

Major General (Ret.) Leonardo Dinu
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He retired as a two-star general in the Romanian Army after nearly 38-year career, during which held a variety leadership positions especially in the military intelligence, including most recently as deputy chief of Romanian Military Intelligence Directorate for Operations. Having graduated “*Dimitrie Cantemir*” Military College, and further on, the “*Military School for Active Officers*”, Major General Leonardo Dinu started his career in 1985 as 2nd lieutenant in the SIGINT domain of Military Intelligence Directorate (MID). He went on with his military career serving in various positions, at the same time completing a series of military and technical educational programs in Romania, as well as in various NATO countries, among which “*Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course – US Army Intelligence Center and School*” and “*Advanced Military Studies Academy – Bucharest*”. Also, he underwent the “*Post-Graduate Professional Program*” organized by *Romanian National Intelligence College* in the field of Military Sciences, Intelligence and Public Order. Between 2006 and 2010 he was assigned Defense, Military, Air and Naval Attaché to Republic of India, People’s Republic of Bangladesh and Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. From 2010 to 2014, he undertook the responsibilities as Director of SIGINT, and Electronic Warfare and, as September 2014, he was appointed Deputy Chief MID for Combat Intelligence. In 2017, he undertook the responsibilities as Deputy Chief MID for Operations.

In his role at MID, Major General Leonardo Dinu made an important contribution to the organizational and doctrinal transformation of the Romanian Military Intelligence as the setting up of the first OSINT and CyberInt capabilities, development of the first SIGINT Doctrine, the transformation of the ISR architecture and elaboration of the first ISR doctrinal principles of the Romanian Army. Also, he was involved in the Romanian Special Operation Forces intelligence development program. In his capacity, Major General Leonardo Dinu oversaw military intelligence operations for the Romanian troops force protection deployed in the Theaters of Operations from Western Balkans and Afghanistan.