

Key common messages of EREA - ASD - EASN on next EU Framework Programme for R&I

In preparation for the next EU Framework Programme (FP) for Research and Innovation (R&I), the Association of European Research Establishments in Aeronautics (**EREA**), the Aerospace, Security & Defence Industries Association of Europe (**ASD**) and the European Aeronautics Science Network (**EASN**) have decided to speak with a common voice and to join their forces to provide all support to make this programme successful.

- (1) The European FP for R&I (Horizon Europe and its successor) is the key European instrument for implementing European visions and strategies, supporting cross-border cooperation, maintaining and developing European competitiveness and autonomy in key strategic sectors, such as aviation.
- (2) Dedicated and strong EU programme for Research and Innovation, FP10, in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), with dedicated partnerships and collaborative research.
- (3) The programme to be prepared in an open, inclusive and transparent way.
- (4) Dedicated funding instruments for civil aviation with a substantial increased budget for civil aviation research within FP10 compared to Horizon Europe.
- (5) Increased and well aligned funding so that all elements of the civil aviation ecosystem can be supported (universities, research centres, aircraft and engine manufacturers, system integrators and supply chain companies/SMEs).
- (6) Coherent strategic definition/aviation strategy, with a focus on integration across both FP10 and the entire TRL spectrum, encompassing the whole R&I chain: universities, research centres, industry (including SMEs) and regulators for **a strong and well-balanced system**, with appropriate balance between bottom-up and top-down approaches.
- (7) Steady funding mechanisms and implementation actions are necessary - e.g. institutional partnerships (when relevant, Public Private Partnerships fostering collaborative ecosystems) – that foster high-quality collaboration, lasting multi-disciplinary, cross-sectorial and cross-border cooperation, and funding optimization to deliver the complex products of civil aviation value chain and trigger private investment.
- (8) Easy-to-use instruments with light and simplified administrative procedures for the benefit of participants.
- (9) Continuous high-quality training of young and established generations of engineers to increase the sector attractiveness.