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Strong appearance by the German aerospace industry at the Paris Air Show

Paris, June 14, 2019 – The German Aerospace Industries Association (BDLI) and the German aerospace companies will present the full range of their technological skills at the 53rd Paris Air Show from June 17 to 23, 2019.

"The German aerospace industry is a technology leader and driver of innovation – never before has flying been so quiet, so safe and so environmentally friendly. Our industry is working at a high pace toward the long-term goal of climate-neutral flying," says Volker Thum, managing director of the BDLI.

Thum adds: "Europe is the true champion of this international industry of the future. The Franco-German partnership is of outstanding importance on both the political and industrial levels. These countries work more closely together in the aerospace sector than all other countries. A prime example of the cooperation between our two countries is FCAS, the Future Combat Air System. It has the potential to become the most important security and defense policy project of the coming decades – with implications not only for our industries, from small and medium-sized enterprises to system manufacturers, but also for European security and defense policy in general."

Thum furthermore emphasizes: "Airbus' 50th birthday this year is a symbol of this successful partnership. At the same time, the past half century has also been a success story for our supplier industry, which is operating at an international level and has grown with Airbus and whose high-tech products now appear in every aircraft delivered in the world. This development is the result of a forward-looking, bold industrial policy, which will continue to be an indispensable catalyst for the success of our industry in the face of tough global competition, combined with technological excellence."

Leading German politicians will be present at the air show. Federal defense minister Ursula von der Leyen and Hamburg's first mayor Peter Tschentscher will emphasize the importance of cooperation in the aerospace sector during the fair, as will Thomas Jarzombek, federal government coordinator of German aerospace policy and member of the (German) Bundestag. They will talk with top-ranking French politicians about deepening the Franco-German cooperation.

With 144 exhibitors, Germany is the third-largest exhibitor nation at this year's air show after host France and the USA. In the German Pavilion of the BDLI, 46 exhibitors will present their latest products and services under the motto "Innovation made in Germany." The German Pavilion is located in Hall 2A/2C and covers an exhibition area of more than 2,300 m².

With its strong presence, the BDLI is also promoting the upcoming ILA Berlin, which will take place from May 13 to 17, 2020. The ILA – synonym for "Innovation and Leadership in Aerospace" – is the industry's leading innovation fair and Europe's largest space show. A special highlight: Next year, the European Commission with its AeroDays will be a partner of the ILA.

THE BDLI

The German Aerospace Industries Association (BDLI), with around 250 members, represents the interests of an industry that has become an essential growth engine of the German economy through international technological leadership and worldwide success. The German aerospace industry, with its 111,500 direct employees, combines almost all strategic key technologies. It currently achieves annual sales of EUR 40 billion.

The major tasks of the BDLI include communication with political institutions, authorities, associations and foreign representatives in Germany, as well as various member services at home and abroad. The association is the trademark owner of ILA Berlin – the trade fair for "Innovation and Leadership in Aerospace." It will take place from May 13 to 17, 2020, at the Berlin ExpoCenter Airport. The BDLI is officially accredited to the German Bundestag and performs a number of legally embodied tasks. It is a member of the European umbrella organization AeroSpace, the Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD) and the Federation of German Industries (BDI).

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