

Meeting between Vice-President Katainen and Leonardo on 28.03.2018

Accompanied by Ms. Filomena Chirico, Member of the Cabinet VP Katainen

Topic: European Defence

Leonardo's Transparency register number: 02550382403-01

Summary:

Leonardo raised the following points:

- they explained the concept, characteristics and objectives of Ocean 2020, the project which was awarded the first grant under the defence Preparatory action
- they pleaded to have a minimum requirement of three companies from three countries (instead of 2) in EDIDP
- cybersecurity is a priority area for Leonardo.
- more harmonisation would be necessary for export policy, as the value chain is intercontinental. A single authorisation would be desirable.

VP Katainen:

- congratulated Leonardo for the successful application for the PA
- explained the efficiency logic driving the actions of the Commission in defence but also the constraints the Commission faces as progress depends on member states' ambition
- explained Europe's approach to cybersecurity and defence