

## Airborne in Europe: ILA 2022 partners with European Commission

- European Commission and ILA2022 enter Strategic Partnership
- Common goals: towards zero emissions and enhanced security
- Significant EU presence planned

**Berlin, 7 April 2022** - Aerospace is a key sector for the EU that is of strategic importance for Europe's security, sustainability and competitiveness. For this reason, the European Commission and ILA Berlin 2022 have today announced a strategic partnership to strengthen Europe's technological leadership and to pave the way for a sustainable future for aerospace that is "Airborne in Europe".

ILA Berlin 2022 is largest and most important air show in the EU this year, taking place on 22-26 June. It will showcase the future of aerospace highlighting innovation, new technologies and sustainability, the future of climate-neutral aviation and new mobility. Its mission is Pioneering Aerospace for a safe, sustainable and connected world.

The partnership announced today will give an opportunity to discuss key strategic priorities to German, European and global audiences. These include the European Green Deal, the Fitfor55 Package, a Europe fit for the digital age, an economy that works for people and a stronger Europe in the world. It will also give more visibility to aerospace and its benefits to society across Europe, as well as drive innovation, research, and joint projects in this field.

**Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth:** "The Commission accelerates the R&I efforts to develop disruptive technologies to reach zero-emission aviation, in close collaboration with other public authorities and industry. The EU aircraft industry is world leader and should continue to stay in this position, while decarbonising the sector. The common goal of the public and private sides is the demonstration of decarbonised flying of aircrafts by 2035 and full climate neutral aviation by 2050. For this the Clean Aviation and the SESAR 3 ATM partnerships and the aviation part of our collaborative research in Horizon Europe Cluster 5 are key."

**BDLI President Dr. Michael Schöllhorn** said: "The aerospace industry forms the basis of a strategically autonomous Europe that is able to act, from safeguarding our security to providing our independent access to space. This strategic partnership with the European Commission underlines our common priorities. We want to work even closer together to strengthen Europe's leadership in aviation, space, security, defence and sustainability. With the Green Deal, the European Commission has mapped out the flightpath to zero emissions. We as an industry will be showing at ILA how 'take off to zero' is already happening."

ILA 2022 is also home to Europe's largest space exhibition, which will highlight space's indispensable contribution to a modern, sustainable, safe and digital

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future. This includes the collection of climate data, which is a prerequisite for achieving the EU Green Deal's goal of climate-neutrality by 2050.

### **Commission with wide-ranging presence**

From the ILA Future Lab to Advanced Air Mobility – the future of aerospace will be presented and discussed on five live stages. The European Commission will be represented by a number of senior representatives and numerous contributions.

On the ILA Future Lab stage, Rosalinde van der Vlies, Director Clean Planet, will give the opening keynote. The political framework for how aerospace can contribute to the EU's climate neutrality by 2050 will also be discussed. In addition, the EU's research and innovation programmes will be presented, such as "Clean Aviation". The programme accelerates the shift towards climate-neutral aviation and brings together the private and public sectors.

Innovations from European exhibitors will also be in the spotlight on the exhibition grounds in the heart of Europe at Germany's capital city airport, Berlin Brandenburg. Airbus, Arianespace, Diehl, Leonardo, Liebherr, MBDA, MTU Aero Engines, Rolls-Royce, OHB, Saab, Safran, Thales and the German Aerospace Centre DLR are among the wide range of exhibitors. In addition, the European Commission will be presenting itself together with European partners such as Clean Aviation at a joint stand.

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth of the European Commission, will give a keynote at the Berlin Aviation Summit on June 21, the day before ILA Berlin kicks off. This flagship conference on civil aviation, which is already taking place for the third time, brings together decision-makers in civil aviation from all over the world. Key players from politics, industry, science, research, finance and global aviation will discuss the challenges facing the industry, with a particular focus on shaping the path to climate-neutral aviation.

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