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THE GLOBAL ADHESIVES AND SEALANTS MARKET CONTINUES TO GROW. THE LATEST INNOVATIONS AT ABS EUROPE 2026 IN VICENZA

The exhibition will take place from 27 to 29 October 2026 and has already confirmed the participation of more than 50 companies from the sector.

The market for adhesives and sealants is experiencing steady growth in Europe and worldwide. This trend is confirmed by the latest data released by international research firms on the development of this sector, highlighting the expanding use of high-tech adhesive solutions across a wide range of industrial sectors.

The strong development of this market will be one of the key themes at “ABS Europe 2026”, the first trade fair in Italy entirely dedicated to the adhesives, glues, and sealants industry. The event will take place from 27 to 29 October 2026 at Vicenza Exhibition Centre, and is organized by Italian Exhibition Group (IEG) in collaboration with A151 Srl. The exhibition aims to bring together companies and professionals from across Europe and the Mediterranean area.

According to Market and Markets, the global adhesive tapes market is expected to grow from its current value of USD 88.46 billion to USD 111.31 billion within the next five years, driven mainly by sectors such as automotive, packaging, electronics, building and construction. The healthcare sector also plays a key role, as adhesive tapes are widely used in various applications, ranging from surgical procedures to the assembly and fixation of medical devices.

Data from Smithers indicate that in 2025 the global market value of packaging adhesives alone reached USD 21.6 billion with forecasts pointing to growth up to USD 25.7 billion by 2030. Packaging represents the largest end-use application within the global adhesives industry: adhesives are used across a wide range of packaging formats, from small parcels for individual items to larger and more robust corrugated cardboard packaging, as well as product labeling and supply chain requirements.

Finally, according to Research and Markets, the size of this market in the EMEA region (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa) reached a value of USD 24.13 billion in 2024 and is expected to grow to USD 31.80 billion by 2034. Worldwide, the popularity of bio-based and recyclable adhesives and sealants is increasing, produced using environmentally friendly raw materials such as soy and plant-based polymers. At the same time, the use of adhesives is also expanding to ensure optimal bonding of parts manufactured through 3D printing, using diverse materials including composites, metals, ceramics, and plastics.

“ABS Europe 2026” will showcase the entire production and supply chain of the adhesives and sealants industry, from raw materials to machinery, technologies, systems, plants, solutions, and services. Visitors will be able to discover the latest innovations available on the market, including bonding solutions, foams, tapes, glues, resins, paints, coatings, laminates and films. To date, the participation of around 50 exhibitors has already been confirmed, including B-Fluid, BMP (3M preferred converter e Tesa platinum converter partner), CMC Converting Machinery Cevenini, Guidolin Giroto, Loxeal, Mastici Vottero, Nannini Renato Machinery, P.F.R. (3M preferred converter), Plasmatrete, Proxima (3M, Nitto e Tesa preferred converter), Rotogal, Testa & Co. (3M preferred converter), The-Ma.



The programme will also feature a series of conferences and seminars focusing on the most topical and relevant issues for the industry. Alongside “ABS Europe 2026”, two other trade events dedicated to manufacturing supply chains will take place: “A&T Nordest – Automation & Testing,” the exhibition focused on technologies, automation, testing, intralogistics, and innovation for the manufacturing industry; and “Expo Industria 2026,” which addresses topics such as welding, tooling, workplace safety, packaging, and industrial cleaning. Further information is available on www.abs.show.

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ITALIAN EXHIBITION GROUP (IEG)

Italian Exhibition Group SpA, a company listed on Euronext Milan, with offices in both Rimini and Vicenza (Italy), is a leading trade fair and conference organiser, both in Italy and internationally.

A151

A151 Srl, based in Cormano (Milan - Italy), has been organizing B2B trade shows for over 30 years including REFRIGERA (refrigeration industry), APPLITECH (household appliance manufacturing), E-TECH EUROPE (electric vehicle manufacturing), E-CHARGE (EV charging), and TRAFFIC (traffic management) trade shows.

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