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ITALIAN TECHNOLOGY CENTER (ITC) is a network of a group of Italian capital goods manufacturing companies. This innovative project is promoted by UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE (the Italian machine tools, robots and automation manufacturers' Association), AMAPLAST (the Italian plastics and rubber machinery and moulds manufacturers' Association) and ACIMGA (the Italian manufacturers' association of machinery for the graphic, converting and paper industry). The ITC network facilitates a flexible collaboration among leading Italian machinery manufacturers in order to share resources and knowledge with the common aim of strengthening their presence in the Indian market.

Indian companies consider ITC as their first point of reference in India and get immediate answer/feedback to their queries from the respective Italian companies. Fresh enquiries and technical solutions are also discussed and properly followed - up with the member companies.

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11th ITC ANNUAL SEMINAR HYATT REGENCY CHENNAI – 5th NOVEMBER 2025

The Ever-Evolving Technologies from Italy in the Machine Tool Sector

The Annual Seminar is one of the key activities of ITC in the Indian market as it's a unique opportunity to strengthen relations and views between Italian ITC Companies and Indian partners and get in touch with leaders in machine tools sector.

On 5th November 2025 the 11° Annual Seminar of ITC was successfully held in Chennai. During the seminar, leader Italian companies - **BLM**, **BUFFOLI**, **FICEP**, **LORENZON**, **LOSMA**, **GALDABINI**, **LEAS**, **WALMAZ STAMPI**, **ZANI** – presented their **latest technologies** to Indian Entrepreneurs. A session devoted to **B2B meetings** with Italian Representatives was scheduled as per Individual Requirements & followed by a **Networking Dinner**.





Turn on the Light Innovation Lights Up at Innova 2025

BLM GROUP's Open House shines a spotlight on the latest in tube and sheet metal processing

From September 24 to October 8, 2025, BLM GROUP will open the doors of its Levico Terme (Italy) facilities for the Open House event "Innova 2025" – a celebration of innovation and technology. This will be a unique opportunity to explore a constantly evolving, cutting-edge product portfolio up close, including fully integrated multi-technology work cells designed to optimize production processes, the latest advancements in sheet laser cutting and laser welding, advanced tooling change systems for bending, developed to simplify and speed up every operational phase, and high-precision fiber Laser tube systems for large diameters, built to meet the growing demands of modern industries.

The event's central theme will be "Turn on the Light," a powerful and symbolic message reflecting BLM GROUP's vision: putting people at the center, lighting up the future with smart and sustainable solutions, and leading progress through the light of innovation.

Highlights of Innova 2025:

LTX and LT6

A new line of Lasertube machines that combines high technology with affordability. These new models are designed to be a more accessible entry point to the tube laser market, with a focus on user-friendliness and ergonomics, made possible by automatic adjustments and numerous features aimed at making operators' work easier and more efficient. Available in versions with either 2D (LTX) or 3D (LT6) cutting heads.

LT14 FIBER

The new fiber Lasertube for large-diameter tubes and profiles is equipped with an innovative triple-fiber laser source that efficiently balances laser power between the core and outer rings – a process called "Beam Shaping." This ensures high cutting quality even on very thick materials, including highly reflective metals like aluminum and structural steel.

E-TURN63

The latest tube bender from the Group brings right- and left-hand in-process bending capabilities to large-diameter, heavy wall and high-strength tubes. The E-TURN63 features the next-generation VGP Next software, offering maximum versatility and flexibility to get the **First Right Part** with every production change. Like all BLM GROUP tube benders, the E-TURN63 can be equipped with an automatic loading system and loading/unloading robot.



LS9

BLM GROUP's sheet laser cutting offering expands with the new LS9, a high-performance machine with linear motors capable of reaching up to 3.5 g acceleration on the xy plane. The LS9 features Active Tools functions that automatically adjust processing parameters for better results in less time, regardless of operator experience. It will be presented at Innova together with the BLM GROUP-developed automatic loading and unloading system.

LT-FREE

A 5-axis laser cutting system for cutting any pre-processed 3D part, such as stamped sheets, deep-drawn parts, extrusions, die castings, bent and hydroformed tubes. The LT-FREE is highly versatile and configurable based on production needs. Thanks to continuous innovation investments, the LT-FREE now includes the new ArGo programming software and powerful, easy-to-use operator features such as Active Tools, marking, parametric geometries (Regular Shapes) and the ability to modify part programs directly on the machine – without returning to the office.

