



## PRESS RELEASE

# ESPE AMONG LEADING NAMES AT THE 2026 RENEWABLE ENERGY OBSERVATORY — POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF MILAN

## Research partner ESPE makes further strides in driving the debate on energy transition and on development models for photovoltaic and agrivoltaic solutions

*Grantorto (Padua), 23 April 2026* - The EPC contractor ESPE S.p.A. (“**ESPE**” or the “**Company**”), parent company of the **ESPE Group**, operates in the renewable energy sector supplying photovoltaic systems, and is also the owner of "ESPE" brand technology used in the manufacture of small-medium wind turbines and biomass cogenerators. On 22 April, ESPE attended the 2026 edition of the **Renewable Energy Observatory**, hosted by the Polytechnic University of Milan, taking part in its capacity as research partner.

Organized by the Energy & Strategy Group of the POLIMI School of Management, the Observatory is one of the leading national authorities on the renewable energies market, providing a structured analysis of developments in the sector, with a particular focus on market dynamics, the regulatory framework and technological developments.

ESPE has contributed actively in this area to the work of the Observatory and to the dialogue between industry professionals, institutions and stakeholders, committed as ever to collaborating with universities, research centres and industrial partners, with the aim of supporting the development of a more sustainable and resilient energy model.

Speaking at the event, **ESPE Sales Director Ernest Juricic** explained the company’s operational position on the development of photovoltaic energy in Italy, with the accent on the agrivoltaic sector and the main obstacles to getting projects completed in the face of regulatory developments, complex permitting processes and the needs and expectations of local settings and interests.

“Agrivoltaics will be one of the most significant areas of development for the sector in the coming years, but it requires a practical approach that combines technical expertise, sustainability and engagement with the local reality,” observed Juricic. “Being involved in the POLIMI Renewable Energy Observatory means contributing actively to a meaningful dialogue between research and industry, pooling real-world experience and practical solutions”.

By taking part in the Observatory, ESPE confirms its desire to play a leading role in the energy transition, not merely through industrial activities, but no less by contributing to the development of the general debate and of best practices in the sector.

As a research partner, ESPE works alongside an expert network of industry players, institutions and stakeholders in the energy sector, helping to shape the future of the renewable energy market in Italy.

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### **ESPE S.p.A.**

*The company ESPE S.p.A. ("ESPE" or the "Company"), based in Grantorto (Padua), has been active in the energy sector since 1974 and gained a reputation as a developer of innovative solutions for the production of energy from renewable sources. Drawing on over 50 years of experience, ESPE builds industrial electrical installations and advanced automation systems and is a leading EPC contractor for ground-mounted photovoltaic arrays and solar farms, as well as a System Integrator for complex infrastructure solutions. Over time, the company has expanded its expertise in renewable energy, establishing itself in the photovoltaic, small-medium wind turbine and biomass cogeneration sectors, thanks not least to its ESPE brand proprietary technologies. In 2024, ESPE consolidated its corporate structure through strategic moves including the acquisition of Permotech S.r.l., a company specializing in the development of large-scale PV systems, and the purchase of a stake in Rigoni Lab S.r.l., an applied engineering concern, which also had the effect of adding strength and depth to its design skills and operational efficiency. With a view to optimizing the services provided with its offering, and streamlining the organizational structure, O&M operations were transferred to Reflow S.r.l., a subsidiary owned 67% by ESPE. In January 2025, ESPE also acquired a 30% stake in Soland S.r.l., a company based in Piedmont engaging in the design and construction of photovoltaic systems and energy efficiency solutions. Serving a clientèle that includes large industrial groups, SMEs and Italian and international investors, ESPE is well-known as a provider of tailor-made, technologically advanced solutions and as a campaigner for sustainable growth and innovation, underscoring its place among the leading players in the renewable energy sector.*

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