

SANT'AMBROGIO
Servizi Industriali Srl - Milano

WEBINAR ON PRESSURE VESSEL AND HEAT EXCHANGER DESIGN

May 18th - 21st 2026

The content of this webinar has already been presented many times in Italy in numerous conferences organized in various cities, at least twice a year, starting from 2005. The health situation due to Covid19 has however forced us to transform these conferences into webinars: in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 we therefore organized, on the same topic, several webinars, for which we registered a much larger participation than in the previous conferences, thanks also to the lower rates that the absence of a logistic organization allows us to practise; after all, the costs are much lower even for the participants, who are able to attend the lessons without leaving their office. We therefore thought, as had been requested by many, to organize similar webinars also in English, aimed at the designers of pressure vessels and heat exchangers who reside anywhere in the world. Nine editions of the English webinar were held in April and October 2021, April and November 2022, May 2023, March and October 2024, May and November 2025 also with a large participation of European engineers. Obviously, the difference in the time zone of the participants can be an obstacle: with the time chosen for these first international English webinars, European engineers and those residing in countries with a late timetable compared to CET were obviously favored.

PROGRAM

The webinar offers a first introductory day on the general rules of mechanical design and other moments of in-depth study of the most critical aspects of the design of individual equipment, comparing the application of calculation codes with particular reference to **ASME Section VIII division 1 and 2**, the German code **AD 2000** and the **European harmonized standard EN 13445**. The **coming into force of Edition 2025 of the ASME Code**, as well as the approval of **Amendment 1 of EN 13445-3:2021**, will be extensively treated in the webinar.

May 18th 2026 - Lesson 1: GENERAL NOTIONS OF PRESSURE VESSEL DESIGN

**May 19th 2026 - Lesson 2: MECHANICAL DESIGN FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PRESSURE
MECHANICAL DESIGN OF BOLTED FLANGE CONNECTIONS**

**May 20th 2026 - Lesson 3: THERMAL DESIGN OF SHELL & TUBE HEAT EXCHANGERS
MECHANICAL DESIGN OF SHELL & TUBE HEAT EXCHANGERS**

**May 21st 2026 - Lesson 4: PRESSURE VESSEL DESIGN FOR LOADS OTHER THAN PRESSURE
DESIGN FOR CYCLIC LOADS**

Who should attend the webinar? The webinar is of particular interest for engineers working for pressure vessel manufacturers, users, engineering companies and inspection bodies. It is aimed not only to designers, but also to people who deal with certification, quality and preparation of offers.

What is the purpose of the webinar? The main purpose of the webinar is to make participants understand the most correct design procedures by using the formulae contained in the main international standards, underlining the differences between them and showing, also by means of practical examples, how it is possible to reduce equipment weights and costs while maintaining compliance with the reference standards.

Participation fees - Price for each lesson

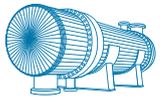
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| ■ Other participants | 400 Euro + VAT(*) |

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DETAILED PROGRAM

Note: CET=Central European Time

Lesson 1 - GENERAL NOTIONS OF PRESSURE VESSEL DESIGN

Monday May 18th 2026 [9.30-12.30 CET - 14.00-17.00 CET]

- General principles: design according to ASME and design according to PED
- Material selection
- Risk analysis: pressure, temperature, risk of overheating, risk connected to quick opening closures
- Design procedures: design by formulae (DBF), design by analysis (DBA) and design by experiment (DBE)
- Loads and stresses: hints of stress analysis, stress categorization
- Loading conditions
- Failure modes
- Stresses and strains
- DBF: cross comparison of different design standards
- DBA: general description of the different methods
- Practical examples

Lesson 2A - MECHANICAL DESIGN FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PRESSURE

Tuesday May 19th 2026 [9.30 - 12.30 CET]

- Calculation for internal and external pressure of cylindrical shells, spherical ends, domed ends, conical shells
- Reinforcement of openings
- Flat ends
- Practical examples of Pressure Vessel design using the software