LW-S

A newly developed robotic laser welding cell that allows precise and repeatable welding of a wide range of materials, delivering strong and continuous welds without the need for post-processing. The highly configurable system can be equipped with various part-holding solutions: from a simple welding table to a chuck or even a tilting rotary table. At Innova, LW-S will be part of a broader automated production process, showcasing BLM GROUP's outstanding ability to seamlessly integrate multiple technologies.

Production Process Automation

The automation of production processes flourishes by the perfect harmony among machines, software and automation – one of the most impactful innovations in today's industrial landscape. It allows companies to respond to market challenges effectively by streamlining workflows and ensuring continuous production.

Process automation enables staff to focus on higher-value tasks, such as system programming and quality checks, rather than repetitive or physically demanding operations like unloading and storing parts. This approach leads to long-term cost reductions and increased overall plant productivity.

BLM GROUP's extensive experience with a wide range of machinery helps customers find the best solution for their needs. At Innova, an automated factory will be presented, showcasing the intelligent integration among different systems to ensure efficient material flow.

Plug & Bend

This machine option eliminates adjustment steps when changing tooling. As a result, production starts much faster and requires no specific skills from the operator, who can change tooling simply by inserting the die, clamp, slide and counter-slide into the designated mounts. Tube benders equipped with Plug & Bend feature quick-release devices for bending tools, with special focus on compatibility. Plug & Bend can be used with both fixed-radius and variable-radius bending tools.



Services

Among the many services offered by the Group, a standout is the innovative **E-commerce service**, which allows users to define a new bending tool directly in VGP Next or VGP3D and purchase it online from the BLM portal customer hub at a highly competitive price. Rapid-change plates and related consumables are also available for online purchase.

Software

Innova visitors will experience the benefits of perfect synergy between software and machine – two indispensable components of production, both internally developed and the result of continuous R&D investment. Among various improvements, ArTube (Lasertube programming software) offers even higher levels of automation to easily and intuitively handle a wide range of applications. Cutting strategies have been optimized to suit each specific machine, including improved scrap management. Furthermore, the production management and scheduling software **Prometheus** continues to evolve with new features.

These innovations exemplify how Innova 2025 will illustrate the technological advancements that BLM GROUP is contributing to the metal fabrication industry and how people will "Turn on the Light" for lights-out manufacturing.











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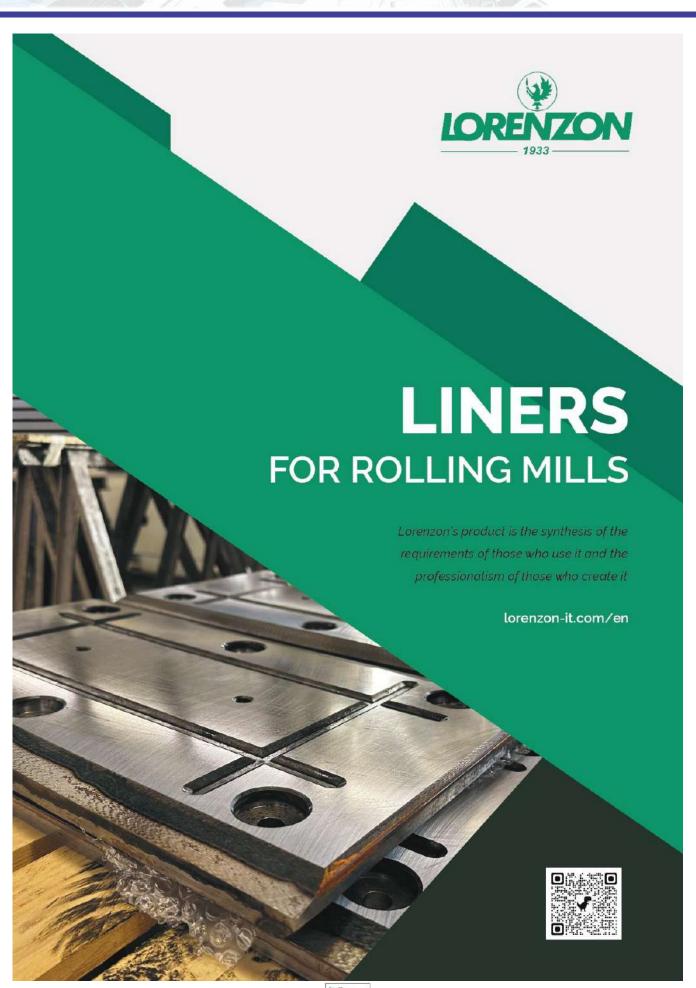


