

**Meeting with Mr Juho Romankkaniemi, Head of Cabinet of Vice-President Katainen and Leonardo on 18.10.2017**

Accompanied by Ms Filomena Chirico, Member of Cabinet VP Katainen

Topic: EU Defence and Space Strategy

Leonardo's Transparency register number: 02550382403-01

**Summary:**

Leonardo raised the need for strong European leadership. Pointed out that supply chains are cross-border and integrated. They also underlined the importance of Joint Undertakings such as ClearSky and Sesar.

They wished that joint requirements across countries would exist in Europe for defence as they exist in space, so as to achieve economies of scale.

They enquired about the Commission's plans for the next Financial Framework.

Cab Katainen explained the VP's role in the decision making of the Commission and the main policy lines concerning defence, as expressed in the June Defence Package. Already then the Commission announced publicly its plans for the next MFF in the defence sector: 3.5. billion for research and 7 billion for development.