

CAE and ANS CR announce plans to partner on future-ready air navigation training across Europe

Today, CAE and the Air Navigation Services of the Czech Republic (ANS CR) announced their plans to establish a joint venture dedicated to advancing and modernizing Air Navigation Services (ANS) training across Europe. This new initiative will bring together CAE's global leadership in aviation training and ANS CR's trusted operational expertise and renowned training excellence through the Czech Air Navigation Institute (CANI) to create a scalable, future-ready training ecosystem.

"The aviation industry is entering a period of rapid growth and evolving demands, creating opportunities to rethink training capacity and workforce development," said Alexandre Prevost, President of Civil Aviation at CAE. *"By joining forces with ANS CR, we are shaping a new approach to ANS training – one that leverages ANS CR's operational expertise alongside CAE's extensive global reach and advanced digital training ecosystem. Through the planned joint venture, we are taking a significant step toward modernizing vital aviation training infrastructure and reaffirming CAE's enduring commitment to empowering Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) both in Europe and around the world."*

"At ANS CR, we see this partnership with CAE as a transformative step for air navigation training in Europe. By combining our operational know how and the proven excellence of CANI with CAE's global training leadership and advanced digital capabilities, we are creating a modern, scalable training ecosystem that will strengthen the readiness of air traffic controllers. This joint venture reflects our commitment to innovation and to ensuring that European and international ANSPs have access to the highest quality training solutions for the challenges of today and tomorrow," said Jan Klas, ANS CR CEO.

This planned joint venture comes at a pivotal time for the aviation sector, as sustained traffic growth, regulatory changes, and workforce shortages are increasing pressure on ANSPs to expand capacity and accelerate controller development. CAE and ANS CR are working together to design and deliver a modern training framework that leverages advanced technology, regional accessibility, and tailored delivery methods. With CANI's dual EU and ICAO training alignment, the partnership will be uniquely positioned to serve European customers while also supporting international partners seeking training within Europe.

Central to this initiative is an innovative hybrid training model that will place special emphasis on scalable, tailored offerings. This approach is built on two key pillars. The first pillar utilizes CAE's robust network of regional training centers expanded for established ANS training sites, allowing ANSPs to benefit from close-to-base instruction that minimizes infrastructure needs and travel, reduces operational disruptions, and ensures greater access to top-tier training. The second pillar introduces portable and adaptable training solutions enabling the partnership to deliver high-quality training directly where it's needed across the CAE network. Through this flexible model, the joint

venture will be able to tailor training to local operational requirements while simultaneously enhancing the overall European training ecosystem.

The joint venture will address the full spectrum of training needs by offering advanced instructional design, modernized curricula, immersive learning environments, and industry-leading instructor development. By blending CANI's operationally grounded and competency-based training methodologies with CAE's expertise in learning sciences, the joint venture will deliver comprehensive programs that prepare controllers for the complexity of existing and future airspace environments.

CAE will bring proven technologies from across its civil and defense businesses, including AI-enabled adaptive learning, digital performance assessment tools, and immersive platforms, to elevate ANS training and support measurable improvements in training throughput, consistency, and learner readiness. Validated against real-world operational requirements through ANS CR's deep expertise, these capabilities will form the foundation of a modern, integrated training ecosystem designed to strengthen the readiness of air traffic professionals.

About CAE

CAE exists to make the world safer. It delivers cutting-edge training, simulation, and critical operations solutions to prepare aviation professionals and defense forces for the moments that matter. Every day, CAE empowers pilots, cabin crew, maintenance technicians, airlines, business aviation operators, and defense and security personnel to perform at their best and when the stakes are the highest. Around the globe, CAE is everywhere customers need it to be with approximately 13,000 employees at around 240 sites and training locations in over 40 countries. For nearly 80 years, CAE has been at the forefront of innovation, consistently seeking to set the standard by delivering excellence in high-fidelity flight simulators and training solutions, while embedding sustainability at the heart of everything we do. By harnessing technology and enhancing human performance, CAE strives to be the trusted partner in advancing safety and mission readiness—today and tomorrow

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About ANS CR and CANI

ANS CR is a reliable, predictable part of civil aviation in the Czech Republic, whose further dynamic development it actively supports. At the same time, however, it is a confident component of the European integration and liberalization processes in the ATM environment, as part of which its total value and competitiveness will continue to rise. Company provides public aviation services to users of Czech airspace as well as Prague, Brno, Ostrava and Karlovy Vary Airports.

The Czech Air Navigation Institute (CANI) is a modern fully-equipped ATM training institute with 40 years of industry and training experience. CANI is a business unit and an integral part of the Air Navigation Services of the Czech Republic. Our strong customer focus, multi-national team of qualified instructors, deep domain knowledge and friendly staff make CANI the training provider of choice for many Air Navigation Service Providers from Europe and beyond.

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