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LINERS AND WEAR PLATES

We work with the world's leading steel mills and steel plant manufacturers, constantly supporting them in the development of new projects as well as in the regeneration and modernization of existing rolling systems. Our liners are designed to ensure the highest performance of rolling mill rolls. We thoroughly guide the customer in the design of the plates, the associated construction drawings, the selection of the most suitable material, and the implementation of heat treatment to ensure maximum durability.

At Lorenzon we design and manufacture all types of plates for rolling mills. Each plate has a different use and is therefore mounted in a different part of the plant:

- On the lower part of the rolling cage (rocker plates)
- On the work roll chock liners and back up chock liners
- On the cage (housing liners)

Each type of wear plate is manufactured by us to optimize the performance of the part of the plant on which it is installed.

To address these critical aspects and ensure the plant's peak performance, at Lorenzon we have developed the concept of **wear plate with induction hardening**, which allows us to obtain a product with a dual hardness. In particular, we use induction hardening, with variable hardening depths of up to 5mm, to create a dual-layer product:

- The **upper layer**, which is hardened, ensures excellent wear resistance, extending the plate's lifespan and minimizing potential dimensional variations.
- The **lower layer**, which is not hardened, is soft enough to absorb impacts, slips, and vibrations generated during operation.







Green Factory Centralized System

ARGOS PRO + AIR QUALITY MONITOR

The new frontier in filtration

An integrated environmental sanitization system that exploits a set of IoT sensors distributed within the plant to constantly monitor air quality parameters and thus define the pollution level of the entire production site. That is a summary of the goal that guided Losma through the past three years of research and development dedicated to the Green Factory System, which was made possible through co-financing by the EU life Program for reducing the effects of climate change and improving air quality within and outside industrial environments.

The research focused on reducing CO_{2} , levels, eliminating spores, moulds, odours, carcinogenic substances, viral charges and bacteria in the air during the various processing cycles. Integration with IoT sensors and development of predictive models have ensured greater plant efficiency, high energy savings and fully predictive automated maintenance. The Green Factory System can be adapted to suit the processing plant surface area and is made up of a number of treatment stages.

The data below refers to performance measured in different applications, starting with the first pilot plant installed in July 2022, within a company specializing in production of dies and equipment for cold metal forming.

CENTRALIZED FILTRATION SYSTEM



Based on know-how gained over 50 years of activity, Losma provides the market with an efficient consultancy and engineering service that is organized to support the customer from design up to installation of the turnkey centralized plant.

From sizing the conventional filtration unit to designing the aeraulic plant (with fixed and mobile collection points and possibly a centrifugal fan), the Losma Green Factory System combines the best of research into purification of oil mists, vapours and fumes from a wide range of mechanical processes. It is ideal for large centralized plants that need to process several cubic meters of air per hour.

Argos Pro range is specially designed to filter oil mists (emulsions or neat oil), vapours and fumes from various mechanical machining processes. The filter module is a unit specifically designed for the industrial sector, where robustness, reliability and ease of operation and maintenance are key features.

It is available in seven different construction models with flow rates from 3,000 to 15,000 m3/h and various combinations of increasing filtration efficiency, up to 99.95% (according to EN 1822).

F9 filtration efficiency (EN ISO 16890 ePM10 95%).

PLANT CONTROL INTERFACE

The programmable plant control interface can be used to remotely manage the various intake areas spread throughout the plant. The control interface features plant self-calibration based on air reporting data, and is an additional tool that allows the end-user to track system warnings and alerts, as well as, of course, remotely manage preventive and predictive plant maintenance.

Can be controlled and programmed remotely.

