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ADM Sevilla 2026 to welcome 320 companies from 30 countries and host more than 8,000 business meetings between exhibitors and OEMs

With three days to go, more than 1,000 professionals have registered and over 8,000 business meetings have already been scheduled.

Spain's leading aerospace and defence business convention will take place next Tuesday to Thursday at FIBES Seville, with the aim of strengthening the Andalusian and Spanish aerospace industry.

More than 7,000 sqm and 281 exhibitors for a booming industry, with Andalusia nearly tripling its aerospace exports during the first two months of 2026.

The 8th edition of Aerospace & Defense Meetings – ADM Sevilla 2026 is set to open in just three days, from Tuesday 19 to Thursday 21 May, with record participation figures including representatives from 30 countries and more than 8,000 scheduled business meetings between exhibitors and international and domestic OEMs. The event further consolidates its position as Spain's leading aerospace business convention and the largest industry gathering in Southern Europe.

Organised by the Regional Ministry of Economy, Finance, European Funds and Social Dialogue, through Andalucía TRADE, together with BCI Aerospace, ADM Sevilla 2026 will bring together more than 1,000 professionals from 30 countries at FIBES Seville. More than 8,000 pre-arranged B2B meetings will take place onsite on 20 and 21 May.

Prior to the exhibition opening, a high-level conference programme will begin on Tuesday 19 May in the afternoon, bringing together leading figures from the European, Spanish and Andalusian aerospace ecosystem to discuss the industry's key strategic challenges, including sustainable aviation, space, innovation, defence and cyber defence. Aerospace remains one of Andalusia's leading industrial sectors, generating nearly €3 billion in annual revenue and more than 15,000 jobs.

Beyond the impressive participation figures, the event also stands out for the strong presence of 54 major global OEMs, including Airbus, Boeing, Embraer and Lockheed Martin. International contractors account for 57% of participating OEMs, significantly increasing business opportunities for Spanish and Andalusian companies involved in the event, as these manufacturers are leading the world's major civil and defence aerospace programmes.



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ADM Sevilla benefits from the support of the main aerospace and space manufacturers and associations in Spain and Andalusia. Airbus, Europe's leading aerospace manufacturer, participates as the event's main partner; Aciturri, a leading Tier 1 aerostructures supplier, joins as Platinum Sponsor; while Pilatus Aircraft, Akkodis, Sofitec, Capgemini, Turboco Española, Aerotecnic and GSC (Grupo Sevilla Control) participate as Gold Sponsors.

The event also enjoys the support of the wider Spanish and Andalusian aerospace ecosystem, reinforcing a strong industrial and innovation-driven network. Institutional partners include TEDAE (Spanish Association of Defence, Security, Aeronautics and Space Technology Companies) and Andalucía Aerospace. ADM Sevilla is also supported by CATEC – Advanced Center for Aerospace Technologies – and the Spanish Space Agency (AEE).

The exhibition will occupy more than 7,000 square metres at FIBES, hosting 281 exhibiting companies that had already confirmed their participation weeks before the event opens.

A booming industry

The 8th edition of ADM Sevilla opens next Tuesday as a must-attend event for aerospace and space companies seeking to develop business opportunities and gain strategic insights in one of the industry's strongest growth periods, both in civil aviation and defence. The Andalusian aerospace sector currently generates €2.914 billion in revenue and more than 15,000 direct jobs.

Andalusia ranked as Spain's second-largest aerospace exporting region in 2025, with exports reaching €2.15 billion. The sector has continued its strong momentum in 2026, recording a 165% increase in exports during the first two months of the year compared with the same period in 2025, reaching €631 million in January and February alone. Andalusia now accounts for more than one-third (37%) of Spain's total aerospace exports worldwide.

In addition to the previously mentioned sponsors, ADM Sevilla will welcome major international OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers such as Pratt & Whitney and Lockheed Martin (USA), BAE Systems (United Kingdom), COMAC (China), ArianeGroup (France), Turkish Aerospace Industries (Turkey), Saab (Sweden) and Leonardo (Italy), among others, bringing the total number of OEMs to 54.

International participation remains one of the event's key strengths, with 160 foreign companies from 30 countries representing exactly half of all registered participants. The countries with the strongest representation include Italy, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, India and the United States.

ADM Sevilla also confirms its role as the leading business platform for the Spanish aerospace industry, as demonstrated by TEDAE's involvement in the event. A total of 160 Spanish companies from 11 autonomous regions will participate: 44 companies (27.5%) are based in Andalusia, while the remaining 72.5% come from other Spanish regions. Madrid ranks second with 34 companies (21.4%), followed by Catalonia with 25 companies



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(15.7%) and the Basque Country with 21 companies (13.2%). Other represented regions include Castilla-La Mancha, Castilla y León, Galicia, Navarra, Aragón, Valencia and Asturias.

The organisation of the 8th Aerospace & Defense Meetings – ADM Sevilla 2026 by Andalucía TRADE is co-financed by the European Union through the Andalusia ERDF Operational Programme 2021-2027.

Student Day y Aerolabs

In addition to an extensive programme of 21 conferences and workshops dedicated to innovation, sustainable aviation, space, defence and cyber defence, ADM Sevilla 2026 will introduce a new exhibition area structured around two specialised zones dedicated to universities and startups (AeroLabs). The initiative aims to foster collaboration, support talent development and strengthen connections between academia, entrepreneurship and industry in a sector with strong demand for highly qualified professionals and significant job creation potential.

The AeroLabs area, dedicated to innovative startups, will welcome eight 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.

Alongside this initiative, ADM Sevilla will launch for the first time a dedicated area for universities and educational institutions, together with the organisation of the Student Day on 21 May. The initiative will bring together seven Andalusian academic associations and organisations - ARUS, Vantus (University of Seville), Córdoba Racing Team, ADA-ITS, Coheteros (ETSI University of Seville), Asociación Fycus and I.E.S. San José de la Rinconada - as well as more than 200 students.

More than 50 speakers

On the knowledge side, ADM Sevilla 2026 will feature a high-level conference programme including 20 conferences and workshops involving 55 renowned experts who will discuss the key challenges and future opportunities of the aerospace industry.

Topics covered throughout the event will include disruptive technologies for sustainable aviation, the new European defence landscape, technological sovereignty in the space sector and the role of Andalusia and Spain in the future of aerospace and space activities. Executives and experts from leading companies such as Airbus, Moeve, ITP Aero, GMV and Akkodis will share insights on industrial investment, operational excellence and international cooperation.

The event will also focus on talent, digitalisation and technological security as key drivers for the future of the industry. Panels will address the attraction and training of specialised professionals, the impact of generative AI and digital twins on industrial processes, as well



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as legal and regulatory challenges facing the sector. Cybersecurity of critical infrastructure and supply chains will also play a central role in the programme, alongside discussions on the growing use of drones in modern conflicts.

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