22nd European Space Mechanisms and Tribology Symposium

ESMATS 2027

SPONSORSHIP GUIDE

6th-8th October 2027, Milan (Italy)

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WELCOME ADDRESS

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Milano for the 2027 edition of the **European Space Mechanisms and Tribology Symposium (ESMATS).**

This edition marks a very special milestone in the history of ESMATS. **Forty-four years after the first ESMATS, our symposium comes to Italy for the very first time.** This is an achievement worth celebrating and a fitting recognition of Italy's important and long-standing contribution to European space activities and, in particular, to the field of space mechanisms.

Over more than four decades, ESMATS has established itself as **Europe's leading forum dedicated to space mechanisms and tribology**, bringing together specialists from space agencies, industry, research institutes and academia. What makes ESMATS particularly valuable is the opportunity to openly exchange experience, lessons learned and new ideas across our community, and between experienced specialists and a new generation of engineers.

The Milano edition will once again cover the broad field of space mechanisms and tribology: deployment and pointing mechanisms, electric propulsion pointing, reaction wheels, solar array drive mechanisms, hold-down and release systems, actuators, bearings, lubrication and tribology, as well as the many other critical mechanisms used in spacecraft and payloads.

Beyond the technical programme, ESMATS is also about **people and community**. The exchanges taking place around the presentations, during the breaks and at the social events are an essential part of the symposium. They allow us to strengthen existing collaborations, create new ones and sometimes initiate partnerships that continue well beyond the conference itself.

After Switzerland, I am particularly pleased that the ESMATS journey now takes us to **Milano**, a city internationally associated with engineering, innovation, design and creativity. I am convinced that it will provide an inspiring setting for another memorable edition of our symposium.

On behalf of the ESMATS community and organising committee, I warmly welcome you to Milano. I look forward to meeting many of you there and to sharing what I am sure will be an **exceptional and memorable first Italian edition of ESMATS.**

