

Leonardo at Cybertech Europe 2018: ensuring the resilience of national essential services and the security of citizens and enterprises

- **2017 saw 1,127 serious cyber-attacks: the exponential growth of such incidents requires urgent, co-ordinated investment and expert-level training, particularly in Europe**
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Rome, 25th September 2018 - Tomorrow, Rome will host the Cybertech Europe conference (<https://italy.cybertechconference.com>) for the third consecutive year. The event is a showcase for the latest innovations in the field of cybersecurity and a platform to discuss the needs of the market and debate transnational strategies for the fight against cybercrime. Leonardo, which is co-organising the event, will open the conference proceedings and take part in a number of sessions. The Company will also have its own exhibition space where it will present live demos of its information security solutions and technologies.

“Protection of the cyber domain is a central part of ensuring the resilience of critical infrastructure and the safety of governments, companies and individual citizens. It is fundamental to a country’s economic growth.” said Alessandro Profumo, Leonardo’s Chief Executive Officer. “Cyber security holds a position of strategic importance for Leonardo, which is committed to ensuring that cyber space remains reliable and resilient, through the use of our platforms and internationally recognised expertise.”

1,217 serious attacks were registered in 2017, most aimed at economic and government targets, which has led to a worldwide increase in investment in IT security. Today global spending has already exceeded \$100 billion, with an average annual growth of 10 to 13% (depending on sector) expected over the next five years. This is being driven by the need to build IT systems and infrastructure that can prevent and manage IT incidents in a timely and effective fashion, protect privacy and identify when cybercrimes are taking place.

In Europe especially, it is now apparent that the creation of advanced security assets that can manage these cyber threats must be accelerated, requiring the training of a large number of IT security experts in every sector of the economy. To achieve these objectives, it will be necessary to generate synergies between national and international investment initiatives, including those related to research and innovation.

Cybertech Europe, which presents delegates with opportunities to meet colleagues from government, education and industry from over 40 countries, offers a valuable forum for collaboration to meet today’s range of security challenges.