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Innovation, defence and cyber defence take centre stage in the ADM Sevilla 2026 conference programme

With just one month to go before Aerospace & Defense Meetings Sevilla 2026, the event is confirming its strong momentum, with registration figures up 20% and exhibitor numbers increasing by 30% compared to the same period ahead of the previous edition. More than half of participating companies are international, representing a total of 29 countries, underlining the growing global reach of the event.

Taking place from 19 to 21 May at FIBES (Seville Exhibition and Conference Centre), ADM Sevilla 2026 will bring together key players from across the aerospace, defence and space industries. This eighth edition will feature an extensive conference programme including 12 conference sessions and panel discussions, with more than 40 high-level speakers from leading organisations such as Airbus, Aciturri, Akkodis, Moeve, and Indra.

As one of Spain's leading aerospace business events and the largest of its kind in Southern Europe, ADM Sevilla has established itself as a strategic platform for industrial cooperation, innovation and international business development. The 2026 edition will once again combine a high-level knowledge programme with an intensive schedule of pre-arranged B2B meetings, with more than 8,000 meetings expected between contractors and suppliers across an exhibition area exceeding 7,000 square metres.

To date, a total of 294 companies have registered, including 265 exhibitors and 42 contractors (OEMs), 24 of which are international. Overall, international participation continues to grow steadily, with foreign companies now representing more than half of all participants and a significant proportion of contractors.

A programme focused on strategic challenges

This year's conference programme will focus on innovation, defence and cyber defence, reflecting the key challenges currently shaping the global aerospace and security landscape. The sessions will address major topics such as technological sovereignty, the transformation of defence systems, the evolution of civil aviation and the growing importance of cybersecurity across the supply chain.

The programme will open on 19 May with a keynote address titled "The Role of Spain and Andalusia in the New Aeronautical, Space, and Defense Horizon", delivered by Antonio Gómez-Guillamón, CEO and co-founder of Aertec. The first day will focus on knowledge and innovation,



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including discussions on disruptive technologies in sustainable aviation, with contributions from leading companies such as Airbus, ITP Aero, Dovetail and Moeve.

The official opening of the event will take place on 20 May, marking the start of the B2B meetings programme. The day's sessions will explore key strategic issues including Europe's defence architecture, the role of territory in defence development, and technological sovereignty in the space sector. High-level speakers from organisations such as Airbus Defence and Space, TEDAE, the Spanish Space Agency, Indra, GMV and Hisdesat will take part.

Particular attention will also be given to industrial investment and competitiveness, with sessions highlighting recent success stories in Andalusia, including major projects led by Pilatus and Ryanair. The agenda will also address operational excellence in the aerospace industry and conclude with a dedicated session on cybersecurity and critical infrastructure, reflecting the increasing importance of digital resilience across the sector.

The final day, 21 May, will focus on talent and emerging technologies, bringing together representatives from industry, academia and public institutions to discuss workforce development and the future of skills in aerospace. Topics will include generative artificial intelligence, digital twins, regulatory frameworks and the growing role of drones in current geopolitical contexts.

A strong industrial and institutional ecosystem

ADM Sevilla 2026 is organised by the Regional Government of Andalusia, through the Department of Economy, Finance, European Funds and Social Dialogue and its agency Andalucía TRADE, in partnership with BCI Aerospace, a specialist in international aerospace business conventions. Airbus, Europe's leading aerospace manufacturer, participates as the event's main partner.

The event is supported by major industry players, including Aciturri as Platinum Sponsor, and Pilatus Aircraft, Akkodis, Sofitec, Turboco Española, Aerotecnic, Capgemini and GSC (Grupo Sevilla Control) as Gold Sponsors. Their involvement reflects the strength and diversity of the Andalusian and Spanish aerospace ecosystem.

ADM Sevilla also benefits from the institutional support of key organisations such as TEDAE, Andalucía Aerospace, the Spanish Space Agency (AEE) and CATEC, reinforcing its position as a strategic meeting point for the industry.

A strategic platform for growth and internationalisation

Over the years, ADM Sevilla has become a key driver of internationalisation for the Andalusian aerospace sector, contributing to increased business opportunities, investment attraction and supply chain integration. Its international and multi-sectoral approach continues to strengthen the positioning of Seville and Andalusia as a leading European hub for aerospace, defence and space industries.

As in previous editions, ADM Sevilla 2026 will be co-funded by the European Union under the Andalusia ERDF Operational Programme 2021–2027, with up to 85% EU contribution, or through other eligible European co-financing programmes.

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