



Pioneering Aerospace – lift-off for ILA Berlin

- **Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz opens ILA**
- **Economics Minister Habeck, Defence Minister Lambrecht and Transport Minister Wissing visit ILA**
- **European Commission is strategic partner of #ILA22**
- **Aircraft displays on the ground and in the air: A350, A380, A400M, Beluga XL, Eurofighter, F-35, CH-47 Chinook and Dornier DO 328**
- **Five STAGES featuring a wide range of topics on sustainability, innovation and new technologies**

Berlin, 22 June 2022 – Today, ILA Berlin is the first European aerospace show to open its doors since the pandemic began. Over the next five days, under the heading ‘Pioneering Aerospace’, the industry is meeting in person on the grounds at BER Airport (Berlin Expo Center Airport) in the heart of Europe. The leading trade show for sustainability, new technologies and innovation is a meeting place for the international industry, policymakers, armed forces and science. Under the headings of Aviation, Space, Defence & Security and Suppliers, ILA Berlin covers the entire value chain of the aerospace industry. Topics include climate-neutral aviation, new mobility and space security. The live events taking place on five stages are augmented by a wide-ranging programme on the new platform ILA Digital.

High-profile political figures at the show: Federal Chancellor Scholz opens ILA

With aerospace currently playing such an important political and strategic role, high-profile political figures have agreed to attend. **Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz** will officially open ILA Berlin 2022. During the opening tour (*Wednesday, 22 June 2022, 12.30 – 2.30 p.m.*) he will gain an overview of innovations and the latest technologies from national and international exhibitors. Accompanying the federal chancellor will be **Minister President of Brandenburg Dietmar Woidke, Governing Mayor of Berlin Franziska Giffey and Federal Minister for Digital and Transport Dr. Volker Wissing. Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck** (public press tour: *Wednesday, 22 June 2022, 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.*) and **Federal Minister of Defence Christine Lambrecht** are also expected to attend ILA Berlin.

The European Commission is the strategic partner of ILA Berlin. Under the slogan ‘Airborne in Europe’, the European Commission and ILA Berlin have made it their goal to strengthen Europe’s technological leadership and pave the way for a sustainable future in aerospace.

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Sustainability, innovation and new technologies the dominant themes at ILA Berlin

Aviation, Space, Defence and Support, Advanced Air Mobility and Suppliers – under these headings five STAGES will focus on the latest aerospace topics over the next few days. This year, the spotlight is on sustainability and climate-neutral aviation.

Volker Thum, chief executive of the German Aerospace Industries Association (BDLI): "Climate-neutral aviation, security and space flight are the big topics. There is an incredible amount of activity in these high-tech sectors, which provide an invaluable contribution to making our lives modern, sustainable and secure. Security is necessary for comprehensive sustainability and the basis for peace, wealth and democracy. Conversely, sustainability and climate protection also help to prevent conflicts. This demonstrates the pioneering spirit of ILA and our industry. I am delighted that this week the entire spectrum and future of our high-tech industry will be on show."

Martin Ecknig, CEO of Messe Berlin: "Climate-neutral aviation, military security and satellite programmes that enable the digital transformation of our economy – the ILA programme is as topical as ever. As Europe's leading innovative trade show for the aerospace industry, ILA focuses on sustainability, new technologies and innovation. It gathers figures from politics, industry and science and offers them a platform for exchanging views on the pressing issues of our times. In addition, exhibitors from around the world are presenting the future of aerospace."

Exhibitors from around the world present high-tech solutions

Around 550 exhibitors from 29 countries are presenting their innovations on an area covering 150,000 square metres. Visitors to ILA can witness some 60 aircraft close up. These include an A380 Airbus, the world's largest passenger aircraft, a Beluga XL and A400M, both transporters, as well as an A330. On day two of the show (*23 June 2002, 11.00 – 11.45 a.m.*), Lufthansa Technik will hand over the first Airbus A321neoLR to the Bundeswehr ([separate accreditation required](#)).

Among other aircraft, Boeing is displaying a CH-47 Chinook transport helicopter, and Lockheed Martin is showing an F-35 multi-role stealth combat aircraft. Deutsche Aircraft is presenting its Dornier 328. This serves as the basis for developing the DO328eco, which in the future is targeting a 95 per cent reduction in CO₂ emissions compared with fossil fuels. Volocopter is displaying a full-scale model of the VoloCity Air Taxi – an electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft (VTOL) for urban transport.

In addition to the exhibits on the Static Display there will also be aircraft in the skies. Individual flight demonstrations coordinated with the flight operations of neighbouring BER Airport will see a Eurofighter, Tornado and CH-47 Chinook being flown. On the open days for the public the programme will include a fly-past by an A330 MRTT, two Tornados and two Eurofighters.

ILA Space Pavilion: meeting place of the global space flight

community

ILA Berlin is Europe's leading space flight exhibition, where this year the focus is on sustainability, climate change, digitalisation, science and prevention. The highlight at ILA is the Space Pavilion organised by the following partners: the European Space Agency (ESA), the German Aerospace Center (DLR), the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and the German aerospace companies represented by the BDLI. The wide-ranging programme of events and on-stage activities featuring high-profile space flight actors highlights how space flight improves life on Earth. Another high point will be the Astronaut Talk featuring Matthias Maurer on day three of the show (*Friday, 28 June*).

ILA Berlin is open to trade visitors from 22 to 24 June and to the general public on the weekend of 25 and 26 June, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are only available online: <https://www.ila-berlin.de/de/tickets>

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