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Airbus BelugaXL rolls-out of paintshop

Transport aircraft unveils special livery chosen by Airbus employees

Toulouse, 28 June 2018 – The first BelugaXL has rolled out of the paintshop unveiling a special livery making it look like a Beluga Whale. The livery was one of six choices submitted to Airbus employees through a poll in which 20,000 people participated. With 40% votes in favour, the smiley livery won.

The BelugaXL will now undertake ground tests before first flight planned in summer 2018.



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Caption: The first BelugaXL rolls out from the paintshop.

The decision to build the BelugaXL was taken in November 2014 to address the transport and ramp-up capacity requirements for Airbus beyond 2019. The new oversize air transporters are based on the A330-200 Freighter, with a large re-use of existing components and equipments. The first of five BelugaXLs will fly in summer 2018 and enter into service in 2019.

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