

Project Management Update from Italy¹

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First half 2024 activities from the Project Management Communities' Associations in Italy

Introduction

In this second 2024 report, we are going to talk briefly about main events by the Associations of Project Management in Italy during the second quarter 2024. Each event tried to involve several environments such as industrial, public administration, non-profit etc.

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The Associations of Project Management Community in Italy



The Project Management Institute: Northern Italy's Chapter (PMI-NIC)²; Central Italy's Chapter (PMI-Central Italy)³; Southern Italy's Chapter (PMI-SIC)⁴

² <https://www.pmi.org/chapters/northern-italy>

³ <https://www.pmi-centralitaly.org/>

⁴ <https://www.pmi-sic.org/>

PMI Chapters had previously announced the 2024 Annual Forum, which was organized by the PMI-Central Italy Chapter. This event, in its seventh edition, was set for June 14th in Rome and promised an in-depth exploration of the captivating world of Project Management. This ambitious forum aimed to deliver a comprehensive 360° perspective, moving beyond the specific boundaries of individual contexts to examine the intricate relationships between project managers' activities and their operational environments.

The innovative and holistic approach embraced the unique aspects, characteristics, and various project contexts, illuminating the complex dynamics that shape project management practices. June 14th was anticipated to be an essential day for anyone involved in Project Management or those seeking a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities within this dynamic field. Throughout the event, leading experts shared their insights and experiences, examining how the Project Management Omniverse influenced management strategies, critical decisions, and project leadership.

The 2024 Forum in Rome provided an unparalleled networking opportunity, allowing attendees to connect with industry professionals, exchange innovative ideas, and establish lasting relationships. Beyond the rich informational content, the event aimed to foster a collaborative learning community where participants could share ideas and strategies to address the ever-evolving challenges of Project Management.



The three Italy Chapter Presidents, Carmine Paragano⁵, Giusi Meloni⁶ and Edoardo Grimaldi⁷ presenting the event

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⁶ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/giusi-meloni-pmp-csm-8795908/>

⁷ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/edoardo-grimaldi-b9157b6/>

Here are some highlights of the most interesting speeches:

Stefano Trespidi⁸ (Fondazione Arena di Verona⁹) moved the audience with the passion of someone working at the heart of a unique cultural institution in the world... and showed them what it truly means to 'bring a project to the field' on time at-all-costs, managing emergencies with inventiveness, adaptability, and courage.

Mario Nobile (AGID¹⁰ - Agenzia per l'Italia Digitale) showed the direction taken to make public administrations more competitive focusing two points:

- The careful distinction between training and instruction: we need to bring the right level of digital competence by adapting the depth and breadth of knowledge to the audience and objectives, in order to be effective across the entire population, starting with awareness and security for all
- The metaphor of the cart: digital technologies have allowed individuals to move from 'pulling' the cart to driving it from above. Now, AI and GenAI enable increasing the speed and reaching new destinations ...thus, supervision is even more important!

Federico Landini¹¹ (Stellantis¹²) reminded how managing team multiculturalism requires a careful rethinking of all aspects of a manager's life, starting from the definition of strategies that are both technically and culturally sustainable, to the strengthening of inclusive leadership and listening techniques. The prize is a much more effective decision-making process thanks to the diversity of enriching perspectives and ideas, capable of 'nullifying' individual weaknesses.

Liliana Selva¹³ (Six Seconds Italia¹⁴) clarified that emotions are information and should be considered as such when making decisions! Emotional intelligence allows us to maintain stability and balance, preserving our 'centeredness,' and it is the foundation of 18 different personal skills that we must recognize (in ourselves and in others) to navigate complexity.

Tiziana Catarci¹⁵ (Università di Roma¹⁶ "La Sapienza") reminded us that we must keep a high level of attention on gender stereotypes, and how important this is to fully leverage the potential of digital transformation. In a context where any discrimination or bias risks being enormously amplified by the hallucinations of LLMs (Large Language Models).

