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ADM Sevilla Closes with Record Figures: 1,500 Participants from 30 Countries and 9,000 Business Meetings, Boosting the Aerospace Industry in Andalusia and Spain

Its eighth edition also achieved historic participation levels, gathering 415 companies, a 29.7% increase compared to the previous edition, half of them international.

The event generated major industry announcements, including Airbus' decision to open an A330 MRTT conversion centre in Seville and Sofitec's contract with TAI to manufacture Boeing components.

Aerospace & Defense Meetings – ADM Sevilla 2026 closed its eighth edition at FIBES with record-breaking figures: 1,500 participating professionals from 30 countries, 415 companies and approximately 9,000 business meetings. These results are expected to further strengthen the Spanish aerospace industry and, in particular, Andalusia's aerospace ecosystem.

With these outstanding results, ADM Sevilla further consolidates its position as Spain's leading aerospace business convention and the largest event of its kind in Southern Europe. The event once again provided a privileged platform for international business relations involving the Andalusian and Spanish aerospace industries, while serving as the stage for major industry announcements, most notably Airbus' decision to establish an A330 MRTT conversion centre in Seville and Sofitec's agreement with Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI) to jointly manufacture Boeing aircraft components.

ADM Sevilla, organised by the Andalusian Government through Andalucía TRADE – the Andalusian Agency for Economic Transformation and Development – together with BCI Aerospace, was officially inaugurated by Carolina España, Regional Minister of Economy, Finance, European Funds and Social Dialogue, Acting Spokesperson for the Andalusian Government and President of Andalucía TRADE, alongside Ricardo Rojas, President of Airbus Commercial Aircraft Spain. The event closed this afternoon with strong participation levels, significant business prospects and reinforced public-private collaboration supporting the development of the Andalusian and Spanish aerospace sectors.

Within the framework of the event, Andalucía TRADE and Andalucía Aerospace also renewed their collaboration agreement during a ceremony attended by Carolina España and Fernando Alarcón de la Lastra, President of the Andalusian aerospace cluster.



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ADM Sevilla additionally hosted a business meeting with a Dutch aerospace delegation led by Roel Nieuwenkamp, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Spain, as well as a trade mission organised by Andalucía TRADE involving 20 companies and major buyers from the United States, Turkey, Canada, the Czech Republic, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates. The mission took place on May 19 at Aerópolis, alongside a strong representation of Andalusian companies.

Record participation at ADM Sevilla

With historic closing figures, ADM Sevilla 2026 brought together 1,500 professionals, an 11.7% increase compared to the previous edition, and 415 companies, up 29.7% from 2024, representing 30 countries. A total of 9,000 B2B business meetings took place throughout the event.

These record figures for participating companies, business meetings and professionals since the launch of the event in 2012 demonstrate both the growing international interest in Andalusia's aerospace industry and the success of this eighth edition.

ADM Sevilla has therefore reaffirmed its position as a key international industry event, with foreign companies accounting for 50% of exhibitors. The international dimension was even stronger among OEMs and contractors, where 57% of participating companies were international, representing a total of 55 major contractors.

ADM Sevilla 2026 received support from leading Spanish and Andalusian aerospace manufacturers and industry associations, including Airbus as principal partner; Aciturri, a Tier One aerostructures supplier, as platinum sponsor since the first edition; and Pilatus Aircraft, Akkodis, Sofitec, Capgemini, Turco Española, Aerotecnic and GSC (Grupo Sevilla Control) as gold sponsors.

The event also benefited from the support of Spain's and Andalusia's key aerospace industry stakeholders, further strengthening an ecosystem built around industrial excellence and innovation, including TEDAE, the Andalucía Aerospace cluster, CATEC and the Spanish Space Agency (AEE).

Carolina España highlighted the importance of public-private collaboration between the Andalusian Government and the aerospace sector through "a fully consolidated event that once again demonstrates its ability to strengthen the internationalisation of Andalusian industry, generate business and new partnerships, and position Andalusia at the heart of the global aerospace map."

"ADM Sevilla reflects the collaboration model promoted by the Andalusian Government: working hand in hand with companies, combining capabilities and generating opportunities that translate into economic growth and employment for our region — as demonstrated by Airbus' latest announcement during the event, which is expected to create around 200 direct jobs within the aerospace supply chain," she added.



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54 speakers across 21 conferences focused on Innovation, Cybersecurity and Defence

Aerospace & Defense Meetings Sevilla opened on May 19 with a high-level plenary conference programme that gathered nearly 400 professionals and senior executives from Spain's leading aerospace and defence companies.

