



LEONARDO AND THE CARABINIERI CORPS SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON THE DIGITAL TRAINING OF OLDER PEOPLE

Organised courses for “third age” people, both face-to-face at the headquarters of the Arma and online, to reduce the Country’s digital divide

The initiative, promoted by the Leonardo-Civiltà delle Macchine Foundation, will mainly concern areas with small populations of less than 8,000 inhabitants

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Rome, 11 January 2021 – The General Command of the Carabinieri Corps, Leonardo, and the Leonardo-Civiltà delle Macchine Foundation have signed an agreement to undertake the **“Formazione anziani all’uso del digitale – Diventare Cittadino Digitale/Digital training of older people – Becoming a digital citizen”** project. Those present at the signing ceremony include, amongst others, the Commanding General of the Arma dei Carabinieri, General of the Army Corps Giovanni Nistri, the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of Leonardo, Luciano Carta and Alessandro Profumo, the Chairman of the Leonardo Civiltà delle Macchine Foundation, Luciano Violante, who were in the presence of Chief of Staff of the Arma, General of the Army Corps Teo Luzi.

The collaboration responds to the need to **reduce the Country’s digital divide** by lessening the obstacles to Internet access by **older social groups**. **Small towns** with populations of less than 8,000 inhabitants will be reached through a service offer specifically addressed to the ‘third age’ usually with **fewer computer skills**.

The Municipalities will be identified by the Carabinieri in relation to the availability of the Arma’s headquarters for **‘digital literacy’ courses**. The latter can take place in two ways, also in light of the pandemic emergency: **online**, with lectures by Leonardo’s senior staff, in addition to testimonials from experts in emerging technological and cyber security areas, and **in person**, at the headquarters of the Carabinieri Corps.

“The project with the Carabinieri Corps” underlines the Chairman of Leonardo, Luciano Carta “represents a significant contribution to bridging the generational digital skills gap. The agreement with the Arma is an effective example of a union with a prestigious institution that serves civil society, which further enhances Leonardo’s commitment to innovation in support of communities. By leveraging its technological know-how and in synergy with the main institutions”, continues Carta “our Company, also through training initiatives, aims to promote the wellbeing of citizens and the Country’s development”.

“Digital technologies have entered our daily lives in a disruptive way, becoming essential in critical phases such as the one we are experiencing”, says the Chief



Executive Officer of Leonardo, Alessandro Profumo. *“We are part of a new digital society that aims to smooth out inequalities while guaranteeing the continuation of activities related to work, training, and everyday life. Taking advantage of our expertise in digitalization and cyber security”* concludes Profumo *“we intend to offer services to communities that increase awareness of the opportunities and potential of new technologies”*.

With this initiative, Leonardo, through the support of the Leonardo-Civiltà delle Macchine Foundation, fosters a process of **social innovation** capable of contributing to the wellbeing of the community, in line with the **sustainable development goals of the UN 2030 agenda**. The project with the Carabinieri Corps is part of a series of activities which have recently seen the Company committed to raising funds among Italian employees destined for schools throughout the Country for the purchase of IT devices, with the aim of supporting the digitization programme of the Country's school system.

Leonardo, a global high-technology company, is among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organised into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (defence electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2019 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €13.8 billion and invested €1.5 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and is named as sustainability global leader in the Aerospace & Defence sector for the second year in a row of DJSI in 2020.

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