Lionel Gaillard
European Space Agency
Head of the Mechanisms Section

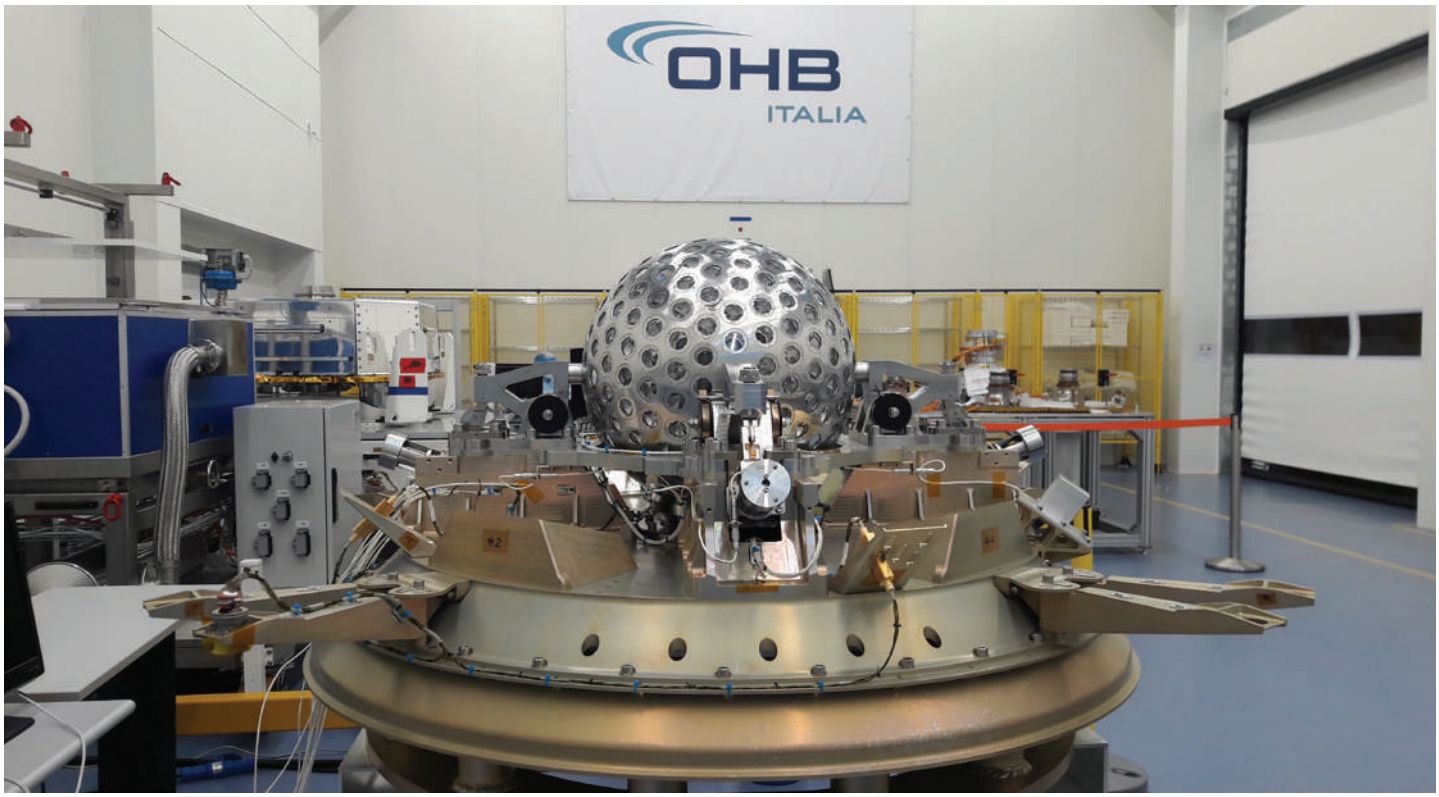
The ORGANISER

OHB-Italia

OHB Italia S.p.A.(formerly Carlo Gavazzi Space) is part of OHB SE, one of Europe's leading space and technology groups, employing more than 3,500 people worldwide and generating revenues exceeding €1.2 billion in 2025.

Founded in 1981, OHB Italia is today one of Italy's two leading satellite system integrators and a key industrial player in the space sector with around 70 satellites, payloads, and instruments successfully flown or currently operating in orbit. In 2025, the company achieved revenues of approximately €172 million and a backlog exceeding €410 million. It employs over 380 highly skilled professionals dispatched across its headquarters in Milan and additional facilities in Rome, Turin and Benevento. The premises encompass state-of-the-art laboratories and test facilities providing a comprehensive range of testing, inspection, and metrology capabilities, including Moment of Inertia (MoI) measurements, vibration testing, Non-Destructive Inspection (NDI), 3D dimensional inspection, climatic and thermal-vacuum testing, and robotic arm operations, as well as more than 1,000 m² of ISO 5, ISO 7 and ISO 8 Clean Rooms dedicated to the assembly, integration and testing of large satellites.

With more than four decades of experience in the development of advanced space systems, OHB Italia has established itself as a recognised leader in Satellites & Missions, Earth Observation, Space Situational Awareness (SSA), Space Surveillance & Tracking (SST), Science, Exploration, Space Equipment, Space Mechanisms, and Scientific and Planetary Instruments.



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PROGRAM

	TUESDAY OCTOBER 5TH	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6TH	THURSDAY OCTOBER 7TH	FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH
07:00		Presenters' breakfast	Presenters' breakfast	Presenters' breakfast
08:00		Registration	Morning sessions	Morning sessions
		Welcome		
		Morning sessions		
12:00		Lunch		
		Afternoon sessions	Afternoon sessions	Visit of OHB
17:00	Registration			
18:10		Keynote		
19:15		Cocktail Reception	Gala Dinner at the *Museo della Scienza e della Tecnica Leonardo da Vinci*	
23:00				

SPONSORING OPPORTUNITIES

WHY SPONSOR THE ESMATS 2027 CONFERENCE

ESMATS has established itself as Europe's leading symposium dedicated to Space Mechanisms and Tribology, bringing together engineers, researchers, industrial experts and institutional representatives from across the international space community.

The 2027 edition marks another important milestone in the history of the Symposium. Organised by ESA and OHB Italia, ESMATS 2027 will take place in Milan, one of Europe's most dynamic centres for aerospace, technology and innovation.

Since its first edition in 1983, ESMATS has served as the premier forum for presenting technological advances, sharing lessons learned and discussing future challenges in the fields of space mechanisms, tribology, robotics and deployable systems.

The previous 21st ESMATS edition that took place in September 2025, at the SwissTech Convention Center in Lausanne on the shore of Lake Geneva, gathered over 300 participants from more than 120 companies across 24 countries.

As per tradition, a series of specialised training courses will be organised during the days before the Symposium, providing participants with the opportunity to deepen their expertise in selected technical disciplines.

ESA and OHB Italia are pleased to welcome the international mechanisms community to Milan for the 22nd edition of ESMATS.

THE GOOD REASONS TO JOIN THE EUROPEAN AEROSPACE CONFERENCE

- Meet and interact with experts in space mechanisms and tribology
- Create new links and partnerships in your field
- Build knowledge and expertise
- Discover and/or promote latest technologies
- Be part of a specialist community and help develop it
- Create opportunities and develop your business

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE BY SPONSORING ESMATS 2027!

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD SPONSOR

€ 10,000.00

As a Gold Sponsor you will have an exclusive and outstanding awareness as well as promotion to all symposium-related activities.

