

## Sopra Steria and FIDAMC join forces to address the challenges of the aerospace sector

Paris, June 18, 2019 - At the Paris Air Show, Sopra Steria, a European leader in digital transformation, announces its strategic partnership with FIDAMC, the composite materials research and development center based in Spain. Supported by the Spanish government, Madrid regional government and the main players in the aerospace sector, particularly Airbus, FIDAMC is dedicated to supporting the strategic development of the aeronautics sector.

The expectations in terms of aerospace production have increased steadily in recent years, driven in particular by the exponential growth of air traffic. To accelerate plant productivity, the transition to industry 4.0 appears to be the most effective solution today. The integration of new digital and material technologies therefore seems essential to propose a new organization and develop new ways of production.

Through its Aeroline vertical and its subsidiary CIMPA, Sopra Steria has decided to collaborate with FIDAMC to contribute to the digitalisation of its installations and thus turn them into a reference in the industry 4.0 in order to meet these new challenges. Sopra Steria will also set up a digital center of excellence to enable the main players in the sector to project themselves, meet tomorrow's challenges and create value for projects related to digital transformation. As a place for exchange and sharing, it will make it possible to work in a "desiloted" way to anticipate, highlight and co-construct the most appropriate answers to the challenges of a sector in the midst of a transformation.

*"Sopra Steria will set up a state-of-the-art digital technology infrastructure and build relevant PoCs for customers, which will then be ready for deployment in real industrial environments. The FIDAMC Centre of Excellence will allow companies to apply industry 4.0 criteria to the main challenges encountered, but also to test technologies, products and even services within the facility itself. Thanks to a collaborative approach, FIDAMC teams, trained by Sopra Steria experts, will be able to develop, test and analyse each step of the project design process."* explains Xavier Pecquet, Executive Director Key Accounts & Partnerships at Sopra Steria.

This ideation space will be structured around 6 areas of expertise:

- **Digital Interaction:** including augmented reality, virtual reality and mixed reality as well as all aspects of the user experience and ubiquitous interactions.
- **Blockchain:** allowing secure transactions and contributing to traceability
- **Digital Enables:** bringing together the latest Cloud and DevOps innovations
- **Smart Machine:** integrating image recognition and chatbot technologies
- **IoT et Automation:** regarding connected objects, geolocation and digital twin.
- **Data Science:** including Big Data, data analysis and predictive maintenance.

*« We are very pleased to be partnering with Sopra Steria. The group's recognised expertise in Europe will enable us to adapt innovative technologies to meet the new challenges of our sector. In addition, Sopra Steria will enable us to benefit from innovations in IoT, virtual reality and PLM by partnering with world leaders. Thanks to this space dedicated to innovation, the implementation of our clients' projects becomes even more efficient and relevant »*, declared Jacinto Tortosa, Managing Director of FIDAMC.

#### About Sopra Steria

Sopra Steria, a European leader in digital transformation, provides one of the most comprehensive portfolios of offerings on the market, spanning consulting, systems integration, industry-specific solutions, infrastructure management and business process services. It provides end-to-end solutions to address the core business needs of large companies and organisations, helping them remain competitive and grow. Combining added value with innovative high-performance services, Sopra Steria excels in guiding its clients through their transformation projects to help them make the most of digital technology. With more than 44,000 employees in more than 20 countries, Sopra Steria generated revenue of €4.1 billion in 2018.

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#### About FIDAMC

FIDAMC (Fundación para la investigación, desarrollo y aplicación de material compuesto) is a technological centre sited in Getafe (Madrid-Spain) with over ten years of experience in the research and development of composite materials and structures. FIDAMC is fully equipped with state-of-the-art laboratory and industrial equipment to cover all different stages of the composite manufacturing process. From engineering to manufacturing FIDAMC provides qualified services to the main actors of the aeronautical sector.

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