

Event:	Open ASD-SME Group Meeting Opportunities for SMEs in the time of the crisis – ASD/Aeroportal SME meeting on Support and Information for SMEs in Aerospace and Defence
Location:	Le Bourget, Hall 4, Allée D, Stand 45 “Aerospace Valley Midi-Pyrénées & Aquitaine”
Date:	Thursday, June 18th, 2009 9h30 – 13h
Content of the Event:	<p>The ASD SME Group and the AeroPortal Supporting Activity will organise a meeting at Le Bourget Airshow on opportunities for SMEs in the time of the economic crisis.</p> <p>The meeting will combine presentations and discussions with various representatives from European Industry initiatives and the European Commission. It will address research opportunities for SMEs in the 7th Framework Program, industry driven initiatives and future support for SMEs acting in the defence sector.</p>
Language:	English
Charges:	No
Organiser:	<p>ASD Avenue de Tervuren 270 1150 BRUSSELS - BELGIUM Telephone: + 32 27 75 81 10 Fax: + 32 27 75 81 12 http://www.asd-europe.org</p>
Host:	AeroSpace Valley
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Le Bourget Airshow - Hall 4, Allée D, Stand 45
“Aerospace Valley Midi-Pyrénées & Aquitaine”

“Support and Information for SMEs in Aerospace and Defence”

Part I – Aerospace and Research: 9h30 – 11h30

- 1) Welcome
Dr. R.J. Ahlers, Chairman ASD SME Group and Aeroportal Advisory Board
- 2) The AeroPortal Supporting Activity for Aeronautics SMEs
 - a) Introduction to Aeroportal
Norbert Reich, Aeroportal Coordinator, ASD Head of Equipment and SMEs
 - b) AeroPortal services for SMEs
Jean Louis Bonafé, AeroPortal Services Manager
- 3) European Commission presentation on the 3rd call of FP7
Liam Breslin, DG Research Head of Aeronautics Unit (tbd)
- 4) IMG4 representative on industry expectations and proposal preparation
Uwe Heßler, Manager Research & Technology (ECT-R&T) Rolls-Royce Deutschland
- 5) Presentation CleanSky Initiative and opportunities for SMEs
Eric Dautriat, Executive Director for the Joint Technology Initiative
- 6) Presentation of newly founded EACP (European Aerospace Cluster Partnership) initiative
Thilo Schönfeld, European Affairs NCP Aeronautics FP7, Aerospace Valley
- 7) Do you address REACH properly?
Dr Bruno Costes, Chairman ASD-REACH working group and Airbus Director and Environment Affairs, Operations and Compliance.
- 8) Wrap-Up by the chairman

Part II – Supporting Measures for SMEs in Defence: 11h30 – 12h30

Following the meeting, a round table on recommendations for the support of SMEs in defence will take place at the same location with the Open ASD SME group with representatives of the European Commission and Europe Economics

1. DG ENTR presentation of scope of proposed measures for the support of defence SMEs
 2. Round Table
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About the organisers:

ASD is the **AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe**. It represents the aeronautics, space and defence industries in Europe in all matters of common interest with the objective of promoting and supporting the competitive development of the sector. It pursues joint industry actions which require to be dealt with on a European level or which concern issues of an agreed transnational nature, and generates common industry positions on economic and technical topics.

ASD has 31 member associations in 20 countries across Europe and represents over 2000 companies with a further 80 000 suppliers, many of which are SMEs. The industry sectors employ around 614 000 people, with a turnover of around €113 billion.

AeroPortal is a consortium of experts in European technology funding in aeronautics who offer their services free of charge to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). AeroPortal is funded by the European Commission, co-ordinated by the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD) and co-managed by Euro Inter, the former SCRATCH co-ordinator.

The main objectives are

- to support SMEs interested in European research projects in aeronautics,
- to provide aeronautical SMEs with a single contact point for information and support,

What does AeroPortal offer?

- Information on European technology programmes for aeronautics for SMEs,
- An electronic newsletter,
- An on-line database of European aeronautics SMEs,
- On-site visits by experts analysing SMEs individual funding opportunities,
- Support to join proposals under preparation,
- Support in turning an idea into a project proposal,
- Support in proposal writing and partner search,
- Organisation of local workshops,
- Training activities and workshops for industry and local bodies.

All services are free of charge and provided independently of any membership in ASD. The project covers the 27 EU Members States and Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Israël and Turkey.

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