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PRESS RELEASE

LEONARDO SELECTED TO HELP SHAPE EUROPE'S FUTURE SOVEREIGN EARTH OBSERVATION CAPABILITY

Paris, 17/09/2026 - Leonardo has been awarded by the European Space Agency (ESA) a fully funded contract to define the architecture of the future **EU Earth Observation Governmental Service (EOGS)**, a key capability designed to harness space data in support of Europe's autonomous decision-making in the fields of security and defence.

The contract is one of the two parallel architectural studies funded by the European Commission and signed with ESA under the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement (FFPA). The project will propose architectural options to support the future implementation of the EOGS. The European Resilience from Space for Earth Observation (ERS-EO) activities are parallel preparatory activities for EOGS, including the preparation of relevant capabilities and their potential federation with national and European dual-use Earth Observation assets.

Led by Leonardo, the study will capitalize the competences, technologies and solutions from Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space, e-Geos and a qualified network of European partners, and will define a sovereign, resilient and federated end-to-end Earth Observation architecture, covering the entire value chain: space systems and sensors, ground infrastructure, data processing and services. Starting from the operational needs of security and defence users, the project will assess current capabilities and will perform a gap analysis. It will then evaluate different architectural solutions for performance, resilience, responsiveness and affordability, leveraging Leonardo's, and entire Space Alliance, technological and industrial capabilities in Earth Observation, including its proprietary earth observation constellation. A central element will be the federation of existing and future European assets, enabling different national, institutional and commercial capabilities to operate as part of an integrated system.

ESA's Director of Earth Observation Programmes, Simonetta Cheli, said, *"This is an important step in paving the way towards a sovereign European Earth observation capability supporting security and resilience. We are pleased that Leonardo is now poised to contribute to the blueprint to help shape Europe's Earth observation capabilities for the next decade and beyond, bringing together national, institutional and commercial assets within a shared operational framework aimed to strengthen Europe's resilience and strategic autonomy."*

Massimo Claudio Comparini, Managing Director of Leonardo's Space Division, said, "*Europe's strategic autonomy increasingly depends on its ability to access, understand and use critical data from space. Through the EOGS study, Leonardo will contribute its and Space Alliance technologies, infrastructures and expertise to help shape a sovereign Earth Observation capability supporting Europe's security, resilience and technological independence."*

The project brings together a broad European industrial ecosystem covering seven European countries: Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Luxembourg, Portugal and Poland. The Leonardo-led consortium includes its joint ventures Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space as well as e-GEOS and OHB, GAF, HiTec, Alioth, CEiiA, Argotec, Satlantis, KPLabs, AIKO, and SITAEL.

Leonardo is an international industrial group that develops multi-domain technological capabilities for global security. A key player in the major strategic programmes in Aerospace, Defence and Security, it employs over 62,000 people worldwide and operates in the Electronics, Helicopters, Aircraft, Cyber & Security and Space sectors. The company has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the United States, and is active in 150 countries also through subsidiaries, joint ventures and investees. Leonardo is a technological and industrial partner to Governments, Defence Administrations, Institutions and businesses. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2025 Leonardo recorded new orders of €23.8 billion, an order backlog of €46.6 billion and consolidated revenues of €19.5 billion. Included in the MIB ESG Index, the company has also been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) since 2010.