

PRESS NOTE

"Maintenance Training Organisation" certification obtained in Italy for military aircraft training

The certification for military aircraft basic / type maintenance training, including the relevant components was assigned to Leonardo Helicopters by the Italian Secretariat General of Defence/National Armaments Directorate through the Directorate for Air Armaments and Airworthiness

The company is the first industrial player in Italy, which is able to deliver the entire range of maintenance training services for military aircraft in accordance with the new European rules

Maintenance training capabilities are further extended with the combined expertise from the helicopters, electronics and aircraft divisions

Rome, 16/05/2023 – Leonardo, through its Helicopters Division and in coordination with Aircraft Division, has become the first industrial player in Italy to deliver the entire range of military aircraft basic maintenance training. This was possible through the "Maintenance Training Organisation" certification recently assigned to Leonardo Helicopters by the Italian Secretariat General of Defence/National Armaments Directorate, according to the AER(EP) P-147 national regulation and the European Defence Agency's EMAR 147. The relevant courses will be provided by several Leonardo sites across Italy, including Sesto Calende, Venegono, and Torino Caselle, which have existing training capabilities.

This achievement provides evidence of Leonardo's ability to align to the evolution of the regulations, allowing aviation maintenance technicians to be qualified for aircraft, helicopters, remotely piloted systems, and component maintenance activities. The required skills will be obtained both by ab initio courses and conversion from EASA civil license.

Leonardo is further extending its solid maintenance training services, combining capabilities from the helicopters, aircraft and electronics divisions. Leonardo's basic training is part of a broader training capability for technicians and, more collaboratively, for customers too. In addition to military and civil aviation maintenance training, Leonardo looks after technician training also in line with the new standard set by the Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association of Europe (S-Series).

Among the first Leonardo programmes benefitting from the training services, in accordance with the new certification standard: the AW139 and AW169 helicopters for military and government users (type rating), the International Flight Training School (IFTS) established through the collaboration with the Italian Air Force to train latest generation aircraft's pilots using the M-346, and the Falco Xplorer remotely piloted system, and the military platforms' components for basic maintenance training.

The new certification provides further evidence of Leonardo's commitment to deliver an ever increasing level of comprehensive and modern support and training services, providing greater and greater safety, quality, mission effectiveness, affordability and sustainability, all key factors for Leonardo's Be Tomorrow 2030 Strategic Plan.





Leonardo, a global high-technology company, is among the top world players in Aerospace, Defense and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland, the USA and Israel where it also operates through subsidiaries that include Leonardo DRS (defense 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 Solutions and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2022 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €14.7 billion and invested €2 billion in Research and Development. The company has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) since 2010 and has been confirmed among the global sustainability leaders in 2022. Leonardo is also included in the MIB ESG index.

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