

Project Management Update from Italy¹

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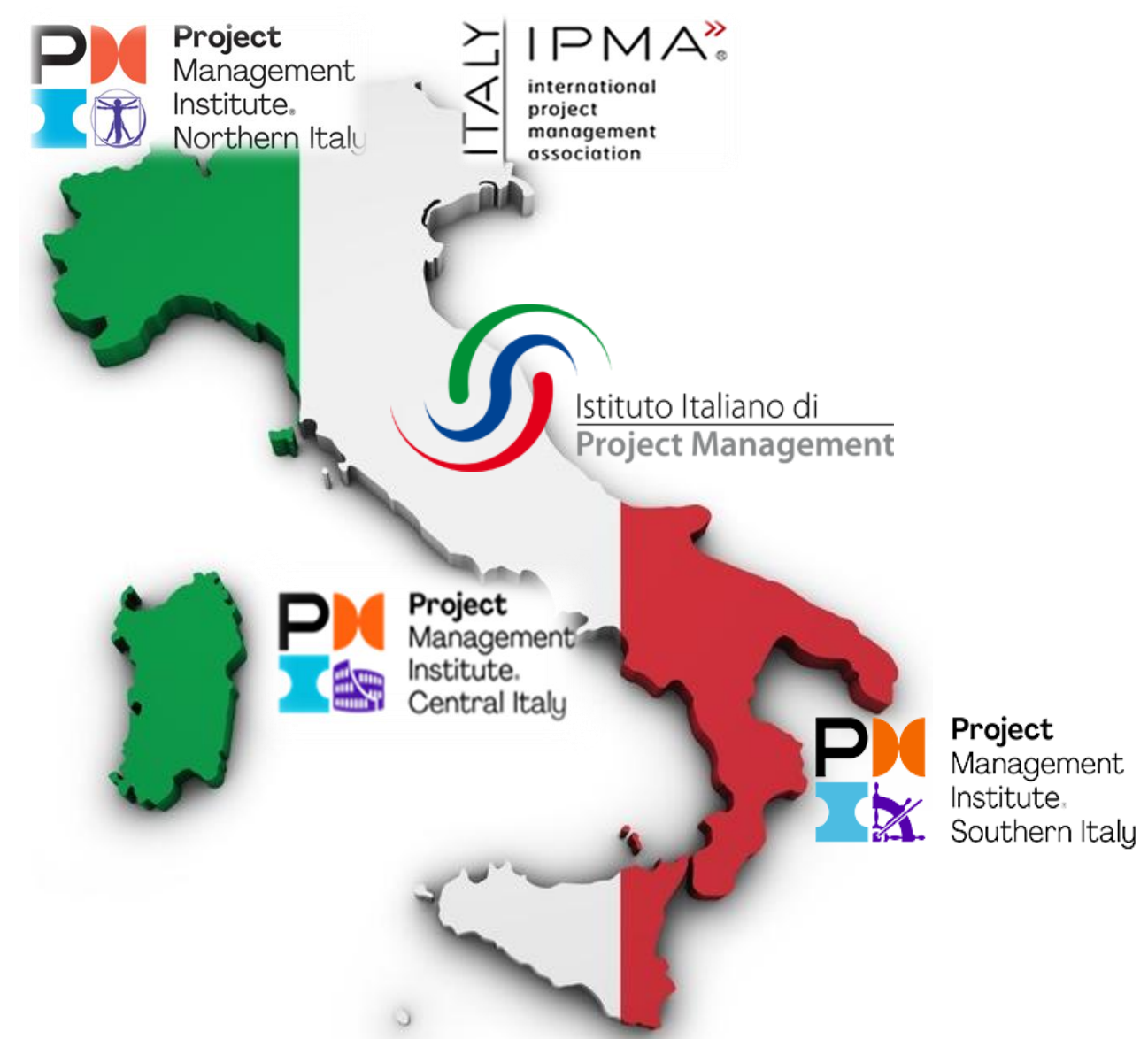
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Starting second half 2025 activities from the Project Management Communities' Associations in Italy

Introduction

Italian project management is experiencing an era of fresh dynamism, which stems from collective activity among national and international organizations. From the three Italian Chapters of the Project Management Institute to International Project Management Association (IPMA Italy), and to the Italian Institute of Project Management (ISIPM), the agenda is alive with action. Throughout the last few months, these institutions have converged professional development, competitions, seminars, and regulatory developments to enhance individual and organizational capabilities. Their collaborative undertakings illustrate the manner in which project management is transforming into a conscious practice that combines education, business, and society at large.

