



PRESS RELEASE

ESPE AT SOLAR CONSTRUCTION 2026: FOCUS ON ADVANCED O&M AND OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE-SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS

Reflow, a company of the ESPE Group, specializes in advanced maintenance, a key asset in ensuring operational continuity, performance and long-term value of systems

Grantorto (Padua), 29 May 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. Yesterday, 28 May 2026, ESPE was present at Solar Construction 2026, a conference organized by ITALIA SOLARE concerned with the construction, management and maintenance of large-scale photovoltaic systems; the event was held at the **Nicolaus Hotel** in **Bari**, southern Italy.

The gathering provided an opportunity to discuss technical and operational aspects of the photovoltaic sector, which is entering a new phase of growth. According to ITALIA SOLARE, the next two years will see the installation in Italy of **new PV systems with an overall capacity of some 20 GWp**: a scale of development that highlights the importance of construction schedules, safety, technical coordination and design choices.

Discussions explored the variable factors tending to influence the success of large-scale photovoltaic projects: site planning, the management of operational issues, handover of the installation to the client, and monitoring of system performance following construction. The event was attended by industry professionals, investors, lenders and companies involved in the various stages of designing, building, running and maintaining solar power installations.

Alberto Casalin is **Service & Sales Director of Reflow**, a company of the ESPE Group specializing in the management and maintenance of solar and small-medium wind power systems. Casalin took part in the session “From handover to operation: O&M, proactive monitoring, guarantees and performance”, exploring the transition from the handover of the system to its operational management going forward.

Channelling the experience gained by Reflow, his presentation highlighted how this stage of the process is crucial for maintaining reliability, operational continuity and long-term efficiency. He also stressed the importance of a structured technical management approach to the asset, based on continuous monitoring, data analysis, tracking of performance and the definition of performance-

related parameters.

Topics for discussion also included the distinction between testing and handover of the system, the handling of responsibilities among the parties involved, and the progression from reactive maintenance to a predictive model based on advanced monitoring, diagnostics and performance analysis tools.

“The transition from construction to operational management is one of the most critical stages in the life of a photovoltaic system”, asserted Casalin, “since it dictates the quality of the technical support that will accompany the asset in future years. Performance is not dependent only on implementation: it must be measured, interpreted and managed over time. This is why maintenance is evolving from a traditionally reactive activity into a strategic technical function, able to support operational continuity and protect the economic value of the system.”

The presence of the ESPE Group at Solar Construction 2026 reflects an intention to strengthen its position in the large-scale PV sector, bringing expertise that covers both the installation of systems and their technical management. In effect, Reflow is the division of the ESPE Group dedicated to post-completion services, an area of increasing importance in ensuring the operational continuity and efficient management of systems over time.

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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 57% by ESPE. In January 2025, ESPE acquired a 30% stake in Soland S.r.l., a Piedmont-based company operating in the design and construction of photovoltaic and energy efficiency systems, then in July —seeking to strengthen the Energy Security supply chain — a controlling interest of 51% in Secur Impianti S.r.l., specialist supplier of security and video surveillance systems for infrastructures. 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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