Lesson 2B - MECHANICAL DESIGN OF BOLTED FLANGE CONNECTIONS

Tuesday May 19th 2026 [14.00 - 17.00 CET]

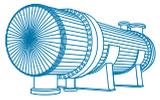
- General principles for the design of a gasketed joint: bolt tightening, gasket seating, residual gasket compression needed to assure leak tightness
- Criteria for gasket selection - hints on self energizing gaskets
- Different flange types: welding neck, slip on, loose, reverse, with full face gasket
- Main methods for flange calculation: Taylor-Forge, DIN, Annex G of EN 13445.3, EN 1591.1 Cross comparison of the different methods
- Practical examples of flange design using the software

Lesson 3A - THERMAL DESIGN OF SHELL & TUBE HEAT EXCHANGERS

Wednesday May 20th 2026 [9.30 - 12.30 CET]

- Basic principles of thermal design
- Different types of shell&tube heat exchangers
- Thermal exchange in single phase flow: heat transfer coefficients and pressure drops
- Single phase flow in a tube
- Single phase flow across a tube bundle: different types of baffles
- Fouling factors
- Two phase flow: condensers and reboilers
- Thermosiphon reboilers
- Vibrations
- Practical examples of thermal calculations using HTRI® software





Lesson 3B - MECHANICAL DESIGN OF SHELL & TUBE HEAT EXCHANGERS

Wednesday May 20th 2026 [14.00 - 17.00 CET]

- Different heat exchanger types: floating head, U-tube, fixed tubesheet
- Design of tubesheets
- Fixed tubesheet exchangers: Annex J of EN 13445-3
- Design of expansion bellows
- Design of pass partitions
- Practical examples of mechanical design using the software

Lesson 4A - PRESSURE VESSEL DESIGN FOR LOADS OTHER THAN PRESSURE

Thursday May 21st 2026 [9.30 - 12.30 CET]

- Calculation of tall vertical vessels for wind and seismic loads
- Horizontal vessels on saddle supports
- Nozzle loads
- Pressure vessel supports
- Practical examples using the software

Lesson 4B - DESIGN FOR CYCLIC LOADS

Thursday May 21st 2026 [14.00 - 17.00 CET]

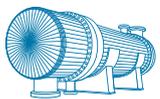
- General principles of fatigue design
- Simplified fatigue assessment according to AD S1 and to Clause 17 of EN 13445.3
- Detailed fatigue assessment according to AD S2, to Clause 18 of EN 13445.3 and ASME Section VIII division 2
- Practical example of a complete fatigue calculation using the simplified method of Clause 17 EN 13445.3

Teacher of the webinar: Dr. Fernando Lidonnici



Dr. Lidonnici boasts more than fifty years of experience in the thermal and mechanical design of pressure vessels and shell and tube heat exchangers. Since 1990 he has been **coordinator of WG53/CEN TC54**, which manages **part 3 (Design and Calculation) of the European standard EN 13445** (Unfired Pressure Vessels). He actively participated in the drafting of the Italian legislation in the sector and in the subsequent development of the same after the entry into force of the Pressure Equipment Directive. He has been an **ASME member** since 1986. From 1994 to 1998 he was a **consultant to the European Commission for the preparation of the PED**. Within the **CTI (Comitato Termotecnico Italiano)** he is member of the **Italian "Mirror Group"** which discusses and comments on the draft projects normally developed by TC54. In December 2018 he received the Donald Julius Groen Prize from IMechE, the British association of mechanical engineers, for his activity in the field of European

standardization. In June 2020 he was appointed president of EPERC, the European Pressure Equipment Research Council.



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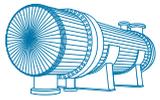
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How to participate

The lessons will take place on Microsoft's TEAMS®. All participants will receive by email the invitation to join the course, together with the instructions and the relevant slides.