



Press release

ITALY PLACES ORDER FOR UP TO 24 EUROFIGHTER TYPHOON JETS

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The leaders of Eurofighter and NETMA (the NATO Eurofighter and Tornado Management Agency) today signed the contract for up to 24 Italian Air Force Eurofighters in Rome.

The announcement comes at a strategically important time for the Eurofighter programme and follows the contract signing last Friday (20 December) for 25 Eurofighters for the Spanish Air Force.

The new Italian Eurofighter Typhoon jets will replace Italian Tranche 1 versions that are currently in service.

Giancarlo Mezzanatto, Chief Executive of Eurofighter, said: "Italy's decision to purchase an additional 24 jets is, of course, fantastic news for our programme, further demonstrating the strength and importance that Eurofighter Typhoon brings to Europe.

"During this past seven days we have seen two of the four Eurofighter Core Nations sign new contract orders, with a clear desire to modernise their Air Forces and confirming the crucial role they attribute to our aircraft."

Stefano Pontecorvo, Chairman of Leonardo, said: "The level of technology delivered by the Eurofighter programme over years is unquestionable. Its success provides also evidence of the outstanding synergies between the industry and institutions.

"We're proud of what we've built together and we're committed to providing our contribution to make sure Italy and all other partner nations continue to receive the level of capability they deserve."

Lorenzo Mariani, Co-General Manager of Leonardo, commented: "This contract is a major milestone for the Eurofighter programme in Italy.

"Since its inception, it has played a crucial role for national defence and security as well as in the development of advanced technologies and employment of thousands of skilled professionals. With this latest order the programme will deliver even greater capabilities and economic returns for many years."

AVM Simon Ellard (ret.), General Manager, NETMA said: "The additional 24 aircraft for Italy is yet another proud moment for the Eurofighter Programme.



“The order will enhance the Italian Air Force’s combat air capabilities and provide security for Italy, Europe and the NATO Alliance.

“The order, which follows the contract for 25 additional jets for the Spanish Air Force signed on the 20th of December, demonstrates that the Eurofighter Typhoon continues to be the backbone of European air defence.”

As with the new Halcon II Spanish order from last week, the new Italian Eurofighters will be equipped with advanced avionics, enhanced weapon systems capable of operating Brimstone III and Meteor, new sensors and improved connectivity.

With a service life well beyond 2060, its technical capabilities will allow full integration into the Europe's future air combat environment.

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