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Embraer and Rheinmetall are discussing a new C-390 Training Center in Europe

Embraer and Rheinmetall are in discussions to expand their training network with a focus on the C-390. The aim is evaluate the needs of the increasing number of C-390 European customers with respect to training and decide on the development of a dedicated training center in the region, supporting existing and future C-390 customers.

Currently, there is an Embraer C-390 Training Center in Brazil, in the state of São Paulo, featuring a Full Flight and Mission Simulator (FFMS) and a Loadmaster Training Station, where Brazilian, Portuguese, and Hungarian Air Forces C-390 crews are having their initial training. Embraer and Rheinmetall aim to analyze ways to increase proximity with their current and future C-390 customers, to ease the training for pilots, loadmasters, mechanics, and additional crew members.

"With the ongoing success of the C-390 throughout Europe, it is the right moment to start the evaluation and planning for a European C-390 training hub, providing comprehensive training facilities for aircrew and cargo operation training," mentions Timo Haas, Chief Digital Officer of Rheinmetall AG.

"We want to create the best conditions for our C-390 customers, by offering the best-in-class training. We continuously monitor the network and assess customized solutions per region as the fleet grows," said Ayslan Anholon, Vice President for Flight Operations and Training, Embraer Services and Support.

"With the evolving defense and security challenges facing NATO allies and partner nations, European Air Forces must train their pilots to stringent standards, to effectively counter emerging threats. Our objective is to prepare C-390 pilots for diverse and complex scenarios. Creating conditions for rigorous and continuous training will enhance their tactical skills and decision-making capabilities, which are crucial for operating advanced aircraft and responding to dynamic threat environments," said José Gustavo, Vice President for Sales of Embraer Defense & Security for Europe and Africa.

The Portuguese Air Force has purchased a FFMS as part of their C-390 contract with Embraer, which will be installed at Beja Air Base, in Portugal. The Royal Netherlands Air Force is also planning to have their own FFMS in the country. The outcome of the discussions between Embraer and Rheinmetall could enhance the above network and foster other future national C-390 FFMS worldwide.

► Key facts

- ▷ Rheinmetall and Embraer discuss possible C-390 training center in Europe
- ▷ Portugal and Hungary are among the European C-390 users
- ▷ Pilots to be optimally prepared for complex scenarios

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About Embraer

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Since it was founded in 1969, Embraer has delivered more than 8,000 aircraft. On average, about every 10 seconds, an aircraft manufactured by Embraer takes off somewhere worldwide, transporting over 145 million passengers a year.

Embraer is the leading manufacturer of commercial jets with up to 150 seats and is the leading exporter of high-value-added goods in Brazil. The company maintains industrial units, offices, service and parts distribution centers across the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe. Embraer's APAC headquarters is in Singapore, and its China headquarters is in Beijing.