



## **AVIO BECOMES LAUNCH SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE VEGA LAUNCHER FAMILY**

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**Colleferro (Rome), 10 July 2025** – With today's approval of the new Launcher Exploitation Declaration ("LED") at ESA headquarters in Paris, a key milestone has been achieved in the redefinition of Europe's launch system. The declaration officially designates Avio as the launch service provider for the Vega launcher family.

For the first time, an Italian company is entrusted with providing access-to-space services, in recognition of its proven technological and industrial capabilities and its strategic positioning within the European space industry.

Avio – a global leader in launch systems and in solid, liquid, and cryogenic propulsion – has already initiated a robust development plan aimed at strengthening its organizational structure, industrial capabilities, and operational infrastructure, with the objective of fully delivering on this new role.

*"This achievement represents an extraordinary recognition for our company and for the entire Italian industrial ecosystem" said Giulio Ranzo, CEO of Avio. "It is a historic step that reinforces our nation's autonomy in access to space and assigns us a strategic responsibility towards Europe. We are ready to meet this challenge with determination and we are investing in technologies, expertise, and infrastructure to ensure a competitive service. We are deeply grateful for the consistent and constructive support received from Italian institutions in the pursuit of this important goal".*

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**Avio** is a leading international group engaged in the construction and development of space launchers and solid, liquid and cryogenic propulsion systems. The experience and know-how built up over more than 50 years puts Avio at the cutting-edge of the space launcher sector and defense program. Avio is present in Italy, France, United States and French Guyana, employing approx. 1,400 highly qualified personnel. Avio is the prime contractor for the Vega program and a sub-contractor for the Ariane program, both financed by the European Space Agency (ESA) placing Italy among the limited number of countries capable of producing a complete spacecraft.

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