

# Italy Strengthens U.S. Space Ties at Space Symposium With 27 Leading Companies

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Italy's aerospace excellence is taking the stage at Space Symposium 2026 alongside many of the world's leading economic players and decision-makers, from the United States and beyond. Following stops at ADSS in Seattle and SATShow in Washington, D.C. — and just days after the Artemis II mission returned to Earth — space remains firmly at the center of trade relations between Italy and the United States.

The Italian Trade Agency (ITA) — the government agency that supports the international growth of Italian companies and promotes foreign investment in Italy — and the Italian Space Agency (ASI) are leading a delegation of 27 of Italy's most important space tech companies to Colorado Springs for Space Symposium, the leading global gathering for the space economy, taking place April 13–16.

Space Symposium is one of the industry's premier meeting points worldwide. It brings together space agencies, commercial companies, military organizations, government entities, research centers, academic institutions, and entrepreneurs, offering a global platform for partnerships, strategic dialogue, and the presentation of the latest technological innovations. Last year's edition drew more than 11,000 industry professionals, business leaders, and decision-makers from more than 40 countries to The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.

The companies arriving in Colorado Springs reflect the full depth of Italy's space supply chain, with expertise in electrical and electromechanical components for aerospace applications; reflectors for ground antennas and deep space networks; factory-to-orbit logistics and launch services; space electronics and SatCom; systems for low Earth orbit missions and lunar exploration; advanced SAR radar; sensors and software for complex missions; optoelectronics;



Italian Pavilion at Space Symposium 2026

optical systems; thermal-control solutions; and propulsion technologies.

A total of 12 Italian companies are exhibiting at Space Symposium within the Italy Pavilion organized by the Italian Trade Agency's Houston office in collaboration with ASI: Connex Italiana (Milan), Cospal Composites (Ambivere, Bergamo), Impulso Space (Padua), IngeniArs (Pisa), Kayser Space (Livorno), Leonardo (Rome), MetaSensing (Cassino, Frosinone), Nurjana Technologies (Elmas, Cagliari), Officina Stellare (Sarcedo, Vicenza), Optec (Busto Garolfo, Milan), T4i – Technology for Propulsion and Innovation (Monselice, Padua), and Zoppas Industries (Vittorio Veneto, Treviso). They are joined by 15 additional Italian companies attending the Symposium outside the pavilion: Altec (Turin), Angelantoni Test Technologies (Massa Martana, Perugia), APR (Pinerolo, Turin), ARCA Dynamics (Rome), Argotec (Turin), Avio (Rome), D-Orbit (Fino Mornasco, Como), E-Cosmic (Turin), Gestione Silo (Scandicci, Florence), Leaf Space (Lomazzo, Como), LMA (Turin), New Production Concept (Imola, Bologna), Progetti Speciali Italiani (Rome), Re Fraschini (Legnano, Milan), and Revolv Space (Turin).

Several events are scheduled throughout the week to connect the Italian delegation with institutions, industry operators, and international stakeholders. The calendar opened Monday, April 13, with the Road to Space Symposium, an international tour organized in collaboration with the Denver and Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and designed to connect foreign delegations attending the Symposium with Colorado's local ecosystem.

On April 14, the Italian Pavilion Happy Hour networking event was hosted at the Italy Pavilion. On the afternoon of April 16, on the sidelines of the Symposium, the U.S.-Italy Commercial Space Roundtable will be held in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in Washington and the NOAA Office of Space Commerce at the U.S. Department of Commerce. The initiative is part of the broader path of the U.S.-Italy Space Dialogues, launched during Space Days in Washington in 2023 and continued subsequently at Space Symposium and at IAC 2025.

Also attending the Symposium — and visiting the Italy Pavilion throughout the event — are leading representatives of Italy's national space system, including institutional delegations from the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, underscoring Italy's coordinated national approach to the space sector.

During the event, high-level institutional meetings are taking place with the Lieutenant Governor of Colorado, with NATO representatives, and with delegations from France, Canada, Denmark, Japan, Lithuania, and Australia, with the goal of strengthening international dialogue and promoting new opportunities for collaboration.

As part of the Italian delegation's program, a speech by the Managing Director of Leonardo's Space Division also took place on April 15, offering a strategic discussion of the sector's key industrial and technological developments.

An intense week of engagement between the Italian aerospace sector and the United States will conclude in Houston, Texas, on Saturday, with the event “There Is a Lot of Space in Italy,” to be held at Space Center Houston. The initiative will celebrate the excellence of scientific cooperation between Italy and NASA, with the participation of researchers, companies, and institutions. At the center of the event will be the Artemis program and Italy’s role on the International Space Station.

Italy’s participation at Space Symposium 2026 also reflects the country’s growing position in the U.S. aerospace market. According to Trade Data Monitor data processed by the ITA Houston Office, total U.S. aerospace imports reached \$42.20 billion in 2025, up 1.53% from 2024. Over the same period, U.S. imports from Italy rose 7.94% to \$1.71 billion, roughly five times the average growth rate of the overall market.

That performance pushed Italy’s market share to 4.05%, up from 3.30% in 2023, even as other major European suppliers, including France, the United Kingdom, and Germany, posted declines. In 2025, Italy ranked as the eighth-largest aerospace supplier to the United States.

Much of that growth was driven by aircraft and helicopter components, which accounted for \$1.038 billion in 2025—more than 60% of total U.S. aerospace imports from Italy—and increased 23.27% year over year.

Within the United States, Italy strengthened its presence most significantly in Virginia and Texas, two strategic hubs that together accounted for 53.69% of all U.S. aerospace imports from Italy in 2025. Virginia ranked first at \$514.1 million, or 30.07% of the Italian total, up 134.65% from 2024 and serving as the primary driver of Italy’s expansion last year. Texas followed with \$403.7 million, equal to 23.62%, up 13.56%.

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