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Urban Tech 2026: Positive Results for the New Event Dedicated to Technologies for Cities

Today's programme focused on the outlook for the automotive components industry and new solutions for zero-emission urban transport

Bologna, 9 October 2026 – **Urban Tech 2026 – The Urban Technology Show**, the new event dedicated to **e-mobility, traffic, commuting, security, telecoms & data, and the environment,** comprising **E-Tech Europe 2026, E-Charge 2026, Traffic 2026** and **Wireless & Towers 2026**, closes its doors today at BolognaFiere with positive results.

On the final day, the conference "**Outlook for the Italian Automotive Components Industry: Hardware, Firmware and Software**" featured a contribution from **Miriam Gangi** of **ANFIA** (Italian Association of the Automotive Industry Supply Chain).

"Italian vehicle production is experiencing a rebound in 2026, although volumes remain well below pre-pandemic levels and historical peaks," she said. "As far as the automotive components industry is concerned, 2024 marked the end of a period of revenue growth for the Italian supply chain that had begun in 2021. Revenues have declined across all supplier categories, with the exception of aftermarket and motorsport specialists."

The causes include the strategies adopted by European car manufacturers, global economic instability, the entry of Chinese carmakers into Europe, and international economic policies. To address these challenges, 24% of companies plan to introduce innovative products over the 2025–2027 period.

"Today, the competitiveness of the Italian and European supply chains is at risk," Miriam Gangi concluded. "The opportunities to address this situation lie in **innovation** and in the **ability to operate as an integrated supply chain.** The **Industrial Accelerator Act** could also ensure a significant share of parts and components are manufactured in Europe."

The conference "**New Solutions for Zero-Emission Urban Transport**" featured **Dino Veronesi** of **ACIF** (Association of Cableway System Manufacturers), who discussed cable cars as a potential solution to mobility challenges.

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"We need to move beyond the widespread perception of cable cars as a means of tourist transport," he explained. "They are a system that can effectively complement urban transport connections, particularly when we consider that by 2050, 60% of the world's population will live in cities, which generate more than 80% of global GDP. In this context, urban cable cars offer new opportunities, and significant examples of their implementation can already be seen in London and Paris."

As Urban Tech 2026 draws to a close, it is time not only to take stock of the results but also to look ahead. "We are very pleased with this first edition of Urban Tech, which has laid the essential foundations for significant future growth," said **Marco Pinetti**, Exhibition Director. "The next edition will take place in **November 2027**, over two days, alongside two other events in our portfolio focused on advanced technologies."

For further information about Urban Tech 2026, visit: **www.urbantech.show**

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