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### STELIA Aerospace launches its connected pilot seat

STELIA Aerospace currently delivers some 2,500 pilot sets each year, among which the seats for all the Airbus aircraft. 25,000 STELIA Aerospace pilot seats are currently in service over the world, and since the start, some 40,000 seats have been delivered, always 100% on time and quality.

In order to improve its products through a better understanding of their use and to offer new functions to airlines and their pilots, STELIA Aerospace launched, in October 2016, a project for a digitalised and connected pilot seat.

This project aims at defining, installing and certifying, on a standard pilot seat, some captors including communication and data transfer tools based on the IoT (Internet of Things), as well as mobile apps.

This seat included some 30 additional and connected functions, in order to improve:

- follow-up of pilot seats identification data
- knowledge of their ways of use
- follow-up on their maintenance
- control of their definition.

Since beginning of May 2017, the first connected pilot seat is finalised, with Low Energy Bluetooth transmission of data, and a smartphone and tablet app has been developed. STELIA Aerospace hopes to test this connected seat on an A350XWB flight soon, in view of obtaining certification in 2018. The solution developed is applicable to all types of STELIA Aerospace pilot seats, existing or future.

Cédric Gautier, STELIA Aerospace CEO, said: “STELIA Aerospace teams have developed, in six months, a rapid and efficient solution, totally integrated to the existing seat, with no change in the interface, which will enable airlines and their pilots to develop new possibilities. This project is fully in line with our approach of innovation and continuous improvement of our products”.

*With a turnover of 2,1 billion euros and 6,600 employees worldwide (4,500 in France, 600 in North America and 1,500 in Tunisia and Morocco), STELIA Aerospace is one of the world leaders in the field of aerostructures, pilot seats and First Class and Business Class passenger seats.*

*STELIA Aerospace designs and manufactures the front fuselage sections for the entire Airbus family, as well as fuselage sections and specific sub-assemblies for Airbus, fully equipped wings for ATR, fully equipped central fuselages for Bombardier's Global7000, and complex metallic and composite aerostructure parts for Boeing, Bombardier, Embraer, Northrop-Grumman...*

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