Airbus Defence and Space and partners win ITEA Award for fight against cyber threats

- Prestigious award given to the “ADAX” project for its innovative, solutions-oriented approach matching market requirements
- “ADAX” Project offers innovative solution to fight against advanced persistent cyber threats
- A dozen commercial contracts already concluded and two patents published

Airbus Defence and Space has won, together with seven partners, the 2016 ITEA Award of Excellence in the category “Business impact” for its ADAX (Attack Detection And Countermeasures Simulation) project. ADAX aims to develop new capabilities in the fields of detection, decision-making and countermeasure management in order to protect organisations from extremely complex cyber attacks. The consortium of ADAX partners, based in both France and Turkey, include private companies, banks and universities and is led by Airbus Defence and Space.

During the ITEA Event 2016, which took place on 28 April in Stockholm, Sweden, Philippe Letellier, Vice-Chairman of ITEA, handed over the award to Adrien Bécue, Research & Technology coordinator for CyberSecurity at Airbus Defence and Space. At the end of the ceremony Letellier said: “This recognition rewards the work of the consortium led by Airbus Defence and Space among an exceptional panel of software-oriented projects. The members of the jury have not only taken into consideration how relevant these innovating solutions are to combat complex threats but also how they adequately meet today’s commercial needs.”

François Lavaste, Head of CyberSecurity at Airbus Defence and Space, added: “Throughout this project, from January 2013 to July 2015, all participants in the consortium -private companies, banks and universities- have shared their experiences and best practices to create novel solutions against advanced persistent threats. And the result is showing.”

The Cymerius software, the cornerstone of Airbus Defence and Space’s security operations centres, includes advanced solutions in risk assessment, decision-making and countermeasure management that are already being sold to customers in the areas of finance, defence, distribution, space and energy.

Funded by the French Directorate-General for Enterprise and its Turkish equivalent TÜBİTAK, ADAX stood out by winning a dozen commercial contracts, two patent applications and the publication of more than thirty academic research papers.
CyberSecurity is the business cluster within Airbus Defence and Space that provides governmental, defence and critical national infrastructure organisations and companies with its trusted, high performance security products and services in order to detect, analyse and counter advanced cyber attacks.

About Airbus Defence and Space
Airbus Defence and Space, a division of Airbus Group, is Europe’s number one defence and space enterprise and the second largest space business worldwide. Its activities include space, military aircraft and related systems and services. It employs more than 38,000 people and in 2015 generated revenues of over 13 billion Euros.

About ITEA
ITEA is the EUREKA Cluster on Software-intensive Systems & Services, supporting international, collaborative and industry-driven R&D projects with a focus on results. ITEA stimulates R&D projects in an open community of large industry, SMEs, universities, research institutes and user organisations. The ITEA project label provides project partners with the possibility of applying for national public funding.

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