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Sopra Steria – Egis consortium is awarded contract to support the Digital European Sky

Paris, January 10th, 2023 - The SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking (JU), a European partnership tasked with the digital transformation of European air traffic management (ATM), has awarded the Sopra Steria-Egis consortium the SESAR 3 Development Support Service (S3DSS) contract. The objective of this project is to support the programme management activities for the implementation and monitoring of the organisation's research activities.

Building on the work of the first SESAR Joint Undertaking, the *SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking* is an institutionalised European partnership *created in 2021 between private and public sector players*. Its aim is to accelerate the delivery of the Digital European Sky (DES) through research and innovation. SESAR 3 JU is defining, developing, and accelerating the market uptake of the most advanced technological ATM solutions to manage conventional aircraft, drones, air taxis and vehicles flying at higher altitudes in a smart, safe and sustainable manner.

The Sopra Steria-Egis consortium brings together a unique combination of locally delivered expertise in managing complex programmes and ATM business knowledge, supported by an efficient tool to contribute to the objectives of Digital European Sky research and innovation programme.

Steering highly complex programmes for aircraft manufacturers, ministries of EU member states, international organisations and European institutions, Sopra Steria has a dedicated ATM business line through its Aeroline vertical. Its ATM services have been developed for more than 25 years, with more than 250 industry-recognised ATM experts. Our team provides engineering, consultancy services and innovative solutions to key ATM stakeholders in Europe.

Egis adds a complete range of skills required to support the ideation and development of ATM solutions, from consultancy to technical expertise. The company has a strong track record in contributing to and managing large projects in an international context. With more than 200 ATM experts, Egis has extensive knowledge of all aspects of the SESAR research and innovation pipeline through its contribution to the SESAR 1 and SESAR 2020 programmes - the predecessors of the SESAR 3 – plus work with the SESAR Joint Undertaking and several of its members.

Through this eight-year, 30M€ contract, the consortium led by Sopra Steria, will assist the SESAR 3 JU and its members in the overall development and delivery of SESAR solutions. The consortium's main objective will be to support the Programme management activities of SESAR 3 JU. S3DSS will contribute, on the one hand, to the ramp-up and operations of the new Digital European Sky programme activities, and on the other hand, to support the final activities of S2020 programme.

"The Sopra Steria-Egis partnership brings together two companies that have been working in a complementary way for twenty years, especially in several partnerships for the Direction des Services de la Navigation Aérienne (DSNA). We combine the Air Traffic Management, complex programme management expertise with a digital transformation approach in a European context. I am confident that our expertise will provide a high level of support to accompany SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking achieve its goals." says **Michel Lorgeré, Sopra Steria Benelux's CEO.**

Frédéric Mor, CEO Aviation of Egis said: *"This contract reinforces our leadership in Europe's ATM modernisation efforts and supports SESAR 3 JU's vital role in building a resilient and sustainable Digital European Sky. The SESAR 3 JU is looking for a Project Management Partner with an in depth understanding of ATM institutions, and the SESAR development cycle, as well as a track record of effective innovation and collaboration. The Sopra Steria-Egis team will provide all this and more from its growing Brussels office."*

About Sopra Steria

Sopra Steria, a European Tech leader recognised for its consulting, digital services and software development, helps its clients drive their digital transformation to obtain tangible and sustainable benefits. It provides end-to-end solutions to make large companies and organisations more competitive by combining in-depth knowledge of a wide range of business sectors and innovative technologies with a fully collaborative approach. Sopra Steria places people at the heart of everything it does and is committed to making the most of digital technology to build a positive future for its clients. With 47,000 employees in nearly 30 countries, the Group generated revenue of €4.7 billion in 2021.

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Egis is an international player active in the consulting, construction engineering and mobility service sectors. We create and operate intelligent infrastructure and buildings capable of responding to the climate emergency and helping to achieve more balanced, sustainable and resilient territorial development. With operations in 120 countries, Egis places the expertise of its 16,000 employees at the disposal of its clients and develops cutting-edge innovation accessible to all projects. Through its wide-ranging fields of activity, Egis is a central player in the collective organisation of society and the living environment of citizens all over the world.

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