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## **SELEX Galileo-led Consortium presents vision for soldiers of the future to the European Defence Agency**

The SELEX Galileo-led AHEAD Consortium has presented to the European Defence Agency (EDA) a vision of how the modern dismounted soldier could be better equipped in the future. The Consortium has put forward a range of solutions designed to make troops significantly better protected by 2020.

The presentation is the final milestone in the Consortium's contract, the completion of which has confirmed SELEX Galileo's role at the forefront of research into soldier-protection technology.

The Company already plays a key role in enhancing dismounted soldiers' situational awareness and protection with the Company's electro-optical sensor suite for the Italian Army programme "Soldato del Futuro" (Individual Fire Control and Observation System), and is looking to collaborate with partners at a European and international level to deliver the most effective protection systems to troops. Leading the AHEAD consortium to a successful conclusion has demonstrated the Company's ability to lead a team of international industrial partners.

The presentation to the EDA included software simulation techniques that showed the potential improvements in detection and situational awareness that can be made available to soldiers, as well as a live demonstration of a helmet integrating a range of new sensors based on EO and acoustic technologies.

The presentation was delivered on the 27th and 28th May to the Contractual team lead by the contracting authority from the EDA. Present were the Executive Management Group, a group of government officials appointed by Italy, Germany, Poland, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and Sweden.

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