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First European step towards the military aerospace beyond 2035

An initial roadmap for Future Air System (FAS) for the industrial and technological base of future European military aerospace is now underway. The objective of the study is to identify the key industrial capabilities together with a proposed implementation plan. Saab and the European Defence Agency (EDA) signed today, at Farnborough air show, a contract regarding the strategic study.

The study's full name is "The future of the European military aerospace Defence Technological Industrial Base (DTIB) – MilAerospace 2035+".

The FAS4Europe one year study will identify and propose the collaborative actions Governments need to take to safeguard Europe's ability to independently provide competitive aerospace solutions to meet the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) capability requirements in the 2035 time perspective. The study will in summary cover the following areas:

- Prepare an initial roadmap identifying the key industrial capabilities in the EDTIB
- Implementation plan for the next ten years with prioritized actions

"Saab is very honoured to be the company in lead of this study, representing a major part of the European Aeronautic Industry. It is very encouraging that EDA has launched this important strategic study regarding our challenging joint future regarding European FAS capabilities. We appreciate the engagement the stakeholder community has shown in supporting our proposal. The study will be very broad and include several work shops involving relevant stakeholders to ensure to get the appropriate input for the analysis and final report" says Lennart Sindahl, Senior Vice President Saab AB and Head of business area Aeronautics.

The study result will support the EDA participating Member States decision making on the future capability development for military aerospace systems and will underpin the necessary common European approach to the aerospace DTIB.

This study is part of EDA European Defence Technological and Industrial Base Strategy and the decision to start the process with FAS. Saab has through the ASD (Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe) network brought together a set of subcontractors* and stakeholders** to respond to the EDA tender released in April this year. The contract value for the one year study is 400k€. However, the value of the study output is judged to be significant.



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- Saab AB (lead company and main contractor)
- Alenia Aeronatica S.p.A (Alenia)
- Association of the aviation manufactures of the Czech Republic (ALV ČR)
- ASG Luftfahrttechnik und Sensorik GmbH (ASG Luftfahrttechnik und Sensorik GmbH)
- BAE Systems (BAES)
- Dassault Aviation (Dassault)
- EADS CONSTRUCCIONES AERONAUTICAS, S.A.U (EADS CASA)
- EADS Deutschland GmbH, Military (EADS-MAS)
- ESD-Partners (ESD-Partners)
- Hellenic Aerospace Industry S.A. (HAI)
- Patria Aviation Oy (Patria)
- SELEX Galileo Ltd (SELEX Galileo)
- Thales Systemes Aeroportes S.A. (Thales)
- Westland Helicopters Limited (AgustaWestland)

** FAS4Europe additional participating stakeholders:

- Avio Spa
- ITP
- MTU Aero Engines
- Safran SA
- Volvo Aero AB
- Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD)
- DA Design Oy (DA Design)
- Diehl Aerospace GmbH (Diehl)
- Equipment Industrial Management Group (EqIMG)
- GMV-SKYSOFT (GMV)
- Intracom Defense Electronics S.A. (Intracom)

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