

Leonardo puts intelligence, international collaboration and partnerships between industry and government at the heart of the debate at “Cybertech Europe 2017”

- **An interconnected society relying on digitised industries and services is increasingly exposed to the cyber threat**
- **“Cybertech Europe” is a major European forum where government, industry, researchers and cyber security start-ups meet**
- **Leonardo is a technological partner of governmental agencies, industrial groups, large companies and financial organisations for threat prevention, monitoring and security management**

Rome, 22nd September 2017 – For two days, Rome will again be at the forefront of the international cyber security debate during “Cybertech Europe” (<http://italy.cybertechconference.com>) where Leonardo is the main industry partner. The event, which takes place in Italy for the second consecutive year this 26-27th September, will see national and international institutions and major companies operating in the cyber security sector represented. In the new "La Nuvola" congress space, key speakers from industry, science and politics will debate the risks, strategies and solutions for an increasingly interconnected and digital society.

Alessandro Profumo, Leonardo Chief Executive Officer, Sen. Roberta Pinotti, the Italian Minister of Defence, Mark Sayers, Deputy Director of the UK Cyber & Government Security Cabinet Office and Graham Willmot, Head of the Cybercrime Unit representing the European Commission's Home General Directorate will speak at the opening of the conference.

The two-day event, structured into panel discussions and workshops for attendees, comes at a time when offensive cyber-attacks are increasingly prevalent, global, aggressive and diverse. Market analysis estimates that 80% of European companies are affected by cyber attacks and 8,000 billion dollars will be lost to global cyber effects over the next 5 years, hence the need to increase international cooperation to create common countermeasures. Examples of the threats that need to be faced include the latest ransomware - incidences of which increased by 300% in 2016, cyber attacks, which paralyse hospitals, banks and power networks, and the theft of valuable information from institutions, governments and small and large businesses. Cybertech Europe 2017 will cover a range of topics including European initiatives for cyber security policy standardisation, the main cyber players' key development strategies and applications for critical infrastructure and everyday systems and the innovative capabilities of universities, start-ups and European SMEs.

Leonardo, which is among the world's leading cyber companies, has dedicated cyber sites and infrastructure in Italy and the UK and has defined its own approach towards digital security. Leonardo's expertise in this domain benefits from the company's cyber intelligence capability across all sectors and is further developed and maintained through collaborations with industry partners and international and

supranational institutions, primarily the European Union and NATO, with the aim of preventing and mitigating aggression, minimising the consequences and costs of managing and recovering from attacks.

Leonardo is a key technological partner of government agencies, industry, large companies and financial organisations for the prevention, monitoring and management of cyber threats. It also takes part in a number of international bodies and groups; among them the European Organization for Security (EOS) and the European Cyber Security Organization (ECSO), the latter of which Leonardo founded, and which brings together over 130 cyber organisations. The company actively contributes to institutions such as ETSI, 3GPP, EUROCAE, NATO NIAG and Confindustria Digitale.

Leonardo in cyber security

Leonardo is at the forefront of cyber security, offering sophisticated intelligence systems and dedicated real-time network information analysis at its Security Operations Centres in Chieti and Bristol, where teams of cyber experts work 24-hours a day. The company's cyber portfolio includes a comprehensive suite of products and services dedicated to the collection and management of information for police forces, government agencies, and private companies.

Leonardo's projects include the ongoing NATO Computer Incident Response (NCIRC) programme, which guarantees the cyber security of information and ICT infrastructure in more than 70 NATO sites in different member countries. Operational since May 2014, the program continues to expand and represents the largest initiative in the cyber security field outside the United States. The UK Ministry of Defence has also chosen Leonardo to protect its networks against attacks and computer crashes.

Leonardo has also started several collaborations in the security sector in Europe, Middle East and Africa to explore new markets, together with players such as the International Golden Group in the United Arab Emirates and Al Ghanim Group in Kuwait. The company is also studying new technological frontiers together with companies such as SAS Institute and consolidated partners like CISCO and F5 Networks.

In the evolving context of the Italian Digital Agenda, Leonardo is the leader of the five-year "SPC Cloud and Security" contract. The project consists of the provision of a complete and innovative set of cyber security services, with timely and simplified administrative procedures, for the Public Administration.