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In collaboration with the **Italian Space Agency**, the international **Space&Underwater** Conference returns to Rome, the leading Italian forum for strategic, technological, industrial and regulatory analysis on two emerging domains of global geopolitics: outer space and the deep seabed.

Promoted and organized by the daily newspaper **Cybersecurity Italia**, the third edition will take place on December 1st 2026 at the ASI headquarters, in the Luigi Broglio Auditorium.

Technology, security, power

The expansion of the New Space Economy is accelerating rapidly, driven by satellites, AI, quantum communications and interplanetary missions. But the underwater domain is equally central: 99% of global data traffic travels through submarine cables, which are increasingly vulnerable to interference and sabotage. In both arenas, security and resilience have become top priorities.

Space&Underwater 2026 will be a high-level platform for dialogue on the future of security, technology and national sovereignty in an increasingly interconnected and unstable world.



The world is changing and the domain is expanding

Hybrid conflicts, cyberattacks, sabotage of critical infrastructure, threats from hostile artificial intelligence, and the military use of Earth's orbit and oceanic backbones: today more than ever, the *Space and Underwater domains* have become strategic battlegrounds among global powers.

The Conference will bring together civilian and military experts, institutional representatives, strategic industries and international stakeholders, to reflect on the risks and opportunities linked to the control of the new "digital and geopolitical highways."

Speakers and Participants

This year as well, the event will host representatives from Italian and European institutions, the Armed Forces, regulatory authorities, strategic industries and research centres, alongside international experts.

Participation will be by personal invitation, and the event will also be streamed live. The Conference will be structured into a plenary session and thematic working groups.



VENUE

Luigi Broglio Auditorium

Italian Space Agency (ASI)

The third edition of Space&Underwater will take place in the prestigious **Luigi Broglio Auditorium**, located within the ASI headquarters, at Via del Politecnico snc, 00133 Rome (Tor Vergata).





KEY THEMES OF THE 2026 EDITION

- European Strategic Autonomy and the New Space Economy
- Space and Underwater as critical infrastructures
- Security, defence and resilience in the new operational domains
- Artificial Intelligence and autonomous systems for Space & Underwater
- Cybersecurity and Quantum Technologies
- Earth observation and satellite services for security and sustainability
- Future connectivity: 6G, satellite communications and hybrid networks
- Dual-use technologies and innovation for Defence and civilian applications
- Ocean technologies and protection of submarine infrastructures
- Space Law, Space Governance and Space Traffic Management
- Space sustainability and orbital debris management
- International cooperation, industrial policies and new alliances





SPEAKERS

Among the speakers at **Space&Underwater** will be leading figures from the institutional world (including representatives of Parliament, Government and regulatory authorities) as well as members of the Armed Forces, strategic industries, and key stakeholders from Italy, Europe and non-EU countries.



PARTICIPANTS

Space&Underwater is a closed-door event. The conference will take place in the presence of a selected audience, invited *ad personam*, and will also be broadcast via live streaming. Attendance in person will be possible exclusively by invitation from the organizers.



SUW 2025 OVERVIEW

- Over **800 participation requests**
- Over **350 selected attendees**
- Over **1.500 online participants**
- **40 national and international speakers**
- **Agenda**
- **Press Review**
- **Video interventions**
- **Thematic rooms**
- **Video interviews**
- **Event video recap**
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