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INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS 2021

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KEY PLAYERS FROM ITALY'S EURO 17 BILLION AEROSPACE, DEFENSE AND SECURITY INDUSTRY CONFIRMED TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS 2021

Italy's aerospace, defence and security industry produced a **turnover of Euro 17 billion** in 2020, whilst employing 230,000 staff, firmly placing the country as the 4th largest producer in Europe and 7th largest in the world.

Advancements in technology and investment in R&D are Italy's key exhibiting factors at the 72nd International Astronautical Congress 2021 (IAC), which starts tomorrow and takes place until 29 October at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

The Italian Trade Agency in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in the UAE, the Consulate General in Dubai and the Italian Industries Federation of Aerospace, Defence and Security (AIAD), selected **10 companies** as exhibitors at the official Italian pavilion. Over the last five years, the international community has relied heavily on Italy's expertise and experience in aeronautics, space, naval and land defence resulting in **turnover increasing from Euro 15.5 billion to Euro 17 billion over the last 2 years**. From this turnover, the aeronautics, space sectors and related devices alone exported approximately **Euro 6.1 billion** in pre-pandemic times (2019) with an **increase of 7.5%** compared to the previous year.

Italy's national supply chain for the aerospace industry relies heavily on the expertise of SMEs, currently **80% of the industry**, who are primarily concentrated in **5 key districts** in Italy – **Piedmont, Lombardy, Lazio, Campania and Apulia**. These companies have excellent skills, which are further enhanced by their collaboration with large national industries and alongside their long-term investment in research centres and universities, has resulted in Italy acquiring a leadership position in different fields of aeronautics and space.

This wide range of skills has forged a strong bilateral relationship with the UAE. During the first six months of 2020, Italian aerospace exports to the UAE were valued at **Euro 33 million** and for the same period in 2021, they have **increased to Euro 38 million**. Ranking **9th in the export of aerospace technologies to the UAE**, Italy has a prominent international role in the development of aerospace technologies and its advancements are among the most important of those used in the new frontiers of sustainability and resilience.

Since 2016, Italy has worked closely with the UAE Space Agency, supporting the UAE's advancements in various aspects including space exploration, science, technology, services and applications, as well as the exchange of space experiences, studies, and research.

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Italian aerospace exports to the UAE from January to June 2021

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Italy's expertise in the sector is vast, ranging from the assembly of aircraft, helicopters and microsattellites, space launchers, boats and military vehicles, to systems and subsystems (landing, defence systems, pointing, on-board and ground-based communication, radar, flight attitude), to individual parts and components, design and engineering, experimentation, testing and maintenance.

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