



# Italian Navy, from the Chief of Staff's hearing the priorities: capabilities, Hormuz, drones, and personnel

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The hearing of **Admiral Giuseppe Berutti Bergotto** at the **Defense Committee of the Chamber of Deputies** provided a clear picture of the **Italian Navy**, highlighting not only the **operational capabilities** but also the strong **sense of responsibility and dedication** that characterizes the personnel.

The Navy represents an essential component of the national military tool, founded on values such as **discipline, competence, and spirit of service**. These principles are reflected in the main operational capabilities. The aircraft carrier **Cavour** is the centerpiece of **naval air projection**, while the ship **Trieste** expresses the **operational versatility** of a force ready to intervene in various contexts, from military operations to humanitarian support missions.

The **surface fleet** ensures a constant presence in strategically important seas, contributing to **international security and stability**. At the same time, the **underwater sector** stands out

for **professionalism and preparation**, representing an excellence recognized even internationally.

In this context, the path of **fleet modernization** fits into a broader vision, aimed at maintaining **high operational standards** and strengthening the Navy's **response capability**. The update of the **Offshore Multipurpose Patrol Vessels** testifies to the **ongoing commitment** to improving tools and technologies, always in the service of the country.

## Maritime security and capabilities at the service of the international community

Among the topics addressed during the hearing, the **Strait of Hormuz** represents one of the most significant scenarios for understanding the role of the Italian Navy in ensuring **navigation security**.

In this area, the **preparation of personnel** and the ability to operate in **complex contexts** emerge strongly. Mine countermeasure activities require **high technical skills**, precision, and a great sense of responsibility. The Italian Navy boasts **consolidated experience**, also gained through the clearance of unexploded ordnance, contributing concretely to **sea safety**.

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Mine countermeasure operations and the use of unmanned systems. Source Italian Navy

The willingness to participate in **international mine clearance operations** testifies to **Italy's commitment** within the framework of **cooperation among allied countries**, respecting the necessary operational conditions. This is a contribution that reflects an approach based on **collaboration and stability**.

Alongside traditional capabilities, the Navy pays close attention to **technological innovation**. **Unmanned systems** represent an important frontier: **underwater drones, surface vehicles, and embarkable aircraft** expand operational possibilities, making missions more **secure and efficient**.

The integration of these technologies occurs with a **pragmatic and dynamic approach**, which values **rapid experimentation** and **operational adaptation**. Once again, it is the **human factor** – the ability to learn, adapt, and innovate – that makes the difference.

# The value of people, the heart of the Italian Navy

While platforms and technologies are fundamental tools, it is the **personnel** that constitutes the true strength of the Italian Navy. **Men and women** who operate every day with **professionalism, a sense of duty, and dedication**, ensuring **maritime security** and contributing to **Italy's international prestige**.

During the hearing, the importance of **continuous training** was highlighted, an essential element for maintaining **high efficiency standards**. Personnel preparation is not only technical but also **ethical and value-based: discipline, team spirit, and operational resilience** are distinctive characteristics of those who serve in the Navy.

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To support these needs, a **strengthening of the workforce** is planned through new admissions. The goal is to ensure **operational continuity** and accompany the evolution of the naval tool, while enhancing **advanced technical skills**, particularly in the **cyber and unmanned** sectors.

The Navy therefore invests not only in means but above all in **people**, aware that the quality of the **human capital** represents the true distinctive element. In a continuously evolving international context, the ability to combine **tradition and innovation, technology and values**, is the key to facing future challenges.

Ultimately, the hearing presents the image of a **modern, efficient, and reliable Armed Force**, deeply rooted in the values of **service to the country**. An **Italian Navy** that continues to operate with **commitment, competence, and spirit of service**, contributing to **security, stability, and the protection of national interests**.

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