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AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE ECOSYSTEM



## METASTARS “On Stage”: Resilience in Aerospace and Defence



On December 5, 2024, METASTARS held its final event, which was dedicated to discussing the future of aerospace and defence through resilience and innovation. The event featured presentations from SMEs and experts, METASTARS Prizes ceremony and a roundtable discussion on the role of aerospace clusters in supporting SMEs through the challenges and opportunities in the aerospace industry.

The event not only facilitated networking and collaboration among SMEs but also reinforced the METASTARS consortium's ongoing commitment to supporting innovation and internationalisation.

More information about the event [here](#).

# METASTARS is

an Eurocluster project designed to provide services to boost the competitiveness of SMEs in Aerospace and Defence sector. It also aims at building a sustainable and representative network at the European level.

**The METASTARS project will be finalised in February 2025, after running for 30 months and supporting 44 SMEs from 12 European countries.**

The project's total SME funding, which has reached 1 million euros, aimed at enhancing resilience in SMEs within the aerospace and defence sectors.

## METASTARS Steering Committee in Toulouse, France



In 2024, the METASTARS Innovative Projects have been successfully completed by the SMEs. In the second half of the year, the Call for Prizes was launched and concluded with the awarding of prizes at the METASTARS final event.

On December 4, a Steering Committee meeting took place in Toulouse, France, where we reviewed the project's progress and discussed the final steps. On the same day, we also met with the AD-ASTRA project consortium to identify synergies between our projects and explore future collaboration opportunities.

**Joint session with  
AD-ASTRA project**

# METASTARS Prizes Applications

On June 20, 2024, METASTARS launched the **Open Call for Prizes** for resilient SMEs. The call remained open until September 13, 2024.

The total METASTARS budget in the form of Prizes is 9 700€. In addition, 680 000€ have been attributed to innovative SMEs in the form of Innovation Projects (lump sums) and 360 300 € in the form of Innovation Services (lump sums).

**9 SMEs** sent their applications:

 ■ **ARSOFT** *Spain* Defence and IT



■ **CLUE TECHNOLOGIES** *Spain* Aeronautics & Defence



■ **e-Whiz** *France* Space



■ **ITG Drone Solutions** *Spain* Aeronautics & Defence



■ **MAP Space Coatings** *France* Space



■ **Pulsar Labs** *Croatia* Space, Electronics and Hardware



■ **Quasar Human Capital** *Portugal* Aeronautics, Space & Defence



■ **Terra Spatium** *Greece* Space & Defence



■ **WeavAir** *Poland* IT & Defence

# Prizes Award

The **METASTARS Prizes Winners** are:



**ARSOFT**



**MAP SPACE COATINGS**



**TERRA SPATIUM**

3 prizes have been awarded to SMEs who have made the best efforts to become more resilient and to adapt to the challenges of the green and digital transition. The winning SMEs have received a Prize of **2,500€ each** and a financial envelope of **733€** to travel to the must-see **Aeromart Toulouse trade show 2024**.

Winning SMEs have demonstrated they have addressed the challenges their companies face, considering current risks and opportunities in the ASD sector, and that they have planned and implemented actions to respond to these challenges.

More information about the METASTARS Prizes [here](#).

