

Press release: PIB Dutch ACES: Aligned ambition, Creative Solutions, Excellence in delivery, Sustainable aviation.

Dutch aerospace ecosystem and government join hands in signing of new aerospace PIB programme: Dutch ACES will start in 2022. The Partners for International Business (PIB) is a support programme of the Dutch government, in which Dutch companies cooperate in a public-private partnership to achieve international ambitions to position Dutch solutions in the international market. The programme will foster the cooperation in aerospace between the Netherlands, Germany and France as well as work on the innovations needed for the further steps in sustainable aviation. The PIB aims to add to the Dutch goals of 'Solving Global Challenges Together". The PIB Dutch ACES stands for Aligned ambition, Creative Dutch Solutions, Excellence in delivery, for a Sustainable aviation. The PIB Dutch ACES programme aims to add to the further steps in sustainable aviation. On February 11, 2022, this new PIB was signed in a ceremony at SAM|XL on the TU Delft Campus in the presence of the participating companies, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency and representatives of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Paris and Berlin, the NL Innovation Attaché Network, as well as the Netherlands Business Support Offices in Nantes and Hamburg.

The aerospace sector, like other sectors, is facing many challenges. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on air travel, airports, the supply chain and the necessary adaptations have affected the sector enormously. Further challenges lie in the necessary steps to reach the goals for the coming decades, 2030: CO2 emission to the level of 2005 and zero emission for ground handling, 2050: CO2 emission reduced to 50% of the level of 2005 and domestic aviation to zero emission, 2070: zero emission for the entire aviation. Last Friday the Dutch, German and French governments were amongst European countries who together with the whole industry signed the Toulouse declaration. The declaration recognizes the importance of aviation in ensuring and improving regional and global multimodal connectivity for Europe and the rest of the world as well as reaffirming the commitments set out in the Declaration of the International Aviation Climate Ambition Coalition agreed at COP26. The declaration refers also to Destination 2050. Royal Netherlands Aerospace Centre and SEO Amsterdam Economics provided the scientific basis for this pathway. The transition to sustainable aviation will give rise to new demands, changes in the existing supply chain, new players and OEMs with new supply chains and new business opportunities in leading aerospace countries Germany and France.

The PIB-cluster starts with seven companies who are part of the Dutch aerospace ecosystem. The companies are: ADSE, Airborne, GKN Fokker, Royal NLR, Pronexos, Toray Advanced Composites and Technology Park Ypenburg, supported by the Ministries of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy and Infrastructure and Water Management.. Together these companies will strive to position the Netherlands as an innovative and reliable partner in the coming challenges in the aerospace market in France and Germany.

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