PCO FILTRATION SYSTEM

The PCO (photocatalytic oxidation) filtration system treats air by radiating band A ultraviolet light (from 365 nm) directly onto the special titanium dioxide filter. This type of air treatment is also effective on viruses and bacteria in the air, as well as on volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in plants containing processing waste. A dedicated driver controls and regulates the power supply of the UVA LEDs in the circuit, for example, by switching them off when their temperature reaches or exceeds 70 °C.

Reduction efficiency after 8 hours of treatment:

- 92% Total Dust and Oil Mists
- 99% VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds)
- 99.9% Bacteria and Viruses (also tested on SARS-Cov-2)



AIR QUALITY MONITOR

IoT sensors collect a range of information from the production environment in real time. Air quality monitors and a state-of-the-art IoT (Internet of Things) smart gateway are part of the Green Factory System sensor network to support air quality improvement in the workplace.

The number of sensors is commensurate with the structure and size of the production plant.



IOT PLATFORM



A reporting dashboard shows all the data collected by the IoT Air Quality Monitor sensors so that the plant end user can read it and continuously monitor a number of air pollutant parameters.

Archiving and processing measured data:

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- Environmental Comfort
- PMs, VOCs, CO₂

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PRINT4ALL 2025 CLOSES WITH OVER 20,000 VISITORS: THE PRINTING AND CONVERTING INDUSTRY TAKES CENTER STAGE ONCE AGAIN

Next edition set for May 2027, now on a biennial schedule

With 20,297 industry professionals from 68 countries and 245 exhibitors, Print4All – the exhibition organized by Fiera Milano and promoted by ACIMGA and ARGI, which closed on last May 30 – has reaffirmed its status as a benchmark event for the printing and converting sectors. The show once again proved itself to be a strategic platform for technological advancement, sector-wide dialogue, and the generation of new business opportunities.



Digitalization, automation, and sustainability were the key themes running through the technology on display. **Artificial Intelligence**, increasingly integrated into processes, is making the printing and converting industry more efficient and flexible. A strong emphasis was placed on **green so**

lutions – from recyclable and circular materials to energy efficiency and technologies that can be applied to existing machinery.

Several new trends emerged within the **printing sector**, all made possible by technological innovation: from **tactile printing** with multisensory effects to one-step **digital embellishment**, and even the ability to print on a wide range of **natural and recycled materials**. The **finishing sector** also saw significant innovation, becoming increasingly smart and customized, ideal for short-run and bespoke production.

In **the converting and corrugated sectors**, the focus was once again on digital solutions – including **integrated systems** often developed through partnerships between multiple brands – and **innovative accessories**, such as tear tape and reinforcement tape, designed to boost efficiency while meeting sustainability criteria.

SPECIAL AREAS

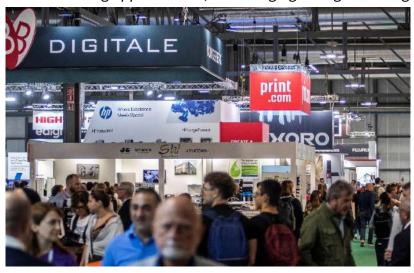
Three dedicated focus areas highlighted key growth opportunities for the market: corrugated cardboard (Corrugated Experience), new materials (PrintMat), and the importance of training and inter-association collaboration (WeArePrint4All Hub).

Corrugated cardboard took center stage in the **Corrugated Experience**, a journey through the stands of specialized companies and a dedicated hub that showcased the potential of this material – evolving from a simple packaging medium into a sustainable, high-impact visual communication tool.

PrintMAT, on the other hand, celebrated the more creative side of printing, featuring applications from textiles to glass – all capable of conveying a product's essence through new tactile sensations.

At the heart of the event was the **WeArePrint4All Hub**, the cultural epicenter of the show. It hosted training sessions, debates, and networking opportunities, encouraging dialogue among

stakeholders across the value chain and offering broad-ranging content on strategic themes for the industry's future. The Hub also saw key "debuts," including the official launch of **Gruppo** Converting by Acimga - the new specialist group within the machinery sector, dedicated to a strategic supply chain printing, encompassing packaging, and the converting of flexible materials – and the presentation of Girls Who Print



Italia, a new association promoting initiatives to break down barriers related to gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and disability within the printing and converting world.

An entire day – Friday, May 30 – was also dedicated to welcoming young people and raising awareness among the next generation about the **career opportunities** this industry has to offer.

