



Memorandum of Understanding

for the Membership of the Global Aerospace Cluster Partnership (GACP)

Preamble

In 2017, as an official deliverable of the European project ABROAD the first GAC summit was organized in frame of the Paris Le Bourget airshow. Here GAC had denoted “Global Aerospace Clusters”. Several such “GAC Summits” were organized consequentially during major airshows. In 2022, EACP, jointly with several of their international partners, suggested formalizing this network by installing the “Global Aerospace Cluster Partnership”. This will be done in very close relation with EACP and its activities. It aims at developing and realizing concrete steps to attain a world-class level in the Global aerospace industry and is organized as a permanent partnership of collaborating aerospace clusters.

In order to achieve sustained success, cooperation needs to be taken to a higher level that includes the establishment of a common place for work, qualification, and scientific research. Therefore, the GACP provides an opportunity for each member to take an active part in one or several working groups in which various joint projects concerning issues of importance for the participating aerospace clusters shall be developed and realized.



The European aerospace clusters do not sign this MoU individually but are represented by Hamburg Aviation, the coordinator of EACP, and through the EACP WG Internationalisation in which all GACP news, events and activities will be shared and discussed. Each individual cluster from Europe (both current and any potential future signatory to EACP) is thus to be considered as member of GACP and can participate in any GACP activities.

In order to be eligible signatories of this MoU, entities have to fulfill two essential conditions:

1. Being essentially dedicated to the civil aerospace sector and,
2. Be considered (or assimilated) as a “cluster”. For the latter criterion the signatory shall either represent an organization (private or non—private) based on a membership or be considered as facilitator to the creation of clusters.

The signatories below have expressed their interest to enhance and develop the Global Aerospace Cluster Partnership and intend working together as project partners for the advancement of all participating members and collaborators.

The parties have agreed as follows:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is an expression of the signatories’ intent to cooperate in advancing the Global Aerospace Cluster Partnership. At this stage, no legally binding obligations apply.
2. Potential fields of multilateral cooperation between clusters, including their respective members, shall include but are not limited to:
 - The exchange of information about market developments;
 - Promotion of and participation in each other's forums, webinars, conferences and exhibitions
 - Organise and support relevant B2B meetings and trade delegations to each other's clusters
 - The development of expertise and solutions to specific problems; benchmarking
 - The optimization of education and qualification; e.g. exchange of students



- The initiation and facilitation of cooperation between cluster members, in particular SMEs;
 - The cooperation with research institutes for cutting-edge technological and process innovations.
3. Means of cooperation shall include but are not limited to:
- Exchanging information and publications;
 - Jointly conducting working groups;
 - Jointly initiating and conducting projects;
 - Other programmes of mutual interest.
4. This MoU shall become effective after it has been signed and shall remain valid until the participants agree that modifications are necessary.
5. This MoU does not obligate or commit funds between the Parties. Separate agreements will delineate roles and responsibilities of each party in accomplishing specific tasks in that separate agreement. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as giving rise to a relationship among or between the Parties.
6. It is understood that the Parties shall be responsible for their own costs as incurred in operating under this MoU. It is further agreed that the signature of this MoU does not preclude either of the Parties from signing a similar document with any other party or parties or further obligates either of the Parties to sign any other agreement with each other.



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