

Eurocopter's participation at DEFENSYS 2010 builds on the helicopter manufacturer's growing presence in Greece

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Eurocopter – whose partnership with Greek authorities continues to strengthen in the military, public and parapublic sectors – will showcase a wide range of solutions that meet the country's helicopter requirements at the Defensys 2010 exhibition, being held in Thessaloniki on 28-31 October.

The company's stand (Hall 13, Stand 49) will feature models from different Eurocopter helicopter families, including the NH90 tactical transport helicopter, which will be available next year to the Hellenic Army Aviation; the internationally-recognized multi-role EC225/725, which is the latest member of the Super Puma family; as well as the EC120, EC135 (which are the reference for basic/advanced training of operators worldwide) and EC145 helicopters.

Throughout Greece, Eurocopter products – belonging primarily to the Ecureuil and Super Puma families – are used by Greek authorities in both the public and parapublic sectors, including search and rescue missions, fire fighting and fire prevention operations, law enforcement and surveillance missions. Eurocopter clients include the Hellenic Police Force, the Hellenic Fire Brigade, the Hellenic Coast Guard and the Hellenic Port Authorities. With a total of 75 helicopters in Greece, Eurocopter products account for 70 percent of the Greek public and parapublic market.

To face growing helicopter needs in the country to ensure services to the Greek citizens, Eurocopter offers the EC135 and EC145 light twin-engine aircraft which have been hugely successful in emergency medical and law enforcement sectors, as well as the EC225 – a truly multi-role rotary-wing aircraft that is perfectly tailored for medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) and fire-fighting missions.

The EC725, which is the military version of the EC225, in its Combat Search & Rescue (CSAR) version has been successfully deployed in the most difficult situations. The EC225 and EC725 have become the internationally-recognized helicopter platform for search and rescue missions. Some 65 EC225/EC725s were ordered in 2010 for SAR duties.

In the military sector, Eurocopter helicopters are flown by the Hellenic Air Force and the Hellenic Navy. This inventory soon will increase with delivery of NH90 helicopters to the Hellenic Army Aviation (through a contract with the NHIndustries organisation, of which Eurocopter is a member company), and two Super Puma AS332 helicopters to the Hellenic Air Force.

Eurocopter offers solutions that are based on the needs of each customer. With a wide range of support provision and services, a global network of client service, advanced training services and approximately 100 maintenance centers around the world, it guarantees maximum availability for clients.



About Eurocopter

Established in 1992, the Franco-German-Spanish Eurocopter Group is a Division of EADS, a world leader in aerospace, defence and related services. The Eurocopter Group employs approx. 15,600 people. In 2009, Eurocopter confirmed its position as the world's No. 1 helicopter manufacturer in the civil and parapublic market, with a turnover of 4.6 billion Euros, orders for 344 new helicopters, and a 52 percent market share in the civil and parapublic sectors. Overall, the Group's products account for 30 percent of the total world helicopter fleet. Its strong worldwide presence is ensured by its 25 subsidiaries and participations on five continents, along with a dense network of distributors, certified agents and maintenance centres. More than 10,500 Eurocopter helicopters are currently in service with over 2,800 customers in more than 140 countries. Eurocopter offers the largest civil and military helicopter range in the world.

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