**SESAR 2020 membership reflects growing Europe-wide commitment to ATM modernisation**

***BRUSSELS, 9 March 2016. The SESAR Joint Undertaking (SESAR JU) has announced the 19 members that will participate in the industrial research, validation and demonstration activities of SESAR 2020, the next wave of the European ATM research and innovation (R&I). The SESAR 2020 membership will be composed of the current SESAR members complimented by additional members and their supporting entities. The renewed SESAR JU membership brings together over 100 separate organisations with a European and Global presence from across the full scope of ATM research to the ongoing SESAR development. The renewed SESAR JU Membership and capabilities will allow for a continuity of work, as well as a fresh impetus to SESAR’s industrial R&I activities. The expansion of the SESAR JU membership also reflects the growing confidence and commitment to SESAR‘s approach to ATM modernisation and further reinforces the link to deployment.***

Representatives from each of the awarded members will accede to a Membership Agreement in the coming weeks and bring to completion the member accession process which was launched in July 2014. A total of 19 entities were selected to shape the programme and take forward the SESAR 2020 industrial R&I activities, which will run up until 2024. The SESAR 2020 membership sees renewed commitment from the current members: Airbus, DFS, DSNA, Enaire, ENAV, Finmeccanica, Frequentis, Honeywell, Indra, NATMIG, NATS, SEAC and two divisions of Thales. A further five entities will join the SESAR 2020 family:

* COOPANS Consortium: a consortium developed from NORACON in SESAR 1, bringing together the five service providers, Naviair, Croatia Control, Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), Luftfartsverket (LFV) and Austro Control.
* AT-One Consortium: a consortium bringing together the German Aerospace Center, DLR and the Netherlands Aerospace Centre, NLR.
* B4 Consortium: a consortium bringing together the four service providers of Poland, Lithuania, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
* Dassault Aviation SA.
* Skyguide, Swiss Civil and Military Air Navigation Services Ltd.

Building on the results of the first R&I programme, SESAR 2020 members will focus on areas of the ATM value chain where the greatest performance gains can be achieved. These areas address the need to better integrate airports into ATM, develop further advanced air traffic services, and optimise network services and the enabling the necessary infrastructure. The SESAR 2020 industrial activities will benefit from a contribution of EUR 500 million from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.

“*Thanks to SESAR, we are developing and deploying cutting-edge operations and technologies for European and global aviation. We all know that a top-notch ATM system is vital for the achievement of the Single European Sky, and SESAR research and innovation projects are vital to reach that objective. I am confident that with a renewed and evolved partnership, the SESAR 2020 work programme will deliver even more outstanding and timely results than before and drive our ambitious agenda forward,”* says **Henrik Hololei**, Director General, DG MOVE, and Chair of the SESAR JU Administrative Board.

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| **ABOUT SESAR & SESAR JU** | As the technological pillar of the Single European Sky initiative, SESAR aims to modernise and harmonise air traffic management in Europe. The SESAR Joint Undertaking (SESAR JU) was established in 2007 as a public-private partnership to support this endeavour. It does so by pooling the knowledge and resources of the entire ATM community in order to define, research, develop and validate innovative technological and operational solutions. The SESAR JU is also responsible for the execution of the European ATM Master Plan. Founded by the European Union and Eurocontrol, the SESAR JU has 19 members, who together with their partners and affiliate associations will represent over 100 companies working in Europe and beyond. The SESAR JU also works closely with staff associations, regulators, airport operators and the scientific community. |
|  | Find out more: [www.sesarju.eu](http://www.sesarju.eu)  |
| **ABOUT SESAR 2020** | The SESAR 2020 membership is as follows: |
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**MEMBERSHIP**

The two Founding Members coming from the SESAR Joint Undertaking founding Regulation are the European Union and Eurocontrol, as defined in Article 1 of the Statutes of the SESAR JU.

For SESAR 2020, 19 SESAR JU members were selected as a result of a membership accession process launched in 2014, these are:

1. Airbus SAS
2. AT‐One Consortium (Consortium comprising: Deutsches Zentrum fur Luft-und Raumfahrt e. V. (German Aerospace Centre, DLR) and Stichting Nationaal Luchten Ruimtevaartlaboratorium (National Aerospace Centre, NLR))
3. B4 Consortium (Consortium comprising: Polish Air Navigation Services Agency: (PANSA), Air Navigation Services of the Czech Republic (ANS CR), Letové prevádzkové služby Slovenskej republiky Štátny podnik (LPS SR s.p.) – State owned ANSP of Slovakia and The State Enterprise “Oro navigacija ” (ON) – Lithuania)
4. COOPANS Consortium (Consortium comprising: Naviair, Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), Croatia Control - Croatian Air Navigation Services Limited, Austro Control - Österreichische Gesellschaft für Zivilluftfahrt mit beschränkter Haftung and Luftfartsverket (LFV))
5. Dassault Aviation SA
6. DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH
7. Direction des Services de la Navigation Aérienne – DSNA
8. ENAV S.p.A.
9. Entidad Publica Empresarial ENAIRE
10. Finmeccanica S.p.A.
11. Frequentis SESAR Partners (Consortium comprising: Frequentis AG; Hungarocontrol Zrt and ATOS Belgium SA/NV)
12. Honeywell Aerospace SAS
13. INDRA Sistemas S.A.
14. NATS (En Route) Plc
15. North European ATM Industry Group - NATMIG Consortium (Consortium comprising: Stiftelsen SINTEF, Saab AB and Airtel ATN Ltd.)
16. SESAR European Airports Consortium – SEAC (Consortium comprising: Heathrow Airport Ltd, Aeroports de Paris S.A, Fluchafen Munchen GmbH, Flughafen Zurich AG, Schiphol Nederland B.V, Swedavia AB and Avinor AS)
17. Skyguide, Swiss civil and military Air Navigation Services Ltd
18. Thales Air Systems SAS
19. Thales Avionics SAS

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