THE INNOVATION ALLIANCE: STRATEGY EVOLVES, SYNERGY REMAINS

Once again, this edition, Print4All was part of The Innovation Alliance, the cross-sector event that brought together four exhibitions under a single, integrated vision - an expression of the innovative strength of capital goods technology serving the manufacturing industry. A comprehensive ecosystem ranging from materials and plastics processing technologies, with a focus on sustainability, showcased by **GreenPlast**, to packaging and processing at **IPACK-IMA**, from printing and converting at **Print4All** to warehouse logistics at **INTRALOGISTICA**



ITALIA. A clear common thread united them all: innovation, digitalization, and sustainability as strategic drivers.

The recently concluded edition attracted a total of **108,458** professional visitors from **143** countries, who explored the latest technological solutions offered by **1,857** exhibitors - 39% of whom came from 38 foreign nations. Conceived to highlight the innovative capabilities of capital goods technologies, this event - unique in Europe - confirmed its systemic vocation, demonstrating how integrating multiple trade shows can generate value greater than the sum of its parts.

Building on these results and looking ahead to future needs, The Innovation Alliance is now entering a new phase: each of the participating exhibitions will follow its own timeline, aligned with the specific requirements of its sector and its positioning within the international trade show calendar. This strategic choice will allow each exhibition to enhance its effectiveness and relevance, without compromising their shared identity and unified vision.

The Innovation Alliance will continue to thrive through tangible synergies among the individual exhibitions, shared content, joint initiatives, and supply chain platforms, sustaining a dynamic ecosystem focused on innovation and constantly engaged with the evolving needs of the manufacturing sectors. This evolution marks the project's maturity and its ability to adapt while remaining coherent - further strengthening the alliance between the represented industries, even beyond the framework of simultaneous scheduling.



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PLAST 2026 BECOMES THREE

PLAST 2026, scheduled from 9 to 12 June 2026 at Fiera Milano, becomes part of MaTec, an exhibition project that unites three manufacturing fairs: PLAST (international exhibition for plastics and rubber industries), Xylexpo (biennial world exhibition of wood and furniture technologies, organised by Acima II) and Composites Future (exhibition-conference for composite materials, with Assocompositi). The objective is to unite transversal competencies and complementary sectors for an integrated vision of industry. For example, some machining centers for wood find application also in plastics processing and other materials, whilst woodplastic composites are particularly high-performing in furniture and construction; the latter is one of the strategic destination sectors for the plants on display at PLAST.

Whilst European manufacturing industry is going through a phase of redefinition accelerated by regulatory pressures, ecological transition and the need to innovate processes and materials, MaTec proposes itself as a concrete response: 8 pavilions hosting three complementary fairs to encourage technological contamination and synergies between sectors.

MaTec stems from a precise concept: the challenges that industry must face – sustainability, energy efficiency, digitalization, materials in line with recent regulations – are no longer confined within individual sectors, but require transversal approaches and unprecedented collaborations. In this scenario, maintaining rigid separations between supply chains risks limiting opportunities for technological contamination and slowing innovation.

"The market demands flexibility and the ability to read trends more broadly", explains Mario Maggiani, managing director of Promaplast, the organizer of PLAST. "MaTec responds to this requirement by creating a meeting point where suppliers of technologies and materials for application sectors that are also very different from each other – from packaging to construction, from aerospace to automotive and from marine to furniture – can dialogue, compare and find synergies. This is not just about expanding the exhibition offer but about building an ecosystem in which innovation is generated precisely from the fusion of different competencies."

The intuition behind MaTec is that many technologies and materials developed for one sector can find, almost by a principle of osmosis, application in other areas. This exhibition "triple alliance" proposes itself as a collector of contaminations, offering an exhibition environment rich in stimuli, where visitors can discover different but complementary solutions.



At a time when European industry finds itself facing the need to reinvent itself to remain globally competitive, events like MaTec assume strategic value, becoming places of comparison, inspiration and future construction.

To date, over 650 companies have confirmed their registration for PLAST which, together with its three satellite halls – Rubber, 3D Plast and PlastMat – represents the entire supply chain of the plastics and rubber industry, occupying six of MaTec's eight pavilions.

Rubber is dedicated to the rubber sector, from materials to processing technologies, through to industrial applications.

