



**Certification
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International
Conference**

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**The AKKA Technologies Group, via its subsidiary Aeroconseil,
will organise the Certification Together International Conference,
a gathering of the key players in the aeronautical sector**

Blagnac, France, 24 November 2011 -

From 29 November to 1 December 2011, the Pierre Baudis Conference Centre in Toulouse will be the setting for the only international conference in Europe dedicated to certification challenges for systems, software and airborne electronics.

Organized by AKKA Technology via its Aeroconseil subsidiary, the second edition of this event will bring together more than 300 representatives of aircraft manufacturers, systems suppliers, equipment manufacturers, subcontractors and certification consultants from around the world.

A key event in the Certification Together approach

This year, the AKKA Group and its subsidiary Aeroconseil reaffirm their commitment to the joint initiatives fostered by Certification Together. The aim of this project is to structure, initiate and facilitate discussions and collaboration on aspects of aeronautical certification, through technical seminars, joint activities (such as User's Groups) and assistance for SMEs, and of course the Certification Together International Conference.

Aeronautical certification: the need for discussions with an international dimension

The context for aircraft or engine certification, particularly as regards the requirements for systems (ARP4754/ARP4761), software (DO178) and electronics (DO254), engenders a need for clarification and support to overcome the problems related to their application. At the same time, regulations are gradually being established on such varied subjects as air traffic control, security, or the certification of military aircraft and drones.

"The regulation is constantly updated and completed, with slight differences in the way it is defined or applied by the various international authorities. The technology is changing faster still and systems are becoming increasingly complex and integrated. Everyone in the supply chain agrees on the need to share experiences and discuss the technical and practical issues. This is what Certification Together aims to achieve, particularly through its User Groups and the CTIC," explains Lionel Burgaud, Certification Business Development Manager at Aeroconseil Groupe AKKA Technologies and Chairman of Certification Together.

A conference devoted to discussions within the industry: program and feedback

The Certification Together International Conference will highlight accounts of real experiences, roundtable discussions on the issues considered to be the most topical and urgent by the major manufacturers: a roadmap drawn up by the certification authorities on changes to the regulations, the use of off-the-shelf electronic components in aircraft, the use of model-based design, etc. The first day will be dedicated to a plenary session on the fundamentals of certification. Three splinter sessions on Systems, Hardware and Software will be held in parallel over the following days.

For further information, visit www.certification-together.com, open the "CTIC Conference" menu and choose "Program of the Conference".

CTIC II: an international event with a regional identity: a new venue and a networking evening

All events will take place in the Pierre Baudis Conference Centre, in the centre of Toulouse.
At a special networking event on the evening of Wednesday 30 November, everyone will be able to take part in a series of light-hearted activities based on the gastronomic delights of South West France.

About Certification Together

Certification Together is an initiative launched in 2008 focusing on two main axis:

- *A commercial training and consulting offer, delivered through an expert network with complementary and recognised expertise : Aeroconseil AKKA Technologies Group, Apsys, ACG Solutions, Gerac, Cap Gemini.*
- *Industrial discussions about certification:*
 - *Collaborative activities such as 'User's Groups'*
 - *Seminars and technical Workshops,*
 - *The 'Certification Together International Conference' (CTIC)*
 - *A support dedicated to SME's (see under)*

The Certification Together initiative was qualified by the Aerospace Valley Cluster as a 'structural project' contributing to the creation of the Cluster's Centre of Expertise for Certification.

That recognised expertise enabled the deployment of a 'collective action' dedicated to SME's and supported by JESSICA France and financed by DIRECCTE and Midi-Pyrénées area. The objective is to enable SME's to be supported and trained about any certification matters, with low financial impact, so that they can perform their process and improve their self and competitiveness on that subject.

Aeroconseil is leader of this initiative, the conference Certification Together being organized with a Program Committee which bring together partners and European industrials.

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About AKKA Technologies

"The best way of predicting the future is to invent it.
Sharing a passion for technology."

AKKA Technologies, European Engineering and Technology Consultancy Group, supports major industrial and service sector clients throughout the various phases of their projects, from R&D and design studies to industrial production. Expertise in a range of complementary fields enables AKKA Technologies to bring real added value to its clients whatever their industry: aeronautics, automotive, space/defence, consumer electronics, telecommunications, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, iron and steel, energy, rail, marine, service sector, etc.

The mobility of its teams and its international positioning mean that AKKA Technologies works globally on projects at the cutting edge of technology.

Following the acquisition of Aeroconseil, the AKKA Technologies Group now has 7,000 employees at over 50 sites throughout the world: in France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Italy, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, the Netherlands, North America, Morocco, Tunisia, India, Romania and the UAE. The Group's provisional, unaudited revenue for 2011 is in excess of 545 million euros, 16% of which comes from outside France.

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About Aeroconseil, AKKA Technologies Group subsidiary

Dedicated to the aeronautics market, Aeroconseil has been serving the major industry players for 27 years. In 2010, the company has a turnover of 105 million euros with a workforce of almost 1,200 employees. It provides services at all stages of the aircraft life cycle, operating through two business segments: aeronautical engineering and air transport services.

Aeroconseil can, therefore, support clients in all design phases (system architecture, systems and equipment design, requirements management, validation and verification, qualification and certification). The company has also an EASA & GCAA (UAE) Part 21 J (DOA) and EASA Part 21 G (POA). Moreover they own EASA Part M certification (Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization).

Internationally, Aeroconseil is represented in Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Canada, the Pacific, and has an offshore capacity through its partner in India and its Tunisian subsidiary, Aeroconseil Tunisie.

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