

SPACE SYSTEMS

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Airbus Defence and Space to construct new clean rooms in Poland

- 500 m² of state-of-the-art clean rooms to produce high-tech equipment for satellites and space probes
- Company's 1 million euro investment is a first step

Head of Space Systems François Auque announced that Airbus Defence and Space, the world's second largest space company, will be constructing a complex of clean rooms near Warsaw, thus boosting its Polish satellite production facility.

The facilities are intended for use by PZL Warszawa-Okęcie, a subsidiary of Airbus Defence and Space and PGZ. The clean rooms will initially be used for the production of harnesses, a vital element to keep the various electronic satellite components connected. In future, they may be able to be used for the assembly of even more complex equipment for satellites and launchers or even small satellites.

Besides accommodating offices and other rooms, the new 500 m² facilities will contain class ISO 7 clean rooms. In the rooms, the temperature, humidity and maximum number of particles in the air will be strictly monitored (around 2,500 particles $\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$ per m³; in comparison, the air we normally breathe contains several billion).

For the last 10 years, Airbus Defence and Space has been investing in space activities in Poland. The company has established its presence in the country through two important subsidiaries, PZL Warszawa-Okęcie and Astri Polska (a joint venture with the Space Research Centre), where the high-tech equipment produced by the teams are already contributing to the success of European satellites and probes such as MetOp-SG (meteorology), Biomass (environment) and JUICE (exploration of Jupiter's moons).

Airbus Defence and Space

Airbus Defence and Space, a division of Airbus Group, is Europe's number one defence and space enterprise and the second largest space business worldwide. Its activities include space, military aircraft and related systems and services. It employs more than 38,000 people and in 2015 generated revenues of over 13 billion Euros.

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