Your benefits as gold sponsor are:

- A space with shell scheme in the exhibit (12 m^2)
- 4 gala dinner tickets and 4 participant passes to the meeting
- Largest size logo whenever all sponsor logos are shown
- Prominent display of company logo on lectern in plenary room
- Acknowledgment of gold sponsorship on all promotional materials
- Prominent display of company logo in presentation room
- Logo presentation prior to all sessions
- Logo on all ESMATS 2027 documentation: leaflets, website, programme…
- Advertisement on the ESMATS 2027 conference website
- Full page advertisement on the conference programme
- Link from the conference website to sponsor's website
- Opportunity to place two promotional items provided by sponsor in each conference bag
- Opportunity to place company literature in each conference bag

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SILVER SPONSOR

€ 6,000.00

The Silver sponsorship package gives your organisation visibility during the symposium.

Your benefits as bronze sponsor are:

- A space with shell scheme in the exhibit (6 m^2)
- 3 gala dinner tickets and 3 participant passes to the meeting
- Normal size logo whenever all sponsor logos are shown
- Acknowledgment of silver sponsorship on all promotional materials
- Logo presentations prior to all sessions
- Logo on all ESMATS 2027 documentations:leaflet, website, programme…
- Logo on the ESMATS 2027 conference website
- Link from the conference website to sponsors website

BRONZE SPONSOR

€ 3,000.00

Your benefits for your table space:

- One table
- Two chairs
- 2 gala dinner tickets and 2 participant passes to the meeting

GENERAL INFORMATION

All sponsors are promoted prior to and at the conference as well as in the conference materials distributed to participants, according to the level of partnership.

ESMATS 2027 website is maintained until the next conference.

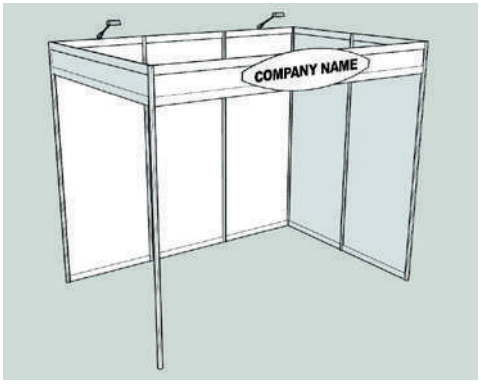
All partnership prices are VAT excluded (Italian VAT 22%).
Secure your sponsorship as soon as possible, each category is limited.

Space will be attributed on a first come first served basis.

The deadline for subscription is July 1st, 2027.

EXAMPLES OF SHELL SCHEMES FOR SPONSORS

6 SQUARE METERS



12 SQUARE METERS

Power supply, table and 2 chairs are included

ORDER FORM

Deadline May 14th, 2027

YOUR ORGANIZATION

Organisation: Department:

Road: Zip code:

City: Country: VAT:

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Surname: First name:

Title: Phone:

Email:

SPONSOR TYPE

◯ Gold ◯ Silver ◯ Bronze

◯ OTHER RESQUEST

EXHIBITOR

Stand name:

Choice of location will follow. First come first served basis.

You will receive an order confirmation, followed by an invoice for 50% of the total amount to confirm the sponsorship, payable upon receipt of the invoice. The 50% deposit is binding and non-refundable in the event of cancellation within the time limits specified in the following paragraph.
A subsequent invoice for the remaining balance will then be issued, with payment due by August 27th, 2027.
Upon request, you will also receive a list of furniture and furnishings available to add to the stands for Gold and Silver sponsorship packages.
Please contact the Orgazing Secretariat for specific sponsorship and communication requests.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

Cancellations and changes to your original booking must be made in writing to esmats2027@gmail.com by email with 'read & delivery receipt' required.

The 50% deposit paid will be retained as a cancellation fee in the event of cancellation on or before July 15th, 2027.

Date/Location: Signature:

EXHIBITION CONDITIONS

EXHIBITION LAYOUT

Exhibitors occupying stands are required to submit a detailed list of material used onsite with the exhibitor' request form for the Organiser's approval.

AMENDMENTS TO EXHIBITION LAYOUT

While every effort is made to preserve the published layout of the exhibition, the Organisers reserve the right to vary the layout if this is in the general interest of the exhibition.

OCCUPATION OF STANDS

Exhibitors will be required to ensure that their stands are occupied during the opening hours of the exhibition and must not dismantle their stands before the published closing time.

NOISE

Exhibitors may not use audible electronic, mechanical apparatus, or open audio systems which may be heard outside the exhibitor's assigned space. The Organisers reserve the right to require any exhibitor to discontinue any activity that may cause annoyance or interference with others.

