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## **THE VIASAT GROUP WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE HACKER ATTACK**

The digital sabotage of the broadband satellite service that affected the KA-SAT network on 24 February did not affect our company. The partial communication blackout for Ukrainian and other European customers affected the US satellite company with the same name, ViaSat. We would like to further clarify what happened because of some confusion between the two companies that has been reported by the media in recent days. We are the satellite alarm company, the first and the original. We have since become established as one of the main operators in Italy and Europe in the supply of satellite and IoT services and solutions for the security and protection of people, vehicles and goods. US-based ViaSat is a communications company operating in the US and around the world, providing high-speed broadband satellite services and secure network systems covering military and commercial markets. The only thing we have in common is the name.

As is known, about three weeks ago, as Russia unleashed its invasion in Ukraine, the US satellite connection company ViaSat reported a hacking attack against it. According to Reuters online, the US National Security Agency (NSA), the French government's cybersecurity organisation Anssi and Ukrainian intelligence are investigating. The intention is to assess whether the sabotage of the satellite Internet provider's service was the work of hackers backed by the Russian state in an attempt to interrupt communications.

Viasat Italia and the other Group companies present in Europe are completely unrelated to this cyber attack, which has also created a great deal of inconvenience for Italian users of the American company's Internet and TV services. Our support, protection and assistance services for over 700,000 customers in Europe have not suffered any disruption and have always been up and running. In any case, we do not want to underestimate the risks because, as also reported by the European Agency for Cybersecurity, the number of threats is increasing exponentially.

"Our monitoring systems and IT security technicians are progressively increasing their levels of attention, as required by our protocols following ISO27001 requirements," explains Domenico Petrone, President of Viasat Group. "We are aware of the growing risks, not only for our country, related to cybersecurity, also due to the war in Ukraine, and we are working on internal information to increase the IT awareness of our employees and collaborators. Superficial behaviours, inattention and human error are among the main vulnerabilities of companies to these criminal phenomena."

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