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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

After the 8th edition of PMI Chapter's main event⁵, this year coordinated by the Southern Italy Chapter, they are following their mainstream with seminars, webinars and other events all over our country.

Italian PMI Chapters: Recent Work since September 2025 onwards

Since September 2025, the Italian Chapters of the Project Management Institute (PMI) have embarked on a rich agenda of events and activities in professional development, knowledge sharing, university partnerships, and project management leadership. Some of the highlights of the Northern, Central, and Southern Italy Chapters are as follows.

Northern Italy Chapter (PMI-NIC)

The Northern Italy Chapter boasts more than 2700 members and around 100 volunteers, which would translate into a high level of organizational capacity. There are more than 30 programs running every year, both virtual and live, covering a broad spectrum of project management topics. They also create original content (podcasts, blog posts) and undertake research and collaborative work with universities, non-profits, and corporate entities for knowledge sharing and community building.

Central Italy Chapter (PMI-Central Italy)

Central Italy remains a place of convergence for corporate and academic communities to promote the profession of project management. It provides webinars, events, certifications (e.g. PMP, CAPM, PMI-ACP), and promotes professional development through outreach in industries such as architecture, healthcare, transportation and others.

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

³ <https://www.pmi-centralitaly.org/>

⁴ <https://www.pmi-sic.org/>

⁵ <https://pmworldlibrary.net/article/first-half-2025-activities-from-the-project-management-communities-associations-in-italy/>

Southern Italy Chapter (PMI-SIC)

- Webinar on Emotional Leadership and Communication (16 September 2025): Private session to address the use of emotions and conscious communication in leadership. Specific emphasis on actionable tools from neuroscience and emotional intelligence for improved management of teams and interaction with stakeholders.
- Challenge Inter-Ateneo IV (2024-25) – Bari Final (2 September 2025): The Southern Chapter ended its inter-university challenge among students to implement project management skills in solving real-life problems. The final was conducted in Bari, wherein the winners' projects were presented.
- Book Review Series ("SIC Book Review"): New publications address such subjects as artificial intelligence ethics (August 2025) and other new topics. Both are a reflection and discussion forum for members.
- Branch Puglia – "#StorieDiPM – Live da Bari" (19 September 2025): A session for project managers' stories in the area, investigating motivations, transversal skills, practices employed, and challenges encountered. Also present is announcement of the winner of the Challenge Inter-Ateneo.
- Branch Campania – Human-Centered Project Management for a Sustainable Society (25 September 2025): An address to the human aspect of projects, particularly within the sustainable context, social and environmental footprint, and acknowledging human beings as agents that act and know, not passive resources.

Common Themes & Strategic Directions

The survey of recent activity reveals a range of strategic priorities among the Chapters:

- Human-Centered Leadership: Increased focus on emotional intelligence, reflective communication, and human side of project management. (e.g., PMI-SIC webinar; seminar in the Campania branch.)
- University Engagement & Young Talents: Inter-university competitions, student involvement, showing work by students, young project manager development.
- New Themes: Ethics of AI, sustainability, social and environmental responsibility increasingly featured in the program curriculum.
- Mixed Format Events: Combination of physical and virtual events to continue to increase accessibility, and content in other formats (webinars, book reviews, podcasts).
- Community & Networking: Local branch events to feature local project managers, network and exchange experience.



The International Project Management Association (IPMA ITALY)⁶

A quarter since the wrap-up of the International Project Management Championship (IPMC) 2025, the energy and fervor of this extraordinary global event are unabated. The last round of the competition, which occurred a few weeks ago, brought together 11 nations, gathering young project management professionals in a colorfully vibrant celebration of teamwork, creativity, and excellence.

