



PRESS RELEASE

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Clean Sky 2 takes off

The European Commission has today issued its innovation investment package that paves the way to the continuation of the Clean Sky Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) within the EU Horizon 2020 Framework Programme. *Clean Sky 2* involves 4 bn€ of research activity within a coherent programmatic approach. The EU plans to invest 1.8 bn€ in the *Clean Sky 2* Programme under Horizon 2020, building on the investment of 0.8 bn€ to date under FP7, and helping to minimise the sector's environmental impact, and to increase its global competitiveness. Industry is committed to exceeding their matching share by bringing at least 2.2 bn€. As a flagship of European aeronautical research, Clean Sky will demonstrate a strong leverage effect.

The Commission package includes details of the proposed work plan for *Clean Sky 2*, spanning 2014-2024, focused on research investments and major demonstration activities. *Clean Sky 2* will introduce further integrated demonstrations and simulations of several aircraft systems at the aircraft platform level. Innovations from *Clean Sky 2* will underpin advances in the next generation of aircraft by mastering the technologies and the risks in time to meet the next market window to replace the current fleet. Clean Sky 2 will be a core European programme which will be leveraged by further activities funded at national, regional and private levels. This will allow to fully reach the ambitious environmental targets set by the Advisory Council for Aeronautics Research in Europe (ACARE) for 2020, to which the current Clean Sky initiative is already strongly contributing. Beyond that, Clean Sky 2 most advanced technologies will also start the journey to the 2050 horizon which constitutes a further step of the ACARE vision.

Massimo Lucchesini, Chairman of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking's Governing Board, declared: *"The innovation investment package presented by the European Commission today re-confirms the European aeronautical sector's total commitment to innovation and to tackling the challenges facing aviation in terms of environment, mobility and competitiveness"*.

Jean – Paul Herteman, CEO of Safran and President of ASD*, stated *"My message to President Barroso today was first to acknowledge the Commission's ongoing commitment to Europe's research and innovation policy. Indeed, faced with today's major economic and budgetary crisis, and the emergence of new players in our sectors, innovation is the only way forward. If we want to keep pace in this fast-moving world, we have to achieve real technological breakthroughs, which is the key to our future competitiveness."*

Eric Dautriat, Executive Director of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking concluded: *"Based on the successful Clean Sky experience to date, Clean Sky 2 is well positioned to become a force in shaping innovation for aviation in the decades to come. The entire aeronautics supply chain will benefit: SMEs, research organisations, universities and industry"*.

Clean Sky Joint Undertaking calls on the Commission, European Parliament and Council to work together and support final approval of the package presented today.

* **ASD:** AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe

BACKGROUND NOTE TO EDITORS

The current Clean Sky is the largest European aeronautics research programme ever, with a €1.6billion budget over seven years shared by the European Commission and the European aeronautics industry. This public-private partnership aims to develop and mature cutting-edge "clean technologies" for air transport, delivering step-change environmental performance and enhancing European competitiveness.

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