

Project Partners

Austria

Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT)
Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

Belgium

Belgian Federal Science Policy Office Aeronautics (BELSPO)

Czech Republic

Ministry of Education Youth and Sports (MSMT)
*Aeronautical Research and Test Institute (VZLU) **

France

Ministry of Transport, Aeronautical Programmes and Cooperation
Department (DPAC)
Aeronautics and Space Research Centre (ONERA)

Germany

Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWt)
German Aerospace Center – Program Management Office
Aeronautics Research (DLR/PT-LF)

Greece

General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT)

Ireland

Enterprise Ireland (EI)

Italy

Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR)
*Italian Aerospace Research Center (CIRA) **

Netherlands

Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZ)
Netherlands Agency for Aerospace Programmes (NIVR)
National Aerospace Laboratory (NLR)

Poland

Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MSHE)
Institute of Aviation (IL)

Portugal

Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)

Romania

Romanian Space Agency (ROSA)

Slovakia

Ministry of Transport and Communications of Slovak Republic
(MDPaT)
University of Zilina

Spain

Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI)

Sweden

Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA)

Switzerland

Innovation Promotion Agency (CTI)

United Kingdom

Department of Trade & Industry (DTI)

Associated Partner

EUROCONTROL

* at present not a contractual partner



The AirTN Project

26 Ministries/Agencies from
17 European States with
Aeronautical R&T Activities



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AirTN Air Transport Net



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The ERA-Net Project AirTN

ERA-Net

The objective of the ERA-Net scheme is to step up the cooperation and coordination of research activities carried out at national or regional level in the Member States and Associated States through:

- ▶ the networking of research activities conducted at national or regional level, and
- ▶ the mutual opening of national and regional research programmes.

The scheme will contribute to making a reality of the European Research Area by improving the coherence and coordination across Europe of such research programmes. The scheme will also enable national systems to take on tasks collectively that they would not have been able to tackle independently.

AirTN

The ERA-Net Project AirTN covers Aeronautical Research and Air Traffic Management issues and thus the whole Air Transport System. All partners have a common strategic interest in these fields. They are public bodies, i.e. ministries and programme agencies, who manage nationally funded aeronautical research programmes.

The AirTN consortium unites 26 partners from 17 European States and EUROCONTROL, the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation. AirTN has been initiated by GARTEUR, the Group for Aeronautical Research and Technology in Europe. GARTEUR is an organisation for research cooperation in Europe in the field of aeronautics. It is based on a government agreement between France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Founded in 1973, it is the oldest aeronautical R&T network in Europe.

AirTN involves all GARTEUR nations as partners and will therefore profit from more than 30 years of successful cooperation in aeronautical research.

The Way to AirTN

- ▶ **March 2005, proposal submission by GARTEUR Proposal Team**
- ▶ **April 2005, proposal evaluation and start of contract negotiation**
- ▶ **December 2005, contract signature**
- ▶ **01.01.2006 Start of Project**
- ▶ **Project Duration 3 years**

Single European Sky

European Aeronautical Research Programme

Increase efficiency

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AirTN Overall Objectives

- ▶ to step up the cooperation and coordination of research activities in aeronautics carried out at national level through the networking of research activities at EU level
- ▶ to provide an effective platform to support the ACARE initiative and the further implementation and development of the Strategic Research Agenda
- ▶ to support EU and EUROCONTROL activities for implementation of Single European Sky for a seamless Air Traffic Management all over Europe
- ▶ to initiate possible joint actions

Workpackages

- 1** Management and technical/scientific coordination, BMWi/DLR PT-LF (**Germany**)
- 2** To establish a virtual laboratory to be used as an electronic communication mean, EZ/NIVR/NLR (**Netherlands**)
- 3** To create the necessary information infrastructure to support mutual understanding and future cooperative planning, BMVIT/FFG (**Austria**)
- 4** To develop an overall view of the global competitive civil aeronautical landscape, in particular considering Europe's position in the international framework, DTI (**United Kingdom**)
- 5** To collect information on R&T across the technological areas of the Air Transport System, DPAC/ONERA (**France**)
- 6** To organise thematic fora in order to foster dissemination of publishable project results, MIUR/CIRA (**Italy**)
- 7** To establish best practices to improve aeronautical cooperation on the European level, CDTI (**Spain**)