3D Plast explores the frontiers of 3D printing and additive technologies applied to polymers.

PlastMat focuses on innovations in materials, a central theme for the evolution of manufacturing industry.

The integration between three events – PLAST, Xylexpo and Composites Future – will enable visitors to experience a complete experience, rich in insights and opportunities.

For exhibiting companies, MaTec represents a strategic investment: the possibility of reaching a broad and qualified audience, generating contacts and strengthening their image. For visitors, it means accessing a unique concentration of competencies, technologies and solutions, with the possibility of comparing with experts, discovering innovations, evaluating suppliers and building partnerships.

The appointment is from 9 to 12 June 2026 in Milan, where MaTec – through PLAST, Xylexpo and Composites Future – will give life to a triple exhibition event that promises to be one of the most significant moments of the year for European manufacturing industry.

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UCIMU: IN THE THIRD QUARTER, MACHINE TOOL ORDER REMAINED STABLE (+1.1%) FOREIGN ORDERS (-7.7%); DOMESTIC ORDERS (+12.4%)

Riccardo Rosa, president of UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE, stated: "Domestic demand still too weak, despite the "plus sign", no improvement regarding the automotive sector and "uncertainty Made in the USA" are the critical issues affecting the daily work of Italian manufacturers, who are concerned about the near future. The economic policy tools being defined by the Government authorities for 2026-2027 will be crucial".

In the third quarter of 2025, the index of machine tool orders, elaborated by the Studies Dept. & Business Culture Centre of UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE, remained stable (+1.1%) compared to the period July-September 2024. The absolute value of the index was 53.3 (base year 2021=100).

In particular, the orders collected in the domestic market showed a 12.4% increase over the third quarter of 2024, for an absolute value of 15.4.

On the **foreign market, order collection was down by 7.7%** compared to the same period last year. The absolute value of the index stood at 87.1.

Riccardo Rosa, president of UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE, stated: "Even if the latest measurement of the UCIMU index confirms the positive trend in domestic demand, the absolute value of the index highlights that demand is still very weak. Indeed, the downturn in overseas activity is barely counterbalanced by the recovery in the domestic market".

"The context where we are operating - continued **Riccardo Rosa** – is really complicated. Europe is deeply affected by the crisis in German and the geopolitical instability caused by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. In particular, the transition to electric motors has triggered a sharp reduction in manufacturing activity: European carmakers are not investing, because it is not clear what will happen in the future. Moreover, companies in the supply chain are announcing plant closures and staff cuts almost every day".

"On the other hand, we Italian manufacturers see that the downsizing of our main destination sector, namely the automotive industry, cannot be covered by investments from the so-called alternative sectors. For this reason, in order to ward off the spectre of industrial desertification in the Old Continent, we think it is essential to extend the transition period towards green mobility and, at the level of EU institutions, to engage in careful consideration concerning alternative forms of propulsion, capable of ensuring low emissions and, at the same time, safeguarding production, factories and jobs".

"Looking abroad – continued the president of UCIMU – the United States have held up well so far. However, we are observing some cases of Italian companies that are experiencing difficulties with the deliveries of machines to the USA due to tariffs. In this regard, there is great concern, also because the attitude of the American administration has cast heavy uncertainty over the international market, actually causing a slowdown in export activity, as our order index clearly shows".



On the domestic front – concluded President **Riccardo Rosa** – we know that the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy and the Ministry of Economy and Finance are working on the definition of a new programme of industrial policy, which should support companies over the next two years. The non-positive experience of 5.0, which brought interesting results only in its final stage, should serve as a warning so that companies can have a really useful and effective tool to support the upgrading of Italian production".



"We appreciate the idea of a single measure, even if we prefer tax credit. However, we request to include a reward bonus related to production made in EU. Finally, duration and financial provision needed to support the transformation of our factories will be crucial at a time when AI and digitalisation, if properly directed, can make a difference. With regard to duration - concluded **Riccardo Rosa** — we ask that the measure be applicable from the beginning of the year, avoiding the effect of exasperating wait we experienced with 5.0. As for financial provision, pressure from Asian suppliers and general instability - the primary factor leading to the freeze on investments in capital goods - require serious intervention in terms of overall economic resources to support the competitiveness of our manufacturing sector".

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