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Final Report

Many premieres and innovations – 633 exhibitors from 34 nations – most extensive conference program ever

## **AERO 2022 provides impetus for the sustainable development of aviation**

**Friedrichshafen, Germany – 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 (April 27 - 30) 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 - 22, 2023. Further information at: [www.aero-expo.com](http://www.aero-expo.com) and <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/aeroshow>

**Exhibitor Comments:**

**Patrick Schutterop, Business Manager, Bose Aviation EMEA & APAC, BOSE Aviation:**

"The fact that the industry can meet face to face here again makes us very happy. We meet many contacts here. There are many, many reasons to come to Friedrichshafen. There are many events to attend, but we can't be everywhere. At our annual marketing budget meetings, it takes exactly two seconds to decide whether to attend the next AERO. For BOSE Europe, AERO is the most important show of the year!"

**Mathias Betsch, Founder and CEO, Flight Design general aviation GmbH:**

"The trade show was great! There's a huge difference between talking to someone directly and at a web conference. We are already looking forward to AERO next year!"

**Laurent Gauthier, Owner and CEO, Porta Air Service:**

"It is good that there was again a trade fair without a mask. But we would



have liked more visitors to have been allowed to come to the show by plane. In times of crisis, this AERO is a great ray of hope that spreads confidence. The demand for avionics retrofits is overwhelming, we need more avionics technicians!"

**Walter Da Costa, Chief Sales Officer, Tecnam:**

"After all the years of interruption, it was a great feeling to be back at AERO. Also the number of visitors, the number of sales, the very high standard of products and services, confirmed our choice: AERO is the natural meeting point for the general aviation community, where Tecnam presents its history and its latest products, and meets with all Tecnam dealers and customers from all over the world."

**Dieter Morszeck, CEO and owner, Junkers Flugzeugwerke AG:**

"The 30th AERO 2022 - after two years of abstinence eagerly awaited by all. Our idea of recreating historic aircraft with today's technology has once again been very well received. This year in particular, we were able to present several highlights. From the A50 Junior (an ultralight of the 600kg class), our WACO and Great Lakes to the absolute novelties to the A60 and the JU-52 NG. Our expectations were more than met and the response was very positive throughout."

**Johannes Graf von Schaesberg, CEO Rheinland Air Service (RAS):**

"Together with Bell, Rheinland Air Service was able to present itself as a Bell 505 dealer in Germany for the first time at this year's AERO. Our brand new helicopter, which was delivered just a few days ago, was the center of interest for all visitors. We were especially pleased with the large number of visitors during the trade show and the many discussions about the Bell 505. The special focus of interest was on the exceptional flight characteristics of the Bell 505, the Garmin G1000TM NXi flight deck and the innovative



GFCTM 600H autopilot, which is a well-known 'game changer' in the industry and guarantees an absolutely noticeable reduction in the pilot's workload. In conclusion, it can be said that many valuable new contacts and the signs of strong buying interest on the market made the exhibition days at Lake Constance a complete success for Bell and RAS. We are therefore already looking forward to seeing you again at AERO 2023."

**Ivo Simon, CEO Dronivo GmbH:**

"We participated at AERO in Friedrichshafen for the first time and we are thrilled! Our expectations were exceeded. We found exactly the right exchange with important customers as well as partners. We are already looking forward to participating in the trade show again next year as an exhibitor."

**Arthur Leopold-Leger, Chairman Elixir Aircraft:**

"We are very happy to have met many aviation enthusiasts, other manufacturers and suppliers again at AERO. AERO 2020 was supposed to be a great trade show appearance for us, but it was unfortunately cancelled. Two years later, we are not only here with a certified aircraft, but we are even presenting a second aircraft type!"

**Francois Stelandre, Design and Quality Manager JMB aircraft:**

"We are very pleased. Even though we came through the pandemic well, it feels good to be back at the show. It's just nice to see the smiles on people's faces when they discover the new products live for the first time. We thank the show team for the great organization and will certainly be back on board at AERO next year."



**Mirko Hahn, CEO AeroSys:**

"The four days at AERO Friedrichshafen were a busy, successful and intensive time for us. A very special highlight was the presentation of the fliegermagazin Award 2022 - here we received the award for 'Newcomer of the Year'. The fair offered us a great platform to make our digital copilot Goose even better known. There was both great interest, constructive feedback and a clear commitment from the aviation industry to our product and we were able to attract new beta pilots. What's more, the next collaborations with additional manufacturers and companies are already on the horizon."

**About the event:**

AERO 2022 will take place from April 27 - 30, 2022 at the Messe Friedrichshafen exhibition center. AERO is the leading international trade show for General Aviation, Business Aviation and air sports. Aircraft ranging from civilian drones to gliders, ultralights and gyrocopters, helicopters, touring and training aircraft with piston or turboprop engines and business jets will be on display. New propulsion systems, electric flight, state-of-the-art avionics, services and accessories for pilots are further focal points. These topics are also reflected in the AERO Conferences, making Europe's largest General Aviation event also an important platform for knowledge exchange and continuing education.

**Fairnamic**

Innovation has always been what drives us. But now it's becoming a literal reality with the founding of fairnamic GmbH, a co-operative venture of Messe Friedrichshafen and Messe Frankfurt that will focus on innovative mobility solutions. A winning combination of expertise, knowledge of the market, global reach, brand strength, and speed will strengthen the new company's position in the future-facing markets for general aviation, bikes, e-bikes and



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micro-mobility solutions. The AERO and EUROBIKE brands, along with their satellites, will form the core of this joint venture. The objective is to expand and develop these two leading trade fairs.



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