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French Prime Minister meets Airbus Helicopters apprentices Next generation employees working on next generation helicopters

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Le Bourget, 21 June 2019 – During a visit dedicated to highlighting the role of apprenticeships in the French aeronautical industry, French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe met with some of the several hundred young apprentices that work at Airbus Helicopters. The Prime Minister was then invited to experience first-hand one of the next generation helicopters that they have contributed to during their apprenticeship.

Leaving the Paris Air Show in comfort, thanks to the H160's low vibration and sound levels, the Prime Minister was joined by the French Minister of the Armed Forces, Florence Parly, who unveiled the military version of the H160, the "Guépard", a couple of weeks earlier, as well as Bruno Even, Airbus Helicopters CEO.

Apprenticeship is an effective way of learning essential work skills and ultimately finding a job in the technical fields of work in the French aeronautical industry. 370 apprentices, of which 15% were women, worked at Airbus Helicopters in 2018, and more than 200 new young people enter the apprenticeship system each year. Airbus values apprenticeship as a path to

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excellence, with 40% of its apprentices receiving awards in the 2018 national competition for the Best Apprentice in France.

About Airbus

Airbus is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2018 it generated revenues of € 64 billion and employed a workforce of around 134,000. Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of passenger airliners. Airbus is also a European leader providing tanker, combat, transport and mission aircraft, as well as one of the world's leading space companies. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions worldwide.

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