

Airbus in Finland

More than 330 highly-skilled employees work at Airbus in Finland, primarily in the area of research and development (R&D), engineering and project management. The Finnish entity – which has locations in Helsinki and Jyväskylä – is a fully integrated part of the international organisation in Airbus, with know-how and experience exchanged and shared across different sites. Largely export-driven, over 90 percent of revenue comes from outside the country.

Airbus has a strong local presence in Finland with its security and defence activities. Finland is one of the home bases for the company's mission-critical communication activities, with the majority of R&D related to hybrid TETRA and LTE solutions accomplished here. Airbus TETRA is a world-class solution that is used across the globe by professionals from such sectors as public safety and military to healthcare, utilities and transportation. The company also develops command and control, situational awareness and cyber solutions for customers in Finland and worldwide.

Many Finnish companies and organizations are reaping the benefits of Airbus solutions. For example, Finnair's modern fleet is based on Airbus commercial aircraft, and Finnish Border Guards and the Finnish Defence Forces use Airbus helicopters for emergency medical services evacuation and other tasks. The critical communication solutions from Airbus are at the core of the nationwide authority communication network, called Virve. Finnish Defence Forces also use Airbus solutions for tactical air transportation, satellite communication, cyber and C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance).

Many Finnish companies are important suppliers to Airbus.

Commercial aircraft

Finnair operates single-aisle and widebody jetliners from Airbus, including the company's A319, A320 and A321 to its A330 and A350-900. It was the first European airline to commit to A350 XWB aircraft, and also was the first in Europe to operate the A350-900 version.

Helicopters

FinnHEMS uses Airbus Helicopters H135 and H145 rotary-wing aircraft for emergency medical services, operated respectively by Babcock Scandinavian AirAmbulance and Skärgårdshavets Helikoptertjänst Ab. In total, the Finnish Border Guard operates Super Puma AS331/H215 helicopters.

The Finnish Army operates 20 NH90 tactical transport helicopters. This programme was developed in very close cooperation with the Finnish company Patria, which established the NH90 assembly line and retrofit programme in Halli, Jämsä.

Security and Defence

The Finnish Virve, based on Airbus' TETRA solution, was the first nationwide TETRA communication network in the world and is at the core of all mission-critical authority communications in the country.

For the Finnish Defence Forces, Airbus has delivered three units of the Airbus C295M tactical transportation aircraft. The company has also delivered the Multi Sensor Tracking system that produces a shared situational awareness picture for all branches of the Finnish Defence Forces. The Finnish forces also benefit from Airbus' secure satellite communication solutions and services.

Local partners

Airbus works closely with other Finnish companies. Airbus Space Systems benefits from the technology and know-how of companies like DA Group, RUAG Space Finland and Space Systems Finland. Airbus' commercial and military aircraft production is supported by parts that Patria manufactures in Finland. Airbus Secure Land Communications uses the expertise of several Finnish companies when developing better mission-critical communication solutions.

Innovation

Airbus is one of the biggest R&D entities in Finland, and year after year, the company has been a part of the 30 biggest R&D investors, with approximately €30 million in annual investments.

As an example, the revolutionary hybrid device Tactilon Dabat – a smartphone and TETRA radio in one – was invented and developed in Finland. It won the "Best evolution to future broadband" award in the 2018 International Critical Communications Awards.

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