

The AEPI Confederation – European Associations of Professionals and Enterprises – is an organization founded in 2018, with a widespread presence across the national territory thanks to the establishment of regional and provincial offices and strong representation within Local Action Groups (GAL) and organic districts. Its network includes over 120,000 micro-enterprises and 21,000 intersectoral professionals.

AEPI's mission is to provide political and trade union representation at the national and European levels, enhancing the Italian entrepreneurial fabric with particular attention to export and Made in Italy. The Confederation stands out for its commitment to the internationalization of enterprises and the promotion of the Italian System abroad.

Strategic Agreements for Internationalization

AEPI has signed important agreements with the ICE Agency and SIMEST to promote export and support Italian companies in foreign markets. These protocols represent strategic tools to foster the international growth of micro and small enterprises, providing financial, logistical, and operational support to compete effectively on a global scale.

A further significant step in internationalization was the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the General Commissioner for the Italian participation at EXPO 2025 in Osaka.

AEPI will be officially present at the Italy Pavilion at EXPO 2025 OSAKA, alongside the excellences of Made in Italy, in a context of extraordinary international visibility. This event will feature institutional and B2B meetings aimed at creating new opportunities for Italian companies and strengthening the positioning of Made in Italy in Asian and global markets.

This collaboration reinforces the Confederation's role as a reference point for the enhancement and promotion of Italian excellences worldwide.

Support for Enterprises and Professionals

AEPI operates on multiple fronts including political-trade union representation, industrial relations, collective bargaining, financial services for enterprises, and support for international business development. With the Export Pact signed alongside the Government, AEPI has further consolidated its commitment to creating opportunities for Italian enterprises abroad.

The Confederation's activities also include organizing training days on key topics such as digitalization and international markets, as well as promoting events and conferences at prestigious institutions. Among these is the official presentation of the Italy Pavilion for EXPO 2025 Osaka, held at the Palazzo delle Esposizioni in Rome.

Territorial and International Presence

AEPI's structure is organized internationally, nationally, regionally, and provincially, ensuring strong roots in local areas and the capacity to act globally. The Confederation is composed of 24 employer associations representing small and medium enterprises and professionals active in strategic sectors such as agri-food, fashion, craftsmanship, and innovation.

AEPI has been invited on multiple occasions to embassies and has participated in meetings with foreign ministers, confirming its key role in institutional dialogue at the international level. Furthermore, the Confederation has initiated collaborations with academic and research institutions such as IUL – Telematic University of Studies, INAIL, and CNR, demonstrating its innovative and multidisciplinary approach.

Commitment to Made in Italy

The enhancement of Made in Italy is a central element of AEPI's mission. Through its agreements with ICE and SIMEST, the Confederation positions itself as a strategic partner for companies aiming to expand into foreign markets, providing them with concrete tools to face the challenges of internationalization.

Conclusion

In summary, the AEPI Confederation represents a leading player in the Italian entrepreneurial landscape, with a strong international vocation. Its commitment to promoting export, supporting enterprises, and enhancing Italian excellences is confirmed through active participation at EXPO 2025 Osaka, making it a fundamental reference point for the country's production system.

The Presidente

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