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MBDA's Marte ER marks a success in Romania

MBDA has signed a contract with IAR Brasov to support the integration of the Marte ER onto a maritime helicopter platform for the Romanian Naval Forces, based on the Airbus H215M platform.

Thanks to its excellent performance, Marte ER will provide a state-of-the-art capability to carry out anti-surface warfare missions, allowing the Romanian Navy to protect Romania sovereign interests in the most efficient way. This contract marks a major step of co-operation between MBDA and the Romanian Armed Forces.

Arnaud Rousset, Vice-President Europe at MBDA, said: *"As the European leader in complex weapon systems, MBDA is the best suited to tackle the challenges faced in Europe by reinforcing European decisive defence capabilities. We are proud to contribute to the Romanian Armed Forces' strategic autonomy and we will continue to act as a trusted partner by offering a comprehensive portfolio adapted to their current and future needs."*

MBDA will work in partnership with IAR Brasov and Airbus as well as with the other partners involved to achieve the integration of Marte ER and a full integration at the mission system level.

This contract is a new success for the multiplatform Marte family of missiles, which is already integrated on a number of platforms for the Italian Armed Forces and several export customers.

Marte ER represents the latest generation of the family; it is designed to operate in all weather conditions and to deliver its highly effective lethal effect at ranges over 100km. It features a highly flexible mission profile allowing for automatic and manual waypoints, salvo firing and attacks on land co-ordinates, with specific methods of countering ships' hard and soft-kill defences.

About MBDA

MBDA is a unique multi-national European group, a world-leader in the field of complex weapon systems, playing a key role in keeping nations safe. Created in the spirit of international co-operation, MBDA and its 15,000+ employees work together to support the national sovereignty of France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK, and their allies worldwide. As an accelerator for innovation, MBDA is the only European group capable of designing and manufacturing complex weapons to meet the full range of current and future operational requirements of the three armed forces (land, sea and air). Airbus (37.5%), BAE Systems (37.5%) and Leonardo (25%) jointly own MBDA.

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