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Andalucía TRADE and Andalucía Aerospace Renew Partnership Agreement and Add Innovation to Their Collaboration

They unveil the jointly developed “Capabilities Map of Andalucía Aerospace Cluster Companies”, highlighting a business ecosystem focused on high-value expertise, strong innovation potential, and with more than half of companies oriented toward dual-use technologies.

As part of the agreement between both organisations, 155 international promotion initiatives were carried out in 2025, involving 123 companies, equivalent to four out of every five exporting companies in the sector.

Within the framework of ADM Sevilla 2026, Carolina España, Regional Minister of Economy, Finance, European Funds and Social Dialogue, Acting Government Spokesperson and President of Andalucía TRADE, and Fernando Alarcón de la Lastra, President of Andalucía Aerospace, today renewed for the third consecutive year the collaboration agreement between Andalucía TRADE and the aerospace cluster aimed at supporting the internationalisation of aerospace companies.

This successful partnership was expanded in 2025 through the joint development of the “Capabilities Map of Andalucía Aerospace Cluster Companies”, a strategic study providing high-value insights into the size, specialisation, technological capabilities and R&D&I activities of the hundred companies that make up the cluster.

During the signing ceremony, held as part of ADM Sevilla 2026, Carolina España highlighted the success of this long-standing collaboration:

“In 2025, Andalucía TRADE supported the internationalisation of 123 aerospace companies participating in various international business initiatives, within a strategy designed jointly with Andalucía Aerospace under this agreement.”

Four out of five exporters supported by Andalucía TRADE

“This figure,” España explained, “represents support provided to a number of companies equivalent to four out of every five exporters in the sector (81% of 152 companies), clearly demonstrating both the effectiveness of this strategy and the confidence that the Andalusian

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aerospace industry places in the internationalisation tools made available by the Andalusian Government.”

These 123 companies generated a total of 467 participations across 155 initiatives organised during the year, including Aero Day 2025, the Paris Air Show-Le Bourget, trade missions to Belgium and Mexico, and internationalisation seminars focused on Turkey and Germany.

Fernando Alarcón stated:

“Internationalisation is no longer an option but a necessity. Renewing this agreement with Andalucía TRADE strengthens a strategic partnership that is helping Andalusian aerospace companies increase their visibility, competitiveness and positioning in major international markets through the initiatives we organise together.”

“At Andalucía Aerospace, we remain committed to supporting companies in their international growth by facilitating participation in trade fairs, B2B meetings and business missions that generate new business opportunities. The support of Andalucía TRADE is essential to consolidating Andalusia as a leading aerospace and defence hub in Europe.”

A capabilities map focused on innovation

“In this context,” España added, “it became essential to expand our collaboration with the cluster toward another key pillar of competitiveness — especially in the aerospace industry — namely innovation. This led to the development of a capabilities map designed to identify the strengths, challenges and opportunities of cluster companies.”

The jointly developed “Capabilities Map of Andalucía Aerospace Cluster Companies” revealed several key findings regarding the hundred companies that make up the cluster. Among them, 41% are large companies, a figure 11 points above the overall aerospace sector average, where large companies account for 30%.

The study also highlights the predominance of companies specialised in engineering and technical consultancy, reflecting an ecosystem strongly oriented toward high-value knowledge activities. Furthermore, 52% of companies possess advanced technological capabilities, demonstrating a medium-to-high technological maturity across the cluster.

Opportunities in avionics and advanced materials

Among the advanced technological capabilities identified, the most prominent areas include avionics, flight control and electrical systems, process engineering and design, as well as advanced materials and manufacturing processes.

The study notes that the strong concentration in avionics could become a major competitive advantage if further reinforced through specialised programmes, university-industry collaboration and participation in European projects. Likewise, the advanced materials

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segment is currently consolidating but represents a strategic opportunity to diversify Andalusia's technological ecosystem.

Regarding innovation activity, 49% of companies carried out R&D&I projects in 2024, demonstrating both the willingness and innovation potential of Andalusian aerospace and defence companies in a sector where innovation is essential to compete internationally.

Strong potential in dual-use technologies

The report also reveals that 57% of cluster companies have dual-use potential, while 30% already hold defence-related certifications. This creates significant opportunities for support programmes, training and certification initiatives enabling more companies to access defence contracts, particularly in a European context where demand for dual-use capabilities is rapidly increasing due to the current geopolitical environment.

The Minister stressed that collaboration in both internationalisation and innovation aligns, first and foremost, with “the Andalusian Government's commitment to public-private partnership under President Juanma Moreno” and, consequently, with Andalucía TRADE's integrated business support strategy.

“Studies such as this capabilities map not only deepen our understanding of the sector itself, but also allow us to identify strengths and growth potential in order to design targeted support instruments from the Andalusian Government to help companies fully realise these opportunities — as Andalucía TRADE will continue to do in support of a sector that generates so much wealth and high-quality employment in our region.”



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