

## Defence and Support: ILA Berlin displays high-tech solutions for the military aerospace industry

- **Aircraft: F-35-A, A400M, CH-47F, Tornado, Eurofighter**
- **Bundeswehr is the largest exhibitor**
- **Military Support Center: collaboration between Bundeswehr and industry**

This year's key topics at ILA are defence and security, climate-neutral aviation and space flight. Not only are these hi-tech segments a hive of activity, they are also contributing decisively to our everyday lives. Security is necessary for comprehensive sustainability and the basis for peace, wealth and democracy.

A democracy willing to defend itself requires armed forces capable of fulfilling their mission. As in previous years the Bundeswehr is again the largest exhibitor at ILA. Against the backdrop of the Russian war of aggression in breach of international law, the military aerospace industry is becoming increasingly important. It is imperative to defend Germany's and Europe's values and sovereignty. With its high-tech solutions, the military aviation industry helps to optimise the equipment of the armed forces and ensure maximum protection for its soldiers during operations.

### Exhibitors at ILA present a wide range of products

From 22 to 26 June, ILA Berlin's Defence and Support segment will be showing what these high-tech solutions look like, both now and in the future. Companies including Airbus Defence and Space, Airbus Helicopters, Boeing, Diehl Defence, Elbit, Hensoldt, Leonardo, Liebherr Aerospace, Lockheed Martin, MBDA, MTU Aero Engines, RUAG, Israel Aerospace Industries and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems will be presenting their innovations, products and services. Among other things, the focus will be on combat aircraft and gunships, guided missiles, reconnaissance systems and solutions for assisting disaster management and police forces. Presentations on the Static Display will include a Eurofighter, a mainstay of NATO air policing as part of the alliance's defence mission, an A400M, a Tornado, an H145M, a Tiger gunship, an F-35A stealth multirole combat aircraft as well as CH-47F and CH-53K heavy-lift helicopters.

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## **Military Support Center (MSC): collaboration between Bundeswehr and industry**

At the Military Support Center (MSC) in Hall 3 the Luftwaffe and industry will demonstrate how together they are working to ensure the operational readiness of aircraft and equipment. Side by side, representatives of companies and members of the armed forces will show how this collaboration is functioning. In 2022, the MSC will for the first time place a special emphasis on socially and ecologically responsible sustainability.

## **Defence Forum Air – a platform for the future of military aviation**

Cross-platform integration, the use of AI and the combined use of manned and unmanned systems are the mega trends in military aviation. At the live STAGE Defence Forum Air, high-ranking military and political figures representing defence and security along with experts from science and the defence industry will be exchanging views. Key topics will be the collaboration between the Bundeswehr and the industry on supporting the Bundeswehr's airborne weapons systems, their future development, and a look at the future of the Luftwaffe under the heading 'Airpower Connected'. The Future Combat Air System (FCAS), Europe's most important industrial project in terms of defence policy, will take on a special role in the decades to come. At ILA 2018, the CEOs of Airbus Defence & Space and Dassault Aviation signed a memorandum of understanding on the joint development of this new European air combat system, whose principal feature is the cross-platform integration of new and existing systems. In the meantime Spain has also joined the industry's technological beacon project, which in addition to a combat aircraft also includes the next generation of unmanned systems and an air combat cloud.

One on-stage programme highlight will be the Future Generation Fighter Symposium, which will look at the development of future combat aircraft. There will also be lectures and discussion rounds on digitalisation and connectivity within the Luftwaffe ("airpower connected"), the use of AI with weapons systems, sustainability and the prospects for future collaboration between the Bundeswehr and the industry.

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