

AERO 2022 PROVIDES IMPETUS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION

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AERO 2022 was a great success! General Aviation is optimistically tackling the challenges of the future and presented a wide range of solutions for even greater safety and sustainability at the four-day leading trade show in Friedrichshafen. The exhibiting companies and the international trade audience were thrilled to meet and exchange ideas in person again.

The popularity of AERO 2022 shows how indispensable face-to-face meetings are for an industry. 27 700 trade visitors from 75 nations flocked to the exhibition center on Lake Constance, which was almost completely booked with 633 exhibitors, during the four days of the trade show. Klaus Wellmann, Managing Director of Messe Friedrichshafen, summed up the event with satisfaction: "The sun came out when the trade show gates opened for the international aviation industry after a long pandemic. Reunions radiated throughout AERO and the industry was once again shown the value of face-to-face networking, chance encounters, as well as many scheduled appointments and physical product experiences."



The general aviation industry has made good use of the past few years of AERO's forced hiatus. Even during the Corona crisis, research and development departments have been working flat out on new products and services that make flying more sustainable, safer and easier.

Tobias Bretzel, project manager of trade show organizer fairnamic GmbH: "Manufacturers, customers and interested parties were once again able to sense the resilience and innovative power of the industry at AERO. The high-tech technologies from general aviation will flow into commercial aviation. The spirit of optimism and the impetus generated by AERO 2022 will have an impact far beyond the trade show."

At AERO 2022, the visitors experienced a greater number of new products and innovations than ever before in the history of AERO. The topic of sustainability was very clearly in the foreground. Aviation is facing a technological generation change in drives. Which type of drive - electric, hybrid-electric, hydrogen fuel cell or bio- and eFuels - will prevail in the future, is not yet foreseeable and was the subject of many discussions at the most extensive AERO conference program ever. What is certain, however, is that the future of aviation will be sustainable. The newly created AERO Sustainable Aviation Trail - marked by large green balloons above the booths of participating exhibitors - highlighted companies and institutions that are particularly committed to sustainability in aviation.

Among the new products on display for the first time at AERO were the Alpi Twin twin-engine aircraft from Italian manufacturer Alpi Aviation, the A414 four-seat single-engine aircraft from Aquila Aviation from Schönhagen, Germany, the Elixir 915iS two-seat training and touring aircraft from the French company Elixir Aircraft with a 100 hp (74 kW) Rotax 915iS engine, the VL3 Evolution ultralight aircraft from the Belgian/Czech manufacturer JMB Aircraft with a turboprop engine from the French manufacturer Turbotech, and the Junkers A50 Junior and Junkers A60 ultralight aircraft.

There were also many innovations to be discovered in aircraft systems, accessories at AERO

2022, from new avionics and new software for flight planning and execution to aviation-related services.

The date for AERO 2023 has already been set: the next AERO will take place in Friedrichshafen from April 19 - 23, 2023.



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