



**The Luxembourg Group for Air and Space Industry (GLAE)  
Constitution of a new sector-based association within FEDIL**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2005 the constitutional assembly of the non-profit association Luxembourg Group for Air and Space Industry (Groupement luxembourgeois de l'aéronautique et de l'espace, GLAE) took place.

The setting up of the Luxembourg Group for Air and Space Industry follows on from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's adhesion to the convention of the European Space Agency (ESA) and offers companies the opportunity to create synergies at the national and European level for both private and public sector.

The founding members of GLAE are the following Luxembourg based companies: Entreprise des Postes et Télécommunications, HITEC Luxembourg S.A.; LUXSPACE S.à r.l.; SES ASTRA S.A. and TELINDUS Luxembourg S.A..

The board of directors, appointed for a term of three years, as chairman Yves Elsen (HITEC Luxembourg S.A.), as vice-chairmen Jochen Harms (LUXSPACE S.à r.l.) and Gérard Hoffmann (TELINDUS Luxembourg S.A.), and as trustees Marcel Heinen (Entreprise des Postes et Télécommunications) and Jos Giannandrea (SES ASTRA S.A.).

The association, constituted within the Luxembourg Federation of Employers FEDIL, has the objective of providing a permanent link between its members, advising them and defending their shared professional, economic and social interests by all means deemed appropriate at a national and international level. GLAE seeks to be the interlocutor of the Government for addressing all questions in relation to initiatives taken by the authorities in the framework of ESA programmes and establishment of a space policy in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

For the founding members of GLAE space is the core of important strategic challenges as it concerns both citizens and enterprises: independent access to information, security and defence policy as well as the implementation of advanced technologies in different sectors of the economy. Moreover, GLAE and its members are convinced that the contribution of the space sector can help to achieve the national competitiveness objectives of the Lisbon Strategy.

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*About FEDIL : Founded in 1918, FEDIL, the representative professional association of Luxembourg's sectors of industry, construction and industrial services, gathers today some 450 companies, classified in 24 different sectors.*