

24 companies attending the Farnborough International Airshow 2026  
together with the Lombardia Aerospace Cluster

## **Lombardy aerospace exports: +47.4% in the first three months of 2026**

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In the first three months of 2026, Lombardy's aerospace industry exported goods worth approximately **710,8 million euros**, up **+47,4%** compared with the same period of the previous year. These figures, compiled by the Confindustria Varese Research Centre, were presented by the **Lombardia Aerospace Cluster** (LAC) at the **Farnborough International Airshow 2026**, representing an ecosystem of more than 200 companies and nearly 22.000 employees, generating 6,3 billion euros in local added value and accounting on its own for approximately one third of Italy's aerospace exports.

The top two trading partners for Lombardy's aerospace industry at the beginning of 2026 were the **United States** (133,4 million euros) and the **United Kingdom** (103,9 million). **Saudi Arabia** rose to third place, with 61,9 million euros, a sharp increase compared with the results recorded in the first quarters of 2025 and 2024, followed by **Brazil** in fourth place (50 million) and **Türkiye** in fifth (44,4 million). They were followed by **Norway** (36,2 million), **Oman** (35,1 million), **Australia** (25,4 million), the **United Arab Emirates** (23,2 million) and **Poland** (18,6 million).

For a complete and more detailed picture of the sector's performance, however, it is necessary to consider the consolidated data for the whole of 2025, when Lombardy's aerospace industry exported goods worth almost **2,9 billion euros**, an increase of **50%** compared with the previous year.

The ranking of the main destinations for Lombardy's aerospace exports in 2025 was headed by the **North American market**, led by the **United States**, the sector's leading export destination overall, with 516 million euros. The **United Kingdom** ranked second (305,5 million), followed by **Poland** in third place (275,6 million). Next came **Saudi Arabia** (154,1 million), **Norway** (139,7 million), **Brazil** (132,2 million), **India** (117,1 million), **Australia** (113,7 million), **Türkiye** (99,5 million) and **France** (99,1 million).

### **Statement by President of LAC, Paolo Cerabolini**

"The performance of Lombardy's aerospace exports confirms the strength of a sector that continues to grow, innovate and maintain an authoritative presence in international markets. The 50% increase recorded in 2025, with almost €2.9 billion in exported goods, and the 47.7% rise in the first three months of 2026 are not merely economic figures: they are tangible proof of the competitiveness of a strong supply chain that brings together major players, highly specialised small and medium-sized enterprises, technological expertise and manufacturing capabilities. The presence of our companies at the Farnborough International Airshow 2026 is a strategic opportunity to showcase this excellence to the sector's leading global players. As a Cluster, we want to continue supporting the internationalisation of the supply chain, helping Lombardy companies present themselves as a united system and seize new growth opportunities in foreign markets," said **Paolo Cerabolini, President of the Lombardia Aerospace Cluster**, speaking from the exhibition halls of the London airshow.

### **Statement from Regione Lombardia**

"The significant presence of Lombardy, and in particular of the Province of Varese, at an international event such as Farnborough confirms that this territory has now become an essential point of reference for the aerospace sector. Farnborough reminds us that Lombardy's international reach is not measured only by export figures, but also by the ability to be present, with our companies and institutions, in the places where the industrial and strategic partnerships of the future are built. As in every edition, the airshow highlights the extraordinary development opportunities offered by the sector, especially in the civil aerospace field, where particularly promising prospects are emerging. I am thinking, in particular, of innovations related to Advanced Air Mobility and new sustainable ways of transporting people and goods by air: a field set to profoundly transform the way we conceive mobility and in which Lombardy can play a leading role," said **Raffaele Cattaneo**, Undersecretary to the Presidency of Regione Lombardia for International and European Relations.

"Aerospace is a strategic sector, capable of driving the expansion and evolution of other industrial fields as well, and it deserves to continue growing and progressing, also thanks to the support of Regione Lombardia. The Cluster's growth path, both from an organisational and project perspective, must continue to evolve.