The performance this year placed the top three in a league of their own, with Greece first, Poland second, and then Germany. Outside of the competition itself, the IPMC again proved its worth as an international forum to build teamwork, cross-cultural communication, and professional skills for the future generation of project leaders.

IPMC 2025 was successful due to the sponsorship of optimal sponsors like STS and Van Haren Group, as well as the efforts of the organizational team and volunteers. Additional special thanks go to IPMA and its Young Crew for their unwavering commitment to facilitate project management globally.

In the years ahead, the organization is already making arrangements for the next installment of the event to be organized in Greece under the patronage of IPMA Greece and IPMA Young Crew Greece. The event will continue to uphold the tradition of inspiring and uniting future project management leaders globally.

⁶ <https://ipma.it/ipma/>



The Italian Institute of Project Management (ISIPM)⁷

Ongoing activities (from September-end 2025) and prospects

Italian Institute of Project Management (ISIPM) is going strong as the industry leading association in Italy for promoting project management best practices, with activities in certification, training, normative standards, and cooperation with PA institutions and firms. Below is a glimpse of the key initiatives within scheduled and upcoming Activities

This Fall is particularly vibrant for the ISIPM, which is unveiling a series of initiatives that advance its dual mission: to train professionals in new competencies and to develop a wider project management culture in Italy.

From the classroom to the meeting rooms, and from e-learning centers to secondary schools, ISIPM is creating the project management and delivery future.

The Fall schedule begins with two most notable online webinars. On September 18, ISIPM-Av® shined the limelight, leading practitioners wanting to upgrade their skills and adopt innovative methods. One week later, on September 24, the ISIPM-Prado® model was in the spotlight, a visionary framework to enable organizations to measure project maturity and develop long-term development plans. These kinds of events highlight a final reality: project management isn't a singular skill anymore, it's an organizational competency.

Project Management Culture is still the core activity of ISIPM. A broad portfolio of ISIPM-Base matters, all located in Milan, Cagliari, Padua, and online, will qualify candidates for one of Italy's longest-established qualifications. Parallel to them, exam sessions for ISIPM-Base and ISIPM-Av will run to December, providing professionals throughout the country with an opportunity to confirm their skills in an increasingly competitive market.

But ISIPM is not just worried about the present workforce, it is also thinking ahead for the future generations. National School Competition 2025 urges secondary schools and technical high schools to suggest projects that blend innovation, collaboration, and social worth. The winning projects will be presented at PMexpo 2025, the institute's main annual event, on 14 November in Rome. With researchers, companies, public institutions, and

⁷ <https://isipm.org>

students concentrated in one place, PMexpo⁸ will be a celebration of ideas and a meeting point for intergenerational communication.

In doing this, ISIPM also works towards the professionalization of the profession at national level. Among the most important changes in 2025 is the one of the new ATECO⁹ classification, which officially establishes project management as part of Italy's professional activities alongside architecture, engineering, and consultancy. In conjunction with the UNI 11648:2022 standard and the ACCREDIA¹⁰ certification system, this step gives the project managers a more precise professional profile and visibility at public and private levels as well.

Together, the coming months will be more than peak season for ISIPM. They will be a declaration of intent: making project management an acknowledged, respected, and innovative profession within Italy. By focusing at the same time on training, organizational maturity, youth participation, and regulation alignment, ISIPM is making sure that not only is project management a calling, but a catalyst for innovation and growth for Italy.

Conclusions

As 2025 comes to a close, the future of project management in Italy is bold and inspiring. PMI Italian Chapters are developing knowledge and connections; IPMA Italy is continuing to bridge borders through its international championship; and ISIPM is developing standards and constructing the next generation professionals. All three organizations together are not only producing current professionals but laying a good foundation for future leaders. The word is out: project management in Italy isn't work, it's more and more an innovation enabler, collaboration engine, and green growth stimulus..

⁸ <https://www.pmexpo.it/>

⁹ <https://www.istat.it/classificazione/classificazione-delle-attivita-economiche-ateco/>

¹⁰ <https://www.accredia.it/>

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