

## Leonardo drives the “digital transformation” of key suppliers

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- **The new digital cyber security assessment & digital roadmap initiative will involve Leonardo’s key suppliers – from the ELITE Leonardo Lounge – and will be developed with the support of Confindustria’s Digital Innovation Hubs**
- **This is a further step in the development’s project of the supply chain of Leonardo which aims to encourage the evolution of the “Supply Chain” into the “Value Chain”**

**Rome, 17 February 2020** - Leonardo, in partnership with Confindustria’s Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH), launches a new initiative focused on the issues of Industry 4.0 and cyber security dedicated to its key suppliers, who are part of the ELITE Leonardo Lounge, to drive them in their “digital transformation”.

The initiative is part of the optimization and enhancement’s program of the LEAP2020 (*Leonardo Empowering Advanced Partnership*) supply chain and has been presented during the workshop “Tecnologie e Network per l’innovazione” addressed to the companies of the ELITE Leonardo Lounge – the environment dedicated to high-potential companies of Leonardo’s supply chain developed by ELITE of Borsa Italiana.

Over forty SMEs, Leonardo’s key suppliers, coming from 12 Italian regions for an aggregate turnover of 1 billion Euros and a total of 5,700 employees, will be involved and will follow a specific training roadmap.

The participating companies, with the support of Confindustria’s DIH network, will be evaluated in terms of digital maturity and cyber security and, thus, oriented toward a path of progressive digital transformation, to seize opportunities linked to the development of 4.0 technologies. The project will also support the suppliers’ networking towards the innovation ecosystem of industry 4.0 – from smart factories to Competence Center, from research centers to enabling technologies’ providers – helping to achieve the LEAP2020 program’s goal of making Leonardo’s key suppliers more innovative, competitive and sustainable, helping to encourage the evolution of the “supply chain” into the “value chain”.

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### Notes to Editors

Leonardo and ELITE signed in February 2019 the first corporate partnership for the sustainable growth of Leonardo’s high potential suppliers. ELITE is the London Stock Exchange Group’s international platform, created in 2012 to support and accelerate the growth path of the most virtuous small and medium-sized enterprises.

The partnership with Leonardo, the first of ELITE with an industrial company, has contributed to the creation of the “ELITE Leonardo Lounge”: a dedicated environment thought to meet the needs of Leonardo’s supply chain companies through a path designed to support their growth in a dedicated and sustainable way. Thanks to an integrated collaboration model, ELITE has made available to companies belonging to the “ELITE Leonardo Lounge” an international training and mentorship program to support the managerial, strategic and governance growth of enterprises and encourage access to capital sources to further boost their own growth.

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**Leonardo**, among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security, is Italy’s main high-technology industrial company. Organized into five business divisions (Helicopters; Aircraft; Aerostructures; Electronics; Cyber Security) Leonardo has a significant manufacturing presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio (space); ATR (regional aircraft); and Elettronica and MBDA (electronics and defence systems). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2018 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €12.2 billion and invested €1.4 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and became Industry leader of the Aerospace & Defence sector in 2019.