

## D'Appolonia meet Italian Research Minister Francesco Profumo at the Innovation Convention 2011 - 5-6 December 2011 – Brussels

As part of the Innovation Union flagship initiative, the European Commission organized the first Innovation Convention which took place December 5th-6th, in Brussels.

D'Appolonia displayed our lightweight and blast-proof textile container for the protection of narrow body aircrafts from on-flight blasts which was developed during the FP7 FLY-BAG project ([www.fly-bag.net](http://www.fly-bag.net)).

Our project was one of the 48 selected projects among over 450 expressions of interest to showcase at the Innovation Convention 2011 hosted by the European Commission.

Experts of D'Appolonia have met the visitors explaining the working principles of the anti-blast container and showing them videos of the blast tests performed for the development and validation of the system.

The Innovation Convention was characterised by the presence of EC President José Manuel Barroso and commissioner for research, innovation and science Máire Geoghegan Quinn. The Italian stands, including D'Appolonia's, were honoured by the visit of the Italian Research Minister Francesco Profumo, as a further confirmation of the commitment of the Italian Institutions towards Research and Innovation and as acknowledgement of the results achieved by Italian scientists.

