

# **Project Management Update from Italy<sup>1</sup>**

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## **Breaking news from the Project Management Communities' Associations in Italy**

### **Introduction**

In this article we are going to talk briefly about the out of the routine activities and the results achieved by the Associations of Project Management in Italy, during last quarter 2022, in connection with what I reported last year in PMWJ Issue X – October 2022<sup>2</sup>.

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### The Associations of Project Management Community in Italy



### **The Project Management Institute: Northern Italy's Chapter (PMI-NIC)<sup>3</sup>; Central Italy's Chapter (PMI-Central Italy)<sup>4</sup>; Southern Italy's Chapter (PMI-SIC)<sup>5</sup>**

The three PMI Chapters, maintaining their commitment in working as a big one chapter, on Wednesday 14, Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December 2022, have organized what they call "the national project management forum" on the "future", that are three webinars whose program was the following:

- Wednesday 14 December 2022, edited by the PMI Southern Italy Chapter. The theme of the project economy has been developed with the contribution of four case studies:
  - The Project Economy: Challenges and Opportunities, curated by Antonio Nieto Rodriguez (Former Chairman of the Project Management Institute, co-founder Strategy Implementation Institute & Brightline)
  - Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning application to improve the Management of Risks, edited by Salvatore Lampone (Leonardo S.p.A. - Chief Risk Officer)
  - Next Generation = re-generation, edited by Giusy Sica (Founder re-generation (Y)Outh Think tank)
  - Introduction to Future Studies, by Roberto Paura (President Italian Institute for the Future)
  
- Thursday 15 December 2022, second day by the PMI Central Italy Chapter. The theme of innovation will be developed with the contribution of four case studies:
  - Sustainable Project Management, curated by Fabio Nonino (Full Professor of Project Management Sapienza University of Rome) and Alessandro Pompei (PhD in Industrial Engineering and Management Sapienza University of Rome)
  - The management of complex projects: the new paradigm imposed by the PNRR, by Davide Fierro (Head of Project Management & Systems Engineering INAF)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.pmi.org/chapters/northern-italy>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.pmi-centralitaly.org/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.pmi-sic.org/>

- Copernicus Imaging Microwave Radiometer (CIMR): an innovative solution for the monitoring of the seas and the polar cap, by Sergio Gerosa (Program Director of the mission Copernicus Imaging Microwave Radiometer - CIMR) and Claudio Galeazzi (ESA Project Manager Copernicus Imaging Microwave Radiometer - CIMR)
- Innovation equation, by Luca Romano (Senior Advisor in Strategic Planning and Project, Program, Portfolio Management)
- Friday 16 December 2022, third day by the PMI Northern Italy Chapter. The topic of uncertainty will be developed with the contribution of four case studies:
  - At the sources of uncertainty, by Dr Silvia Ronzani (Psychologist, Professional Advanced Counselor)
  - Living in the company of uncertainty: a rule to be learned, by prof. Vittorio Marchis (Full Professor at the Politecnico di Torino)
  - "Who is afraid of the future?": from individual uncertainties to risk management, by Eng. Francesca Schiezzari (Head of Risk Management in Leonardo Helicopter Division)
  - "Managing the unexpected in decommissioning" - Lesson learned in the Decommissioning of Ispra nuclear plants, by Eng. Flavio Zanovello (Program Management Office in European Commission)

Each of the three chapters is still working to expand their territorial branch, engaging volunteers, and overall trying to make their effort synergic.

During 2022<sup>6</sup>, in Italy, PMI certified 507 people (140 entry levels PMI-CAPM, 211 professionals PMI-PMP, 156 other PMI credential) people. New trusted people reaching globally 10.727 since 1998.

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<sup>6</sup> Data is a courtesy of the observatory of Italian Institute of Project Management



## **The International Project Management Association (IPMA ITALY)<sup>7</sup>**

The main activity that IPMA shows from its Italian communication channel (website and social network) is about its “Young Crew”, that every year organize the “Global eCollaboration Competition” (GeCCo<sup>8</sup>) that is an international virtual 24-hour project management case study competition for young project managers and students interested in project management organized by IPMA Young Crew.