⁸ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/stefano-trespidi-13b94596/>

⁹ <https://www.arena.it/>

¹⁰ <https://www.agid.gov.it/it>

¹¹ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/federico-landini-7866426/>

¹² <https://www.stellantis.com/it>

¹³ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/liliana-selva-544aaa20/>

¹⁴ <https://italia.6seconds.org/>

¹⁵ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tiziana-catarci-3b8634/>

¹⁶ <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/>



Auditorium of Carpegna Palace Domus Mariae Hotel - Rome



The International Project Management Association (IPMA ITALY)¹⁷

Last month, there were exciting times ahead! The International Final of the Project Management Championship 2024 was approaching quickly on Saturday, June 8th, in which top teams from around the world gathered in Florence to demonstrate their exceptional project management skills. The event was organized in collaboration with ANIMP - Associazione Nazionale di Impiantistica Industriale, IPMA Italy, and proudly supported by STS | the project management training company. Additionally, big efforts were extended to IPMA International and the Italian team for their flawless organization and dedication, which made the event a remarkable achievement. Irina Bolognesi, Paola De Lellis, Denise Iannucci, Ina Rexha, and Francesco Uggeri were all commended for their efforts¹⁸.

¹⁷ <https://ipma.it/ipma/>

¹⁸ https://ipma.it/ipma_/index.php/young-crew/il-board



The International Project Management Championship 2024 concluded successfully with congratulations to all the participating teams; it had been an incredible journey set against the stunning backdrop of Florence. A special shoutout was given to the Italian team from the Politecnico di Milano for their outstanding participation and exceptional project management skills. The team members were Aurora Brocca, Alessandro Albertini, Dalia Scuotto, and Marta Castello.



Italian Team: Aurora Brocca, Alessandro Albertini, Dalia Scuotto, and Marta Castello.



The Italian Institute of Project Management (ISIPM)¹⁹

The Italian Institute of Project Management embarked on an inspiring journey in 2024. Following the resounding success of PMexpo, the leading Italian event for promoting the discipline, ISIPM set its sights on the upcoming PMexplore²⁰. This initiative comprised a series of five events aimed at exploring various facets of Project Management and their application across different sectors in an interdisciplinary manner. Each event focused on a specific process group of Project Management, linked to related sectors to highlight their interconnectedness and the multidisciplinary nature of Project Management from various perspectives. These events featured panel discussions with industry experts and were hosted in four different Italian cities, concluding with a final online gathering. PMexplore aligned perfectly with ISIPM's mission to disseminate knowledge and served as a precursor to the upcoming PMexpo. Topics covered included startups, engineering project design, soft skills in the workplace, project compliance, and lessons learned.



¹⁹ <https://isipm.org>

²⁰ <https://www.isipm.org/news-ed-eventi/pmexplore>

Participation at FORUM PA²¹

The initial two days at Forum PA (Public Administration), held in Rome until May 23rd, were filled with valuable insights and engaging discussions. Beginning with the seminars at ISIPM stand, there were numerous opportunities for dialogue with various professionals who shared their experiences and in-depth knowledge over these three days. Additionally, ISIPM attended the panel "The Application of Project Management for PA Transformation: Comparative Experiences," moderated by Graziano Trasarti, president of ISIPM.



