

## **THE FIFTH PPA “MARCANTONIO COLONNA” LAUNCHED IN RIVA TRIGOSO**

***Trieste/Rome, November 26, 2022*** – Today, the technical launch of the Multipurpose Offshore Patrol ship (PPA – Pattugliatore Polivalente d'Altura) “Marcantonio Colonna” took place at Fincantieri’s shipyard in Riva Trigoso (Genova). The vessel is the fifth of seven vessels to be built at the Integrated Shipyard of Riva Trigoso and Muggiano with deliveries expected until 2026.

The PPAs are part of the renewal plan of the operational lines of the Italian Navy vessels, approved by the Government and Parliament and started in May 2015 (“Naval Act”) under the aegis of OCCAR (*Organisation Conjointe de Cooperation sur l’Armement*, the international organization for cooperation on arms).

At the ceremony, among others, the Undersecretary of Defence, Matteo Perego di Cremnago, the Governor of Liguria Region, Giovanni Toti, the Chief of the Italian Navy, Adm. OF-9 Enrico Credendino, OCCAR-EA Director, Adm. Matteo Bisceglia, were received by Gen. Claudio Graziano and Pierroberto Folgiero, respectively Chairman and CEO of Fincantieri, as well as the General Manager Naval Vessels Division of the Group, Dario Deste.

Marcantonio Colonna, who lived between 1535 and 1584, was one of the most illustrious land and sea captains of the 16th century, also protagonist of the battle of Lepanto in 1571. The godmother of the launch was Jeanne Colonna Pavoncelli, descendant of the distinguished family.

The **Undersecretary of Defence, Matteo Perego di Cremnago**, said: *“It is a very important day for this extraordinary territory and for Italy, for the national industry and for small and medium-sized companies, both in terms of employment and investments. Thanks to Fincantieri and all the related companies for the great technical and innovative value that today allow the Defense-system of the Country to take another step forward in the process of modernizing the operational lines of the Navy’s vessels”*. The Undersecretary added: *“Strategic-wise, taking such steps forward for national defense and security means taking steps forward for our Country and for our citizens”*.

### **Vessel’s characteristics: PPA – Multipurpose Offshore Patrol Ship**

The multipurpose offshore patrol vessel is a highly flexible ship, fit to serve multiple functions, ranging from patrol with sea rescue capacity to Civil Protection operations and, in its most highly equipped version, first line fighting vessel. For the seven vessels of the program there will be indeed different configurations of combat system: starting from a “soft” version for the patrol task, integrated for self-

defence ability, to a “full” one, which means equipped for a complete defence ability. The patrol ship is also capable of operating high-speed vessels such as RHIB (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat) up to 11 meters long through lateral cranes or a hauling ramp located at the far stern.

- 143 meters long overall
- Speed up to 32 knots according to vessel configuration and operational conditions
- Approx. 135 crew members and accommodation capacity up to 181 beds
- Combined diesel and gas turbine propulsion system, i.e. with electric motors for low speeds
- Capacity to supply drinking water, electricity and health support to land

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