



PRESS RELEASE

ESPE AT SOLARFINANCE 2026 TO DISCUSS NEW CHALLENGES DETERMINING THE BANKABILITY OF SOLAR PV AND BESS SYSTEMS

Grantorto (Padua), 09 September 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. Tomorrow, **10 September 2026**, ESPE will be at **SolarFinance - Finance & bankability for solar PV, storage (BESS), and clean tech manufacturing**, an event held in the Sala Orlando of the Palazzo Castiglioni Conference Centre, Corso Venezia 47/49, Milan, from 09.00 to 17.00.

Organized by **ITALIA SOLARE**, a leading association active in the development of PV systems and technologies for the energy transition, the initiative focuses this year on bringing together industry, finance and stakeholders from the energy sector to discuss the main challenges concerning bankability and financing of this same transition. During the day, four key areas will be explored in depth: the financing of clean-tech manufacturing in Europe; financial models for distributed PV and self-consumption; the bankability of BESS storage systems and their associated revenue streams; and the financing of large utility-scale systems, including agrivoltaic and floating PV.

The event will see banks, investment funds and institutional investors in discussion with developers, IPPs, EPCs, ESCOs, installers, manufacturers, technical and financial advisors, operators in the PV and energy storage sectors, European institutions and stakeholders, seeking to identify tools, models and practical solutions to expedite investment in solar power and energy storage and strengthen the competitiveness of the European and Italian sectors.

Representing ESPE at the event is **Ernest Juricic**, the company's **Sales Director**, among the speakers at **Session 3 – "BESS: financing tools and revenue maximization strategies"**, which looks at the various revenue streams, and at the conditions required by investors to support the market.

An opportunity for Ernest Juricic to deliver the message: *"BESS systems are a key element in ensuring that we make the most of energy generated by photovoltaic installations, enhancing the flexibility, reliability and economic sustainability of these projects. The real challenge today is to transform technical and regulatory complexity into concrete and reliable industrial solutions that can attract investment and generate long-term value. It is in this area that ESPE seeks to play a role in developing the market, drawing on the considerable experience the company has gained in the construction of complex, high-tech energy systems."*

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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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