

## PM Ciuca meets Lockheed Martin delegation, announces investment in Romania in artificial intelligence

**Prime Minister Nicolae Ciuca on Tuesday had a meeting at the Victoria Palace with a delegation of the Lockheed Martin company, led by the vice-president for international affairs, Ray Piselli, on which occasion they announced an investment in Romania by the American company in the field of development-research in artificial intelligence.**

According to a Government press release, the results of the research, which will be carried out in the framework of the collaboration between the Lockheed Martin's Research and Leadership Laboratory in Science, Technology and Engineering and the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, will be applied in the field of national security and environmental science.

In this context, the PM welcomed the decision of the global aerospace and security company to start research and development activities in Romania.

"It is a new proof of the strengthening of the Romania-USA Strategic Partnership. The government supports investments, and the economic component comes to strengthen our partnership in the military field. I am glad that Romania can offer an integrated development framework that includes industry, high technology, the environment university and research, in a field of the future, such as Artificial Intelligence. Industrial cooperation will create added value and can generate technological transfer necessary for the development of our economy," said Nicolae Ciuca, quoted in the press release.

On the same occasion, they analyzed the current stage of implementation of the endowment programme carried out through Lockheed Martin, both regarding multi-role aircraft and anti-missile defence systems.

"We need credibility for the implementation of our endowment projects. Our role in the Black Sea region is increasingly relevant and we must make sure that we are ready to assume it. We continue, as the economic results confirm the pace of development, to pay the necessary attention to ensure the security of our country, together with our strategic partners," the head of the Executive said.