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Brigadier General (AF) Francesco VESTITO is the Chief of the Italian Joint Cyber Command, which is responsible for the Planning and Execution of the Military Cyber Operations, and the development of the Cyber Joint Concepts and Joint Doctrine.

He graduated in from the Italian Air Force Academy in 1989 and gained his Military Pilot Wings at the ENJJPT in Sheppard AFB (TX, USA) in Class 90-06. After the Transition Course on the TORNADO at the TTTE in Cottesmore (UK) he was assigned to the 36th WING in Gioia del Colle where he completed the Combat Readiness in the Bomber Role.

He has flown more than 3000 flying hours on Tornado IDS, also operating in the Balkans, Afghan and Libyan Operations. His Command duties span from Commander of 156th Squadron, Joint Air Task Force for ISAF Operations in Herat (Afghanistan) and the 6th WING in Ghedi.

He qualified as Tornado Instructor Pilot, Weapon Instructor and Crew Resource Manager Facilitator. Also he attended the Tactical Leadership Program in Gilze Rijn (NL), the Joint Combined Warfighting Course in Norfolk (VA, USA), the Safety Management System Course in Amsterdam (NL), and the Defense Resource Management Course in Monterey (CA, USA). He has previously worked in the Air Staff Plans and Policy Division, and as Chief of the Experimentation Office of the Centre for Defense Innovation and Director of the same Centre.

Graduate of the Air War College in Montgomery (AL, USA), he achieved the Master Degree in Strategic Studies.