



PRESS RELEASE

EASP AIR TO DEVELOP NEW HANGAR AND OFFICE COMPLEX AT OSTEND-BRUGES AIRPORT

Ostend, 3 September 2025 - In early August, EASP AIR BV and Ostend-Bruges Airport signed a Letter of Intent for the development of a state-of-the-art hangar and office complex. The project includes **two spacious hangars**, each equipped with a three-story office tower. The new facility will be centrally located on Apron 2, replacing the existing outdated structures. The total surface area of the new site will amount to **over 4,900 square meters**.

"With this project, we are taking a significant step towards the renewal and modernization of our airport," said **Nathan De Valck, CEO of Ostend-Bruges Airport**. *"We aim to achieve sustainable growth by investing in multiple strategic pillars."*

For EASP AIR, the development marks a major milestone. *"Our choice for Ostend is a deliberate one,"* explained **Pieter Voeten, CEO of EASP AIR**. *"We recognize the strong ambitions of Ostend-Bruges Airport, which align perfectly with our own growth strategy. Its strategic location and infrastructure make it the ideal base for our Special Mission Expertise Center."*

Special Mission Expertise Center

The planned center will focus on specialized aviation operations with societal relevance, including **coast guard missions, aerial firefighting, and disaster response support**. Thanks to its strategic location and excellent facilities, Ostend-Bruges Airport offers **an ideal base for such operations in the North Sea and wider region**. From this location, EASP AIR will continue to efficiently and professionally support its key end-users - including the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX).

Strategic Partnership

The arrival of EASP AIR strengthens the airport's position. *"By investing not only in passenger and cargo flights but also in **MRO activities (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul)**, we are creating additional employment opportunities in West Flanders and enhancing the innovative and specialized character of our airport,"* **De Valck** added. *"Moreover, synergies are emerging with other airport partners, such as VIVES, in the context of technical training programs."*

EASP AIR also sees significant growth potential: *"Thanks to the strategic location near the coast and national borders, and the existing facilities in Ostend, **we can fully support our operations across Europe and the UK in terms of maintenance, logistics, and training,**"* said Pieter Voeten. *"The **presence of strong educational institutions** in the region also creates opportunities for all stakeholders involved."*

Maintenance and Logistics Facilities

The new hangars and office spaces will serve as the operational base for EASP AIR's fleet of DO328 Maritime Patrol Aircraft, offering secure parking and comprehensive maintenance capabilities. Additionally, the facilities will support maintenance activities in collaboration with EASP AIR's partner, **JetSupport**. **JetSupport's maintenance support** will primarily focus on maintenance **on business jets and regional military training aircraft**, such as the Pilatus PC-7 and PC-21.

The hangars are designed with ample capacity to **accommodate larger aircraft**, including the Bombardier Global 7500, during scheduled maintenance operations. Furthermore, the site will **feature bonded warehousing, secure storage areas, and a dedicated shipments department** to support logistical operations.

Office space will be shared by EASP AIR NL/UK, JetSupport, and existing tenants already active at Ostend-Bruges Airport, **fostering synergy and operational efficiency** within the airport's aviation cluster.

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ABOUT EASP AIR NL/UK

EASP AIR NL/UK is a privately owned Dutch provider of special aerial mission support, offering services in Maritime Patrol, ISR surveillance, Search and Rescue (SAR), and aerial support to firefighting operations. The company's headquarter is located at Schiphol International Airport. UK operations are managed by its subsidiary, EASP AIR UK Ltd.

Missions are conducted using a proprietary fleet of long-range, long-endurance DORNIER DO328-100 Special Mission Aircraft, equipped with advanced sensors and SATCOM systems.

Since 2017, EASP AIR has been a trusted partner of the European Commission's FRONTEX agency, supporting aerial surveillance and SAR operations across Europe. The company also provides maritime patrol training to international partners, including the Indonesian Air Force, and commenced operations for the Republic of Malta in early 2025.

EASP AIR enhances operational efficiency through its cloud-based I-COP® C3/SA Mission Tool, enabling integrated and autonomous mission execution. The company also operates a dedicated air charter division, AERPONTO, offering Special Mission Charter Support, MEDEVAC, VIP airlift, and extraction services across Europe.

All operations are conducted under EASA PART-SPO regulations and standard AOC frameworks. EASP AIR is ISO 9001:2015 certified.

EASP AIR is committed to advancing safety, operational excellence, and environmental responsibility in Special Mission Aircraft (SMA) operations. With a focus on innovation, quality, and international collaboration, the company aims to become Europe's leading provider of SMA services, delivering uncompromising safety standards and exceptional service to its customers and partners.

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ABOUT OSTEND-BRUGES AIRPORT

Ostend-Bruges Airport is a regional cargo and passenger airport located in Flanders, Belgium, strategically positioned on the North Sea coast within an accessible, congestion-free airport environment. Renowned for its flexibility, efficiency, and reliability, OST offers **state-of-the-art cargo infrastructure** and **handling services** designed to meet the evolving needs of the **air freight industry**. In addition to passenger and cargo flights, the airport is also **investing in MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Operations) activities**, further enhancing its innovative and specialized profile

The airport operates without slot restrictions and supports short turnaround times, enabling fast and seamless cargo operations. As a key cargo gateway to the UK market, Ostend-Bruges benefits from its proximity to the Eurotunnel - just a 75-minute drive away - providing unparalleled intermodal connectivity for freight and logistics companies.

Further enhancing its intermodal advantage is the airport's proximity to the Port of Antwerp-Bruges — Europe's second-largest seaport - located just 45 minutes away, enabling efficient sea-air logistics solutions. Strengthening this strategic position is the nearby access to an extensive highway network that provides direct and efficient access to France, the Netherlands, Germany, and the rest of Belgium, ensuring seamless overland transport across major European corridors.

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