COMPANY PROFILE & LOGO

A complete listing of all exhibitors, including a 100-word entry and company logo will be included in the Final Program and will be at the disposal of all attendees. Deadlines will be provided in due time.

GIVE-AWAYS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIALS

Give-aways and printed material may only be distributed in the space rented by the exhibitor in the exhibition area, or during the coffee breaks. No such materials may be distributed in any hotel or venue used by the meeting.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All payments must be made in Euro (€).

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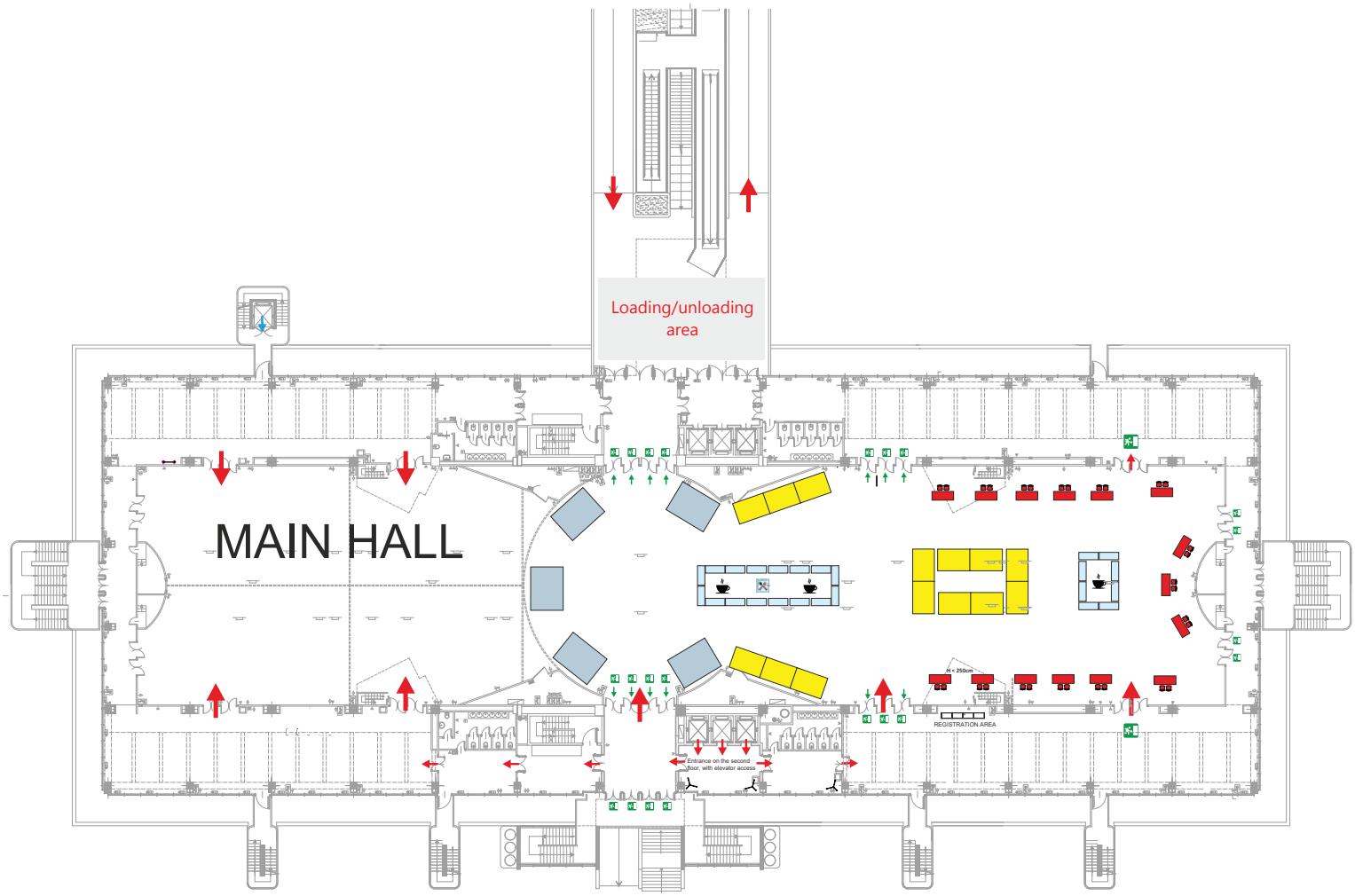
BY BANK TRANSFER

Bank details will be provided on the invoice. The entire invoiced amount of the exhibition or sponsorship charge must arrive at our bank. The sponsor/exhibitor will be responsible for all fees from the originating bank and any intermediate banks applied to the wire transfer before it arrives at our bank.

FLOOR MAP

Map for information only - may be changed



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