Maurizio Monassi²² at Forum PA within ISIPM stand

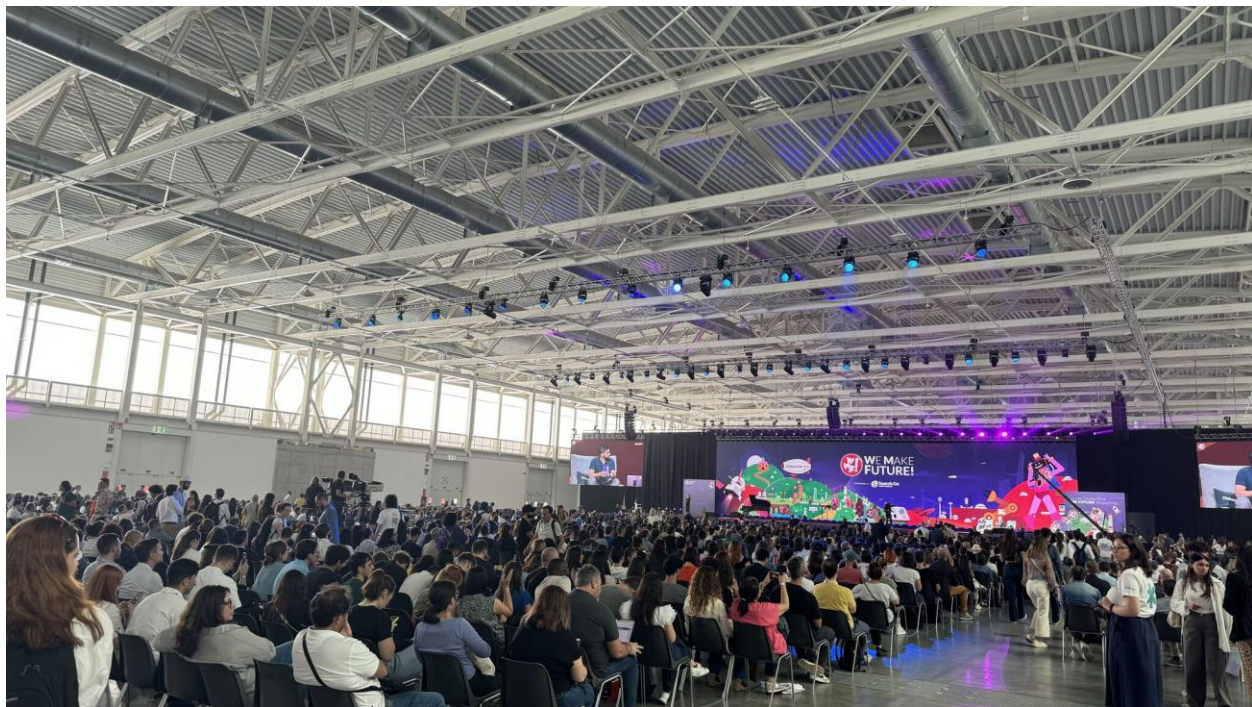
²¹ <https://www.forumpa.it/>

²² <https://www.linkedin.com/in/maurizio-monassi-850418/>

Participation at “We Make Future”²³

From June 13th to 15th, ISIPM was in Bologna for the WMF, the International Fair and Festival on Innovation: AI, Tech, and Digital. It was an unmissable event to share skills and perspectives on the most current technical and social topics. ISIPM were there to support the development and integration of artificial intelligence and the application of sustainable processes from environmental, social, and economic perspectives. At their stand, they shared their key points and much more with participants. There were many other activities dedicated to AI and Project Management.

The highlight was the event on Stage 6, AI for Future, where Massimo Pirozzi²⁴ delivered a speech on Project Management and AI.



Audience that attended the talk “Project Management and Generative Artificial Intelligence: A New Synergy Set to Last” by Massimo Pirozzi

The participation in the Festival on Technological and Digital Innovation provided ISIPM with the opportunity to connect with many new potential fellows, some for the first time. The ISIPM involvement once again highlighted how Project Management is increasingly gaining the attention of professionals across various sectors and levels.

²³ <https://www.wemakefuture.it/>

²⁴ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/massimo-pirozzi-the-stakeholder-perspective/>

This was evident from the full audience that attended the talk “Project Management and Generative Artificial Intelligence: A New Synergy Set to Last” by Massimo Pirozzi.

Additionally, this year, it has the chance to meet some of the ISIPM Young members at the ISIPM stand, where they shared their experiences and were introduced to the Institute in the best possible way.



Following Alessandro Quagliarini and Massimo Pirozzi: Francesca Apponi, Claudia Milani, Annabelle Grieco, Paolo Nardelli, Emanuela Liburdi, Simone Castagnacci, Davide Raguso

Conclusions

In Italy, during this first half of 2024 we have seen an enhancement of people participation and engagement in activities, discussions, round table and events. Each association has been working hard with passion and creativity to renovate its own vision in order to imagine the future of the PM discipline in this specific transition time.

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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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