americas** and the **Eastern Mediterranean**.

A broad and high-level technical and scientific programme

The strategic strength of IVS Industrial Valve Summit lies in its role as a **true industry platform** capable of bringing together the entire supply chain around shared objectives and advanced technical expertise, fostering dialogue among companies, institutions, research centres and international operators. At a time marked by **geopolitical tensions**, the Summit further reinforces its role as a key forum for **market interpretation**, strategic alignment and industry discussion.

Thanks to the scientific contribution of **VALVEcampus** - the association dedicated to the training of Italian industrial valve manufacturers and a long-standing partner of Industrial Valve Summit - this year's edition will once again feature a **highly diversified technical programme** designed to address the **sector's most pressing challenges**.

Special focus will be devoted to emerging technologies and the opportunities offered by new application markets, including hydrogen, nuclear energy, CCUS (*Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage*) and renewable energy. The programme includes **68 conferences and technical sessions** - 30% more than the 52 hosted in 2024 - structured around **six key thematic areas**: standardization and regulatory developments; digital technologies applied to valves, actuators and control systems; valve engineering and advanced materials for extreme-service applications;



advanced sealing solutions for industrial valves; artificial intelligence applications in mechanical engineering, supply chain and manufacturing and additive manufacturing.

Additional sessions will explore other critical topics, including sealing-material innovation, fugitive emissions and the impact of PFAS substances. A dedicated **AI focus** will feature seven conferences examining the application of artificial intelligence across different industrial environments, alongside contributions focused on decentralized production models and **additive manufacturing technologies**.

The Summit will also host **four highly specialized roundtables** dedicated to subsea valve actuation in deepwater environments; choke valve applications in high-pressure systems; control valve performance and safety in critical applications and surface treatment technologies to improve resistance to erosion and corrosion. In addition, a dedicated roundtable on nuclear energy will bring together regulatory authorities, companies, associations and institutional stakeholders.

IVS Young and engagement with new generations

IVS - Industrial Valve Summit 2026 also actively promotes student engagement through the [IVS Young initiative](#), designed to introduce younger generations to a strategic industrial sector.

The initiative includes several activities. Among the most significant is the [Roberto Brevi Scholarship for Education in the Valve Industry](#), developed in collaboration with **OMB Valves S.p.A.** and the I.T.I.S. Pietro Paleocapa technical institute. Dedicated to the founder of the Bergamo-based company, who passed away in 2021, the scholarship involved nine students through training sessions, project work and direct exposure to industrial environments, supporting both their educational development and their transition into the workforce.

Another initiative, [Electronics Diagnostic Controller for Industrial Valves](#), involved 45 students from the Istituto Ettore Majorana working alongside **Starline S.p.A.** on the development of an electronic control and diagnostics board for industrial valves used in Oil & Gas applications. The students involved in these educational projects took part in the opening event of IVS 2026, during which **the best projects were officially recognized and awarded**.

These initiatives are complemented by company visits designed to provide direct insight into manufacturing processes, as well as by the [IVS RadioAut project](#), the official radio station of the event, developed together with [Spazio Autismo](#), an organization supporting people with autism spectrum disorders and their families. These programmes reflect a structured commitment to building **stronger connections between education and industry**, while supporting technical skills



development and enhancing local human capital, particularly among younger generations.

Synergies and partnership

The growth in international participation has also been supported by collaborations with **ICE – Italian Trade Agency, AVR ANIMA, Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo, UNIDO ITPO Italy** and several international trade associations, including **BVAA, Fluidex, SPAP, CzechTrade, Evolen, CEIR, SPE and ESA.**

These partnerships brought to Bergamo international delegations composed of institutional representatives, buyers, end users, EPC contractors and specialized operators, creating valuable opportunities for networking and strategic dialogue across the global energy supply chain. Within this framework, IVS has also strengthened opportunities linked to high-potential emerging markets, with particular focus on Africa.

Statements

Giovanna Ricuperati, President of **Confindustria Bergamo**, said: *“The event once again confirms its role as a key international reference point for the industrial valve sector, offering companies and operators a high-level platform to discuss market scenarios, technological innovation and new applications. The 30% increase in exhibitors compared to 2024 reflects the growing international appeal of the event and is particularly significant given the challenging geopolitical environment surrounding the 2026 edition, marked by conflicts, rising tensions, higher energy prices and concerns over potential supply shortages. The true protagonists of this exhibition are the companies themselves, which - despite competing in global markets - have demonstrated the ability to look beyond competition, joining forces to create a shared platform for growth benefiting the entire sector. This collaborative model, strongly supported by Confindustria Bergamo from the very beginning, represents a successful example of territory-based industrial policy and highlights the importance of strengthening supply-chain ecosystems to enhance international competitiveness and recognition. Another defining strength of the IVS model is the breadth of the event itself, which combines exhibition activities with scientific content, professional training initiatives and programmes dedicated to students, all of which have been further expanded this year. Once again, we are presenting extremely high-level content, including the IVS–Prometeia Observatory, which has become a key reference point for industry analysis and forecasting”.*

Paolo Agnelli, President of **Promoberg**, commented: *“As President of Promoberg, I am proud to host, together with Confindustria, the sixth edition of IVS – Industrial Valve Summit, a flagship event*



within our exhibition calendar. IVS brings together leading global players and the best of Italian and international manufacturing, while also serving as a privileged platform to discuss emerging industry scenarios and promote training, business development and territorial attractiveness. For Promoberg, this is a highly strategic event, perfectly aligned with the internationalization path that will define my mandate. IVS places an entire supply chain at the centre of attention, showcasing its evolution, innovation and challenges, while transforming the Bergamo Exhibition Centre for three days into a global hub dedicated to industrial valve technologies and flow control solutions. I strongly believe in the value of vertical B2B exhibitions, and IVS is a concrete example of their impact: an event capable of promoting Made in Italy while positioning the Italian Oil & Gas industry within an increasingly competitive international landscape. Italy continues to be Europe's leading producer of industrial valves, supported by a supply chain that combines expertise, industrial capability and technological leadership. Within this context, Lombardy and the Bergamo area represent the manufacturing heart of the sector, making IVS a strategic event with truly global reach. The record growth achieved by this edition further confirms the strength and attractiveness of an industry that continues to look ahead with resilience and international vision".

Francesco Apuzzo, President of **Valve Campus**, remarked: "With the 2026 edition, Valve Campus further strengthens its role within IVS – Industrial Valve Summit, contributing to consolidating the event's position as the leading international platform for the industrial valve sector. The growing participation of companies, EPC contractors, end users, universities and experts from multiple countries confirms the Summit's ability to serve as an authoritative forum increasingly open to a global dimension. The scientific programme is strongly aligned with the concrete needs of the market and with the key trends reshaping the industry, including technological innovation, digitalization, advanced materials and the evolution of industrial processes. The approach adopted prioritizes application cases, operational experience and direct exchange across the supply chain, fostering effective dialogue between industry, research and end users. Alongside technical content, education and engagement with younger generations will continue to play a central role, as they are essential to supporting the future growth of the sector. In this context, Valve Campus further confirms its role as an independent platform for knowledge-sharing and professional development, recognized for the quality and practical value of its content".

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