The hope is that a new Aerospace Innovation and Development Zone in Lombardy can help further strengthen the region's presence on international markets, generating quality, innovation and new opportunities for younger generations, both in terms of employment and professional development," added **Guido Guidesi**, Regional Minister for Economic Development of Regione Lombardia.

The collective stand of the Cluster, supported also for this international mission by the **Varese Chamber of Commerce**, was visited not only by Raffaele Cattaneo and Guido Guidesi, but also by **Armando De Crinito**, Director General of the Economic Development Directorate of Regione Lombardia, and **Maurizio Villa** from the International Relations Directorate. Representing **Confindustria Varese** was **Paola Margnini**, Coordinator of the Association's Study Centre, Competitiveness and Internationalisation Areas.

#### Regional companies attending Farnborough with the Lombardia Aerospace Cluster

The delegation comprised 24 Lombardy-based small and medium-sized enterprises attending the event in London together with the Lombardia Aerospace Cluster. Thirteen were hosted at the institutional stand 1437 in Hall 1: **Algra**, **Aviochem**, **Caast**, **CE2K**, **Gb Barberi**, **Isati**, **Italiana Ponti Radio**, **Merletti**, **Officina Malnati**, **Pariani**, **PMP**, **Servizi Confindustria Varese** and **Technosprings Italia**. Surrounding the collective area were the individual stands of **Aerea**, **Ala**, **AMM**, **Ase**, **Fimac**, **Jointek**, **Laga**, **Logic**, **Mecaer**, **Secondo Monge** and **Weisstechnik**. Leonardo, one of the district's major players, was also present at the London exhibition with its own chalet. This year, the companies taking part within the Cluster's collective stand benefited from funding under the Lombardy Region's Regional Programme financed through the European Regional Development Fund 2021–2027, PR ERDF 2021–2027 (Action 1.3.1: "Support for the internationalisation of Lombardy SMEs and the attraction of foreign investment. Call for proposals: Grants for the participation of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in international trade fairs in an aggregated form").

#### Lombardy aerospace exports by province

| AREA                   | Exports<br>Q1 2025 | Exports<br>Q1 2026 | Share of<br>regional total |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Lombardy</b>        | 482.248.242        | 710.847.944        | 100%                       |
| <b>Varese</b>          | 276.317.466        | 585.566.367        | 82%                        |
| <b>Bergamo</b>         | 48.358.712         | 62.290.569         | 9%                         |
| <b>Milano</b>          | 89.598.815         | 49.976.961         | 7%                         |
| <b>Monza e Brianza</b> | 27.738.537         | 3.988.042          | 1%                         |
| <b>Brescia</b>         | 4.302.708          | 3.522.022          | 0%                         |
| <b>Cremona</b>         | 2.153.664          | 2.400.219          | 0%                         |
| <b>Como</b>            | 9.207.114          | 1.428.465          | 0%                         |
| <b>Lecco</b>           | 538.735            | 786.669            | 0%                         |
| <b>Sondrio</b>         | 23.482.445         | 515.384            | 0%                         |
| <b>Pavia</b>           | 508.800            | 175.719            | 0%                         |
| <b>Mantova</b>         | 26.399             | 130.444            | 0%                         |
| <b>Lodi</b>            | 14.847             | 67.083             | 0%                         |

#### Lombardy export data for Q1 2026 by destination country (top 10)

| Top<br>10 | Export destination countries | Values in €<br>million |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1         | United States                | 133,4                  |
| 2         | United Kingdom               | 103,9                  |

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| 3  | Saudi Arabia         | 61,9 |
| 4  | Brazil               | 50,0 |
| 5  | Türkiye              | 44,4 |
| 6  | Norway               | 36,2 |
| 7  | Oman                 | 35,1 |
| 8  | Australia            | 25,4 |
| 9  | United Arab Emirates | 23,2 |
| 10 | Poland               | 18,6 |

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