



Invitation & Draft program

FRENCH-SWEDISH DEFENCE AND INNOVATION COLLABORATION NETWORKING & MATCH-MAKING AT AEROSPACE VALLEY

3 April 2025 08h30-11h30

Aerospace Valley – Toulouse, France

Business Sweden and the Swedish Embassy in Paris, in collaboration with the Swedish Security and Defence Industry Association (SOFF), are organising a networking delegation trip to Aerospace Valley in Toulouse, in collaboration with Swedish defence actors and innovation agencies.

This event offers French defence industry leaders a unique opportunity to connect with innovative Swedish companies, primarily sub-suppliers and technology partners, that are shaping the future of defence and aerospace. Sweden's ecosystem is renowned for its expertise in advanced manufacturing, AI, cybersecurity, sustainable aviation, and space technologies – key areas for strengthening Franco-Swedish industrial cooperation.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Access cutting-edge Swedish innovations that can enhance your value chain.
- Explore partnership opportunities with highly specialised and innovative Swedish companies.
- Engage in strategic discussions on topics such as sustainable aviation, airspace surveillance, and defence technology.
- Meet key stakeholders from both Sweden and France, including representatives from Sweden's Innovation Agency Vinnova, Research Institutes of Sweden, RISE, the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration, FMV, and the Ministry of Defence of Sweden.

This event stems from the Strategic Partnership for Innovation between our countries, with the objective to strengthen French-Swedish collaboration in the fields of defence, space and sustainable aviation (signed in 2017 and renewed in 2019 and 2024).

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Deepening French Swedish innovative defence and sustainable aviation collaboration

08.30 Networking and match-making at Aerospace Valley

Introduction to the Aerospace Valley cluster and French aviation industry, including air defence and sustainable aviation initiatives. Showcasing Swedish innovations and discussions with representatives from leading French companies and other stakeholders within these sectors.

Draft agenda:

- Presentations of the Aerospace Valley cluster and Swedish innovation ecosystems (*SOFF, Vinnova, RISE*)
- Elevator pitch of Swedish companies (*could be extended to French participants depending on size*)
- Networking session and matchmaking with access to break-out rooms

11.30 Closing remarks

Swedish delegation

- Swedish Defence Materiel Administration (FMV)
 - Filip Ingelsson, Advisor at Air and Space Systems Division
- Vinnova
 - Alma Jacobson, Program Manager National Aeronautical Research Programs (NFFP)
- RISE
 - Pernilla Walkenström, Senior Vice President RISE Materials and Production
- Swedish Security & Defence Industry Association (SOFF)
 - Hanna Olofsson, Chief of Staff
- Swedish companies
 - Saab (group level + France)
 - CR Group Nordic - Henrik Dillman, Founder and Deputy CEO
 - Fureho - Prarthanaa Khokar, Co-Founder and CEO
 - Ecaps - Odysseas Christofi, CEO
 - Lumibird Photonics Sweden - Carina Harnesk, CEO
 - ReQuTech - Omid Sotoudeh, CEO
 - Spacemetric - Lars Edgardh, CEO
 - Synclair Vision – Carl Wikström, CEO
 - Vibicore - Hans-Petter Andersson, CEO
 - WIHURI (Jet Logistics) - Nathalie Herget, Country Manager Sweden
 - Wireless P2P – Iurii Voitenko, CEO

DATE AND VENUE

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Aerospace Valley

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