Airbus and Norwegian Air Ambulance sign for H135 and H145 helicopters for HEMS in Denmark

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Madrid, 29 November 2023 – The Norwegian Air Ambulance has ordered three H135s and two five-bladed H145s that will be used for life-saving missions in Denmark, following a tender the operator recently won in the country. Moreover, the HEMS operator will take delivery of two new H145s in 2024 to expand their fleet in Norway.

"I would like to thank the Norwegian Air Ambulance for its continued trust in our helicopters to support their essential life-saving missions," said Thomas Hein, Head of Europe Region, Airbus Helicopters. "Our mission is to provide our operators with the best solutions possible, in order to make the world a safer place. Representing more than 1100 of the 2700 helicopters deployed for HEMS operations across the globe, it is a genuine source of pride to see that the H135 and the H145 are the benchmark for those missions worldwide, making a positive difference to people requiring urgent medical care."

"The H135 and the five-bladed H145 have proven to be very versatile and suitable helicopters for our HEMS operations," said Leif Olstad, CEO of Norwegian Air Ambulance. "With the new helicopters we will continue to serve the people of Denmark and Norway with state-of-the-art equipment to ensure the best service possible."

Today, Norwegian Air Ambulance operates all 13 HEMS bases in Norway and all 4 bases in Denmark using a 100% Helionix-equipped fleet of H135s and H145s. The organisation's parent company, the Norwegian Air Ambulance Foundation, was the first operator in the world to take delivery of a five-bladed H145 in 2020.

The H135 is the market leader in helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) worldwide, followed by the H145. Both helicopters are equipped with Airbus' Helionix avionics suite, enhancing complementarity and enabling an almost seamless transition from one type to another, while its features increase safety and reduce pilot workload. Their particularly low acoustic footprint makes the H135 and the H145 the quietest helicopters in their class, while their CO2 emissions are the lowest amongst their direct competitors.

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