The opening session featured Ricardo Rojas Camuñez, President of Airbus Commercial Aircraft Spain; Fernando Alarcón de la Lastra Halcón, President of Andalucía Aerospace; César Ramos Villena, Managing Director of TEDAE; and Antonio Castro Jiménez, Managing Director of Andalucía TRADE.

Over the course of its three-day programme, ADM Sevilla addressed the main challenges facing the aerospace sector in Spain while highlighting the latest developments within the Andalusian and Spanish industries and outlining future industry perspectives. A strong focus was placed on international business development for both the Andalusian and Spanish aerospace clusters, with innovation, cybersecurity, defence and investment opportunities among the central themes discussed.

Student Day and AeroLabs

One of the main novelties of this edition was the launch of a dedicated exhibition area for educational institutions and universities, alongside the first-ever "Student Day", held on May 21 with the participation of more than 200 students.

The initiative brought together seven Andalusian academic organisations and associations: ARUS, Vantus (University of Seville), Córdoba Racing Team, Instituto Tecnológico Superior ADA-ITS, Coheteros (ETSi University of Seville), Asociación Fycus and I.E.S. San José de la Rinconada.

ADM Sevilla also strengthened support for aerospace startups through the AeroLabs area, which hosted innovative companies from Spain, France, Belgium and India, including Axirium Aerospace, Fabheads Automation, Cuantico Innovation, Dovetail Electric Aviation, Halo Space Flight, Outrigo International, Coexpair Dynamics and TotalEnergies Marketing France.

Throughout May 20 and 21, panel discussions continued alongside the 9,000 pre-arranged B2B business meetings organised through a dedicated matchmaking platform, facilitating privileged connections between procurement representatives from international OEMs and Spanish and Andalusian companies.

Major OEMs and international clusters

From Hall 2 at FIBES, this eighth edition further strengthened its role as a business accelerator for the aerospace supply chain thanks to the participation of the world's leading manufacturers and 55 major OEMs.



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The exhibition area featured both OEMs and Tier One suppliers from around the world, reinforcing the global character of the event. Alongside Airbus, Embraer (Brazil) and Boeing (United States) were among the key participants, with Boeing exhibiting its own booth for the first time after attending previous editions.

Other major international aerospace companies represented at the event included Pratt & Whitney and Lockheed Martin (United States), BAE Systems (United Kingdom), COMAC (China), ArianeGroup (France), Turkish Aerospace Industries (Turkey), Saab (Sweden) and Leonardo S.p.A. (Italy).

Companies from 11 Spanish regions

ADM Sevilla also reinforced its status as Spain's leading national aerospace gathering by attracting companies from nearly all regions of the country.

Almost three out of four Spanish companies attending the event came from outside Andalusia, highlighting the national scope of the convention and its strong ability to attract aerospace industry stakeholders from across Spain.

Companies from 11 Spanish autonomous communities participated in the event: Andalusia, Madrid, Catalonia, the Basque Country, Castilla-La Mancha, Castilla y León, Galicia, Navarra, Aragón, Valencia and Asturias.

The event also welcomed international clusters and associations from France, the Netherlands, Poland, the Czech Republic and Switzerland, alongside Spanish organisations such as TEDAE, Cámara de Álava, Cluster Hegan and Extremadura Avante, as well as Andalusian clusters Andalucía Aerospace and La Carolina-Jaén.

ADM Sevilla 2026 is co-financed by Andalucía TRADE through EU FEDER funds under the Andalusia 2021–2027 Operational Programme, with an 85% European contribution.

Major industry announcements

ADM Sevilla has also consolidated its position as a major platform for aerospace industry announcements in both Andalusia and Spain, something particularly highlighted this year by Airbus through the company's announcement that it will open an A330 MRTT conversion centre at its San Pablo facility in Seville in response to growing global demand for the aircraft.

According to Airbus Spain President Francisco Javier Sánchez Segura, "the choice of Seville is no coincidence; it is a strategic decision, as the city brings together all the critical requirements needed for the military conversion of an aircraft as complex as the A330."

The announcement was warmly welcomed by both the industry and the Andalusian Government. Carolina España, Acting Regional Minister of Economy, Finance, European Funds and Social Dialogue and spokesperson for the Andalusian Government, emphasised

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that the project “will contribute to strengthening Andalusia’s position as one of Europe’s leading aerospace hubs.”

This major announcement was accompanied at ADM Sevilla by other significant industry developments, including the agreement announced by Sofitec, one of the event’s gold sponsors, with Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI) to jointly manufacture components for Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, specifically aerostructures for engine nacelle coverings of one of the world’s best-selling aircraft models.



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