

Leonardo: Alessandro Profumo nominated President of the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD)

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Rome, 21 September 2020 – Leonardo is proud to announce the appointment of Alessandro Profumo to the Presidency of AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD). The CEO of Leonardo will lead the organisation for the next two years, representing **the largest companies and over 3,000 SMEs** and associations from 18 European countries. The appointment was made today at a ‘virtual’ meeting of the Association’s Board.

“I am honoured to be given this role, which I take on with pride and a great sense of responsibility for the future. With pride because during this time of emergency, at the peak of Covid-19, the capabilities of our sector have made it possible to transfer patients, doctors, and medical equipment where it was most needed. We were able to guarantee communications, transport, monitoring, including from space, as well as physical and digital security, in Italy and across the world”, said Alessandro Profumo.

“The responsibility derives from taking on this role in a phase that poses challenges of a political, economic, social and environmental nature and which calls for a cohesive European system also at an industrial level. It is already clear today – added Profumo – that the AD&S sector will be key to many of the priorities identified in the European recovery programme: digitization, the green deal, cyber security, competitiveness in Europe as well as a driving force for the education system. I will work to ensure that the potential of the AD&S sector is recognised, deployed and supported with effective tools and investments, promoting a continuous and transparent dialogue with European stakeholders”.

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