Since the beginning of this journey, they have been officially joined by 33 countries, 4 continents, tons of languages. Here they are: Austria, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Mexico, Nepal, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

GeCCo 2023 Live Event will be held on March 11 & 12, 2023 when participants matched in multinational teams from countries registered for GeCCo will gather online and work for 24 hours on a case study. The strategic solution for the case study problem will be assessed by the international Jury Committee and the winners will be announced on 15 April, 2023. During the live event participants will have an opportunity to listen to insights from invited Keynote Speakers, experts in the field of virtual and global collaboration, and in that way a chance to use their tips in solving the challenge. Virtual communication, group dynamics in distributed teams, different cultures and time zones are just a few of the challenges that make this project truly unique.

One of the best parts of being in a global network of young project managers is the people you get to meet! Most of those contacts happen during IPMA YC flagship event, the Global Young Crew Workshop, but attending an international event has always been an economic barrier for many. On the other hand, the world is going digital. Many projects are now managed by distributed teams with different tools and skills constantly being used to improve project management processes. It is thus important for the new generation of project managers to be at the forefront of this wave. In the same spirit as every Young Crew project, GeCCo is all about experiencing a fresh, challenging and fun event, while learning, practicing the skills, and building a network. Virtual communication,

<sup>7</sup> <https://ipma.it/ipma/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.become.pm/gecco/>

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GeCCo allows young project managers and students to get competences and skills that will help them in their future career to work in virtual international teams.

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### **The Italian Institute of Project Management (ISIPM)<sup>9</sup>**

It's an exciting 2023 that starts for the Italian Institute of Project Management. Back from the success of PMexpo<sup>10</sup>, finally back totally in presence and harbinger of ideas and reflections for this particular field of action, ISIPM aims to face the new year with initiatives aimed at individual professionals but also companies.

The PNRR – National Recovery and Resilience Plan – has now come alive with funding from Brussels but still slow in grounding projects, remains the most striking demonstration of how much the Project Manager is extremely necessary in the eyes of public opinion today.

Pmexpo 2022 seems to have been the excellence call to action of all the best Italian skills, and it is no coincidence that the participation was massive, with more than a thousand people passing through the Auditorium del Massimo last October 14.

Not only PNRR, however: 2023 will see the Italian Institute of Project Management engaged on several matters: the response to health emergencies, which we have well known in recent months, the challenges of innovation, the concretization of ideas and projects on sustainability, but also the applications of cognitive matter to the tools of project management in what aims to be an evolution of the sector on which ISIPM has always been sponsor and at the same time precursor.

Also this year the Italian Institute of Project Management has established an Award for bachelor thesis on Project Management issues for graduates of each Faculty and each Italian University, who have obtained or will receive a three-year or master's degree in the period 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://isipm.org>

<sup>10</sup> <https://pmworldjournal.com/article/december-2022-pm-update-from-rome>

During 2022<sup>11</sup>, ISIPM certified 1907 people (1.704 entry levels ISIPM-Base, 145 professionals ISIPM-AV and 58 ISIPM-EUMaps) New trusted people reaching globally 18.852. Moreover, exploiting historical agreement for the enhancement of project management culture in Italy<sup>12</sup>, during 2022 361 ISIPM members have registered on the PM World Library. The agreement has been renewed for 2023 for all ISIPM members<sup>13</sup>.

## Conclusions

In Italy there is even more enthusiasm about the discipline of Project Management than last years. People is feeling the needing of acquire knowledge and competencies that they could apply in each environment. What we observe about the associations is their effort to find new ways for people involvement.

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<sup>13</sup> <https://pmworldlibrary.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/230117-PM-World-renews-strategic-alliance-with-isipm-in-Italy.pdf>

of the Board of the "Italian Institute of Project Management" (ISIPM) for ten years, and he is an Accredited Teacher in Project Management.

Alessandro is currently engaged in the "Digital Transformation" engineering and industrialization programs of the new Italian "Open Fiber" telecommunications network, with particular focus on the engineering of delivery and assurance processes for the provision of retail, business and industries customers, on the operational management and procurement support for the definition of specifications and contracts, on the definition of operating rules/ instructions for maintenance and of requirements for systems development, on the support to the commercial and regulatory lines for the definition of services and processes for customers (Other Licensed Operators and Industries), and on the definition and management of operations compliance with ISO Standards and International Best Practices.

As a Member of the ISIPM Board, he focuses his volunteer activities mainly on the cultural diffusion of the project management to young people – specifically to high school students and also staff, including teachers. As an ISIPM accredited teacher, he has taught project management in public and private institutions, in schools and in universities. He has experience in the organization of events and as a speaker in conferences, and also in proposing and